

# ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 8 November 2010 at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton @ 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Cllr E Doran (Chairman), Cllr B Pickthall (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Ormerod, Cllr Todd, Cllr Bird and Cllr D Williams

**In Attendance:** A Partington (Clerk), CBM Caroline Plummer, Borough Councillor Doreen Dickinson and one member of the Public

**156/10 Apologies**  
None.

**157/10 Declaration of Interest**  
None declared.

**158/10 Minutes of Last Council Meeting**  
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11 October 2010 were accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman signed the minutes on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Council **RESOLVED** to adjourn the Parish Council Meeting to allow public participation.

**159/10 Residents Surgery**  
Cllr Ormerod circulated suggestions for the Parish Council Christmas card. Ideas for captions to be forwarded to Cllr Ormerod.

The Chairman reported that part of the road on Holker Lane was currently being excavated by United Utilities following a water flood from underground pipes. It was noted this was not the first occasion this had occurred and increased traffic and pressure on the highway could be contributing to the problems.

The Meeting noted that the over 65's Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday 9 December 2010 at The Old School. The Clerk will arrange for the necessary risk assessment document to be drafted and requested that any external company/organisation being used for the event should provide a copy of their liability insurance and risk assessment document for insurance purposes. These papers should be passed to the Clerk.

The Meeting agreed to include on the next agenda the Neighbourhood Working Project in relation to the potential grant available to improve the pathway leading to Wymott Park.

The Clerk briefly updated the meeting on a consultation Chorley Council are undertaking to find out where people would like new schools, houses, shops and business to be located, new cycle routes, public transportation, etc. This consultation will also involve a number of local policies to guide future development in the Borough. Chorley Council has offered to attend our next Parish Council meeting to provide an overview of the consultation, specific to Ulnes Walton. It was suggested the invitation be accepted and advertised to residents on the notice boards, website and newsletter.

**160/10 Updates from County and/or Borough Councillors**  
Nothing to report.

**161/10 Police Update**  
CBM provided an update on crimes and activities for the period from 1 October to 31 October 2010.

The Council agreed to re-convene the Parish Council Meeting to continue with Parish Council business.

**162/10 Planning**

**162.01/10** – Members noted the following decisions: -

Application #	Decision	Location	Development
10/00556/FULMAJ	Permission Granted	Leyland Garden Centre (Land 40m West of 354 Southport Road)	Application for new planning permission to replace extant planning permission 05/01002/OUTMAJ which permitted the proposed re-organisation of garden centre, including alterations to access, erection of horticultural shade house and extension to existing building, with demolition of existing dwelling and propagation house.
10/00778/FUL	Permission Granted	Ring O Bells, Leyland Lane, Ulnes Walton	Erection of a single storey rear extension to create a new dining kitchen plan area.
10/00722/FUL	Permission Granted	Ridley House, Ridley Lane, Ulnes Walton	Demolition of existing attached side garage and erection of a first floor side extension to create new master bedroom and ensuite incorporating first floor Juliet balcony. Erection on a single storey rear extension to create an enlarged kitchen.

**162.02/10 – New Applications**

Application #	Location	Proposed Development
None		

**163/10 Finance**

**163.1/10 Payments**

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following payments.

Value	Payable To	Description
£132.99	A Partington	October 2010 Salary
£33.25	Inland Revenue	Tax for October 2010
£15.26	A Partington	Expenses
£75.00	D Todd	Printing of Newsletter & Annual Report

**£256.50**

**163.2/10 Monitoring Statement**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the monitoring statement for the period to 8 November 2010 and the Chairman signed the copy on behalf of the Parish Council.

**164/10 Correspondence (for information purposes)**

A list of correspondence received from 12.10.10 to 08.11.10 was tabled to the meeting.

**165/10 LCC Delegated Services Protocol**

The LCC Delegated Services Protocol document had been circulated to all Members for comment. Members felt there was little scope for Ulnes Walton to deliver any type of delegated service from the list included within the document. The only item that was considered partially feasible was the initial contact with landowners regarding overhanging vegetation.

Members discussed their views on the protocol, especially surrounding costs of delegated services which led to questions around whether the budgets would include the additional overhead of managing any service, whether the electorate would be prepared to pay any extra cost of having the control within the parish and who would cover any shortfall in the delegated budget?

Members felt that due to the size of the parish council (both in terms of resource and precept) and the limitations on being able to provide any of the delegated services, it should watch with interest how the protocol works and if successful in other small parish councils, should consider services it has the capacity to achieve in the future. It was **RESOLVED** to forward the Parish Council's comments to the Chorley Committee of LAPTIC who is gathering comments on behalf of Member Parish Councils.

**166/10 Red Rose Runner**

Members noted that the on demand Red Rose Runner service is to be withdrawn with effect from March 2011. Members discussed the overall effect this withdrawal may have on the community of Ulnes Walton. Members felt that some residents may have been using this service to access appointments at local hospitals and together with the review of the Patient Transport Services, this will leave extremely limited availability for essential transportation methods for the community. It was **RESOLVED** to write to LCC (copying in CC M Otter and CC K Iddon) to express disappointment at the withdrawal and also to comment on the extremely brief consultation process/timeframe giving little time for Parish Councils to liaise with their community and respond. It was suggested an article be included in the next newsletter to ascertain the use of the service within our community.

**167/10 Locality Working**

The LCC Cabinet Paper on Locality Working document had been circulated to all Members for comment. It was agreed that Members would provide the Clerk with any comments they had.

**168/10 Broadband Speed**

It was noted that the speed of broadband in parts of Ulnes Walton was particularly slow. It was noted that BT are aiming to deliver fibre optic broadband by 2012. It was suggested that an article be included in the next Newsletter to collate information from the Ulnes Walton community to determine whether there is sufficient demand to campaign for improvements to speed.

**169/10 Newsletter**

The production of the next quarterly newsletter was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that the cost of printing at the sum of £25.00 be approved. It was noted that the next newsletter would be produced for circulation by week commencing 6 December 2010.

The meeting briefly discussed the distribution of the newsletter. A member suggested that the young people in the community be approached to ask if they would like to deliver it across our community for a fee. Concern was raised about their safety on country lanes, however it was agreed that the young people would be asked. Support for distributing the December 2010 newsletter was offered from several members of the Parish Council and 2 local residents. Their support was gratefully accepted.

**170/10 Youth Engagement**

Following on from the work started on youth engagement in the community and the successful Youth Engagement Day held in June 2010, Members were keen to progress this with a view to start planning and introducing a Youth Council in the parish.

It was noted that LCC Young People Services continue to work with the young people at Wymott, however, comments recently received indicated that following the departure of one of the YPS Youth Leaders, the young people were now being restricted in participating, due to age and this had resulted in lack of interest. Members noted that a resident who had assisted with the Youth Engagement Project was now a fully qualified youth worker and Cllr Williams would discuss further with him ways in which this youth initiative could be driven forward.

The Clerk was requested to make a formal request to LCC YPS to get an update on the work they are doing with the young people and what their aims and objectives are for the following months.

Members agreed it was essential to support our young community and volunteers to ensure that their voice and ultimate involvement in our community is sustained.

**171/10 Woodland Areas**

Members discussed the response received from HMPS regarding concerns raised about the wooded area and grazing sheep surrounding Wymott & Garth. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should write back to HMPS to invite them to a meeting at the Old School. It was agreed that the communication should aim to demonstrate that over the years the HMPS and the Parish Council appear to have lost a cordial/working relationship because of personnel changes and that it wishes to re-establish a good relationship with them and be able to approach them about issues such as the woodland area/grazing sheep and to request whether a Prison Liaison Officer could be appointed.

**172/10 Roadside Advertising**

The Clerk advised that a conversation has been held with the Planning Enforcement Officer at Chorley Council and he has confirmed that he will provide an update on roadside advertising in Ulnes Walton for the December meeting. The Clerk confirmed she has highlighted the hotspots that have raised concern in the past. It was also noted that investigations would be made regarding concerns raised at the last meeting regarding dangerous maneuvers by large trucks turning out of Holker Lane onto Ulnes Walton Lane. In order for Planning Enforcement to have a full understanding of the type of business being run from the farm at Holker Lane, it may be necessary for them to issue a Planning Contravention Notice to gather accurate information.

**173/10 December Meeting**

The meeting noted that the AFUW AGM will take place at 7.00pm on 13 December 2010 and festive refreshments (tea/coffee/mince pie) will be served before the Parish Council meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of festive refreshments in the sum of £7.20.

**174/10 Date of Next Meeting (for information)**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 13 December 2010, commencing at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 8.50 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....