

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ULNES WALTON

MINUTES of the **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING** of the **PARISH OF ULNES WALTON** held on Monday, 12 May 2008 at The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr D Ormerod (Chairman), Cllr D Williams, Cllr E Doran, Cllr B Pickthall, Cllr G Gill, A Partington (Clerk), CBM C Plummer, Borough Councillor S Moulton, Borough Councillor D Dickinson and 3 Members of the Public.

Cllr D Ormerod welcomed everyone to the Annual Assembly Meeting.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Todd.

2. **Minutes of Last Parish Assembly Meeting held on 14 May 2007**

The minutes of the Parish Assembly Meeting held on 14 May 2007 were accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman of the Parish Council signed the minutes.

An update on matters arising from the last meeting was provided as follows: -

- Agenda item A2/07 - bus shelter on Southport Road. Chorley Council has confirmed that the bus shelter is high on their replacement schedule.
- Agenda item A6/07 - comments made by a resident that the village was losing its character because of the increasing number of rented properties in the parish. Cllr Ormerod advised that the 2001 Census, which is now available down to Parish level, indicates that out of the 299 households we have in the parish, only 31 are rented, giving us a figure of 268 owner/occupied. It was therefore felt there was no evidence to suggest such problems on an overall parish basis.

3. **Annual Report of the Parish Council 2007/08**

Cllr Derek Ormerod, Chairman presented the Annual Report of the Parish Council for 2007/08, which included a Chairman's overview, summary of parish council activities and a financial summary. Cllr Ormerod confirmed the Annual Report had been circulated to all households in the Parish and summarized the salient points which included appointment of new Clerk, bi-election of two new Members to the Council, development of communications via the newsletter and web site, working towards re-accreditation of the Quality Parish Council Scheme, update on progress with the review of the Parish Plan, road safety activities, update on the trail and Wymott park enhancements.

4. **Police & Communities Together**

Community Beat Manager, Caroline Plummer provided a presentation on policing activities in the village of Ulnes Walton and gave an overview of the policing team that support the parish. Initiatives the team will be focusing on include:-

- Neighbourhood Watch – the police are looking for volunteers to become co-ordinators with a view to holding regular meetings.
- Smart Water – Lancashire Police are currently promoting this anti theft security marking device through the neighbourhood watch scheme.
- PACT – propose to pilot a scheme to hold a PACT meeting in Ulnes Walton 30 minutes before the commencement of the Parish Council Meetings. A PACT box was suggested as an alternative to enable residents to post referrals for police attention.
- Farm Watch
- Caravan Watch
- Summer Nights – encompassing all emergency services to tackle anti social behaviour and alcohol related issues.

An overview of Restorative Justice was provided. This mechanism was introduced to resolve conflict between victims and offenders. It encourages those who have caused harm to acknowledge the impact of what they have done and gives them the opportunity to make reparation. It offers those who have suffered harm the opportunity to have their harm or loss acknowledged and amends made.

5. **Public Forum**

No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Annual Assembly and declared the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed:

Dated: