

## **ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting and Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9 May 2011 at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton @ 7.35 pm.

**Present:** Cllr E Doran, Cllr D Todd, Cllr G Bird and Cllr J Dalton

**In Attendance:** A Partington (Clerk), 3 Members of the Public and Community Beat Officer Plummer.

Cllr E Doran opened the meeting and chaired item 054/11 and 055/11.

### **054/11 Election of Members to the Parish Council and Signing of Acceptance of Office**

Following formal notification from the Returning Officer of Chorley Council of the uncontested election for the area of Ulnes Walton Parish (dated 14 April 2011), the following named individuals are duly elected as Parish Councillors for the Parish, without contest and in the presence of the proper officer (Clerk) of the council signed the Acceptance of Office:

- Graham Mark Bird
- John Derek Dalton
- Eileen Mary Doran
- Dorothy Eileen Todd

### **055/11 Election of Chairman and Signing of Acceptance of Office**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr D Todd be nominated to the office of Chairman for the year 2011/12. Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

Cllr Todd took the Chair.

### **056/10 Election of Vice Chairman and Signing of Acceptance of Office**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr G Bird be nominated to the office of Vice Chairman for the year 2011/12. Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

### **057/11 Apologies**

No apologies received.

### **058/11 Declaration of Interest**

None.

### **059/11 Minutes of Last Council Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11 April 2011 were accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

### **060/11 Residents Surgery**

#### **060.01/11 Ulnes Walton Lane**

Complaint raised on the increasing number of heavy vehicles using Ulnes Walton Lane in contravention of the weight restriction imposed on the lane which is considered dangerous and a nuisance to residents and other road users. Concern raised over lack of policing in relation to the restriction. Resident requests PC contacts Lancashire Constabulary with a request that they look into the matter. Community Beat Officer Caroline Plummer agreed to take this matter up directly with the Road Policing Unit regarding enforcement being carried out on Ulnes Walton Lane. The Clerk agreed to email the resident to confirm action to be taken.

#### **060.02/11 Moss Lane**

Complaint from resident raised about the volume of parking along Moss Lane attending the Gymkhana run by Longton Riding School. The matter is to be considered formally at the next meeting, but suggestions are to contact Longton Riding School and inform them of the complaint received and to request they implement measures to minimize this type of incident occurring in the future and manage their traffic and parking in a much more controlled way, request their visitors be courteous to local residents and

minimize disruption to the local community when events are taking place at the site. It was noted that additional parking has been provided on site and usually Longton Riding School are proactive in attending to these sorts of issues raised. Community Beat Officer Caroline Plummer agreed to raise this with the Riding School also to discuss parking/traffic and highway issues for forthcoming events.

**60.03/11 Bus Shelter – Leyland Lane**

Complaint raised on behalf of a resident that staff from the garage and businesses located at the garage site are using the bus shelter on Leyland Lane as a smoking shelter. In addition, the increase in the amount of litter being discarded in and around the bus shelter e.g. cigarette waste and drink and confectionary wrappers has also reached an unacceptable level. This matter is to be considered formally at the next meeting.

**60.04/11 Vote of Thanks**

Thanks were expressed to Parish Councillors (past and present) for their loyal service, dedication and contribution to the Parish Council. Thanks were also expressed to the Clerk for her commitment, professionalism and direction.

**061/11 Updates from County and/or Borough Councillors**

None.

**062/11 Police Update**

Community Beat Officer Caroline Plummer provided a report on crimes and incidents for the Ulnes Walton Parish for the period 1 April 2011 to 30 April 2011. No crimes have been recorded during this period, however, two road accidents have been reported, both on Southport Road. The meeting did note however that during the months of February and March a total of 6 crimes had been reported, 5 were drive offs from Gilsons Garage and the other crime was a theft of logs from Ulnes Walton Lane. The theft of lead from neighbouring villages remains an issue and public are being asked to report any incidents of suspicious activity. A resident on Wymott has been reported for riding a motor cycle on the highway without a helmet and insurance.

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

**063/11 Planning**

**063.01/11** – Members noted the following decisions: -

Application #	Decision	Location	Development
10/01088/CLPUD	Planning Appeal	Ridley House, Ridley Lane, Ulnes Walton	Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed 3 bay detached garage with adjoining store, workshop area and gym/leisure room.

**063.02/11 – New Applications**

Application #	Location	Proposed Development
11/00157/FUL	Oaklands, 291 Southport Road, Ulnes Walton	Erection of stable block comprising 3 stables, feed store, tack room and hay barn and associated hard standing; construction of open air arena and construction of access driveway.

Members reviewed the application by the aid of the Planning Decision Matrix and **RESOLVED** to support the planning application with the following observations: -

Concern was raised over the landscaping of the site, following extensive destruction of the mature trees. The loss of vegetation/habitat to protected species is a concern which may require investigation and re-landscaping might be appropriate.

Concern was raised over the new fencing not being in context with the surroundings.

Concern raised over the drainage of water and provision needs to be made for adequate run off from the site.

Concern raised that the existing pond and pond life not to be disturbed during development.

Concern is raised over the potential of this site to increase into a large commercial venture. If this were to happen, increased traffic generation and highway safety would be an important aspect to consider.

Adequate provision needs to be made regarding the disposal of waste from equestrian activity.		
Concern is raised with regards to noise generated from the use of quad bikes and the impact this noise will have on the neighbouring properties and community.		
11/00269/FUL	Bullens Barn, Ulmes Walton Lane, Ulmes Walton	Increase the size of a skylight on the rear of the house, linking the house to the garage and converting the garage into a lounge with a bedroom and ensuite.
For information purposes only. This application was considered at the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 April 2011 and included on this agenda to ratify the decision made. Members reviewed the application by the aid of the Planning Decision Matrix and <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the planning application.		

#### 064/11 **Finance**

##### 064.1/11 **Payments**

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

Value	Payable To	Description
£132.99	A Partington	Salary – April 2011
£33.25	Inland Revenue	Tax – April 2011
£16.44	A Partington	Expenses – April 2011
£14.36	Chorley Council	VAT Only on Dog Waste Bins
£250.00	North West Air Ambulance Charity	Charitable Donation to NWAA Charity
£50.00	J Lawson	Internal Audit: Year Ended 31 March 2011

**£497.04**

##### 064.2/11 **Monitoring Statement**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the monitoring statement for the period ended 9 May 2011.

#### 065/11 **Casual Vacancies on Parish Council – Co-option Process**

Following formal notification from the Returning Officer of Chorley Council of the uncontested election for the area of Ulmes Walton Parish (dated 14 April 2011), the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to proceed to fill its two vacant seats (casual vacancies) by the process of co-option. Applications are invited from eligible candidates to be received by the Clerk no later than Friday 3 June 2011 for consideration at the Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 13 June 2011. It was noted that the applicants will be considered by the current Membership and decision made by ballot vote. The successful candidates will thereafter be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

#### 066/11 **New Councillor Training**

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange for new councillor training for 3 people with Lancashire Merseyside County Training Partnership and agreed the associated cost of £30.00 per module per Councillor be approved. It was noted the total cost would be in the region of £180.00. It was further **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be registered on the Freedom of Information & Data Protection training and the cost of £25.00 be approved.

#### 067/11 **Internal Auditors Report for Year Ended 31 March 2011**

A copy of the Internal Auditors Report for the year ended 31 March 2011 was circulated to all Members with the Agenda. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the report. Congratulations were given to the Clerk for maintaining excellent accounting records.

#### 068/11 **Annual Return for Year Ended 31 March 2011**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2011. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Return on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk will now progress with the External Audit.

#### 069/11 **Appointment of LAPTIC Chorley Area Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Todd and Cllr Doran would continue to be the Parish Council's representatives on the LALC Chorley Area Committee and attend meetings for the next year.

#### 070/11 **Borough/Parish Council Liaison Meetings**

It was **RESOLVED** that this agenda item would be carried forward to the next meeting.

**071/11 Community Clean Up Day**

The Clerk noted that contact had been made with Chorley Council about supporting the Parish Council with the cost of two skips and other equipment for a Community Clean Up Day to be scheduled in preparation for the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition. Given recent re-structuring at Chorley Council, support of this nature is not available. Contact has been offered with Veolia who are looking to undertake some community based projects with the parishes. The Clerk will make contact and inform the Council in due course.

**072/11 Date of Next Meeting (for information)**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 13 June 2011 @ 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 8.35 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....