

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 11 January 2010 at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton @ 7.30 pm.

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

In Attendance: A Partington (Clerk), Mr J Dalton and Mr G Bird

001/10 **Apologies**

None.

002/10 **Declaration of Interest**

No declarations made.

003/10 **Minutes of Last Council Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 14 December 2009 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.

004/10 **Residents Surgery**

No matters were raised.

005/10 **Updates from County and/or Borough Councillors**

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Simon Moulton and Borough Councillor Doreen Dickinson. No matters were raised.

006/10 **Police Update**

Apologies were received from CBM Plummer who was due to attend to conduct a PACT meeting, but a household emergency had meant she was unable to attend.

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

007/10 **Planning**

007.01/10 – Members noted the following decisions: -

Application #	Decision	Location	Development
None notified.			

007.02/10 – New Applications

Application #	Location	Proposed Development
None received.		

The clerk advised that since the issue of the agenda, a further new application had been received, details of which will be circulated and an extension to the consultation deadline requested if required.

008/10 **Finance**

008.1/10 Payments

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

Value	Payable To	Description
£196.94	A Partington	Salary for December 2009
£49.23	Inland Revenue	Tax for December 2009

008.2/10 Monitoring Statement

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the monitoring statement for the period to 11 January 2010 and the Chairman signed the copy on behalf of the Parish Council.

009/10 **Correspondence (for information purposes)**

A list of correspondence received from 15.12.09 to 11.01.10 was tabled to the meeting. In particular the Clerk made reference to two consultations the Parish Council had been invited to comment on, the first being from Lancashire County Council on the future of the Lancashire Locals and the second being from the Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning (Lancashire County Council) regarding waste site allocations and development of management policies. Both items to be

included on a future agenda if a response to the consultation required.

010/10 Holker Lane Highway Improvements

Members considered the highway improvements proposed by Lancashire Highways to Holker Lane. It was **RESOLVED** to agree with the proposed highway improvements as outlined in LCC Highway's communication of 16 December 2009, but wished to make the following additional comments: -

- Propose that weight restriction signs are installed at both ends of Holker Lane to match the weight restrictions on Leyland Lane and Ulnes Walton Lane.
- Consider the speed limit on Holker Lane being reduced to 40mph in line with Leyland Lane and Ulnes Walton Lane.
- Due to the size and volume of traffic using Holker Lane, the road surface is seriously deteriorating. Large vehicles are driving into the verges which is causing the edge of the road to break away and the road surface narrowing in parts. Suggestion is for Lancashire Highways to contact HMP Garth and Wymott and request that they ask companies/organisations servicing the prisons to refrain from using Holker Lane and to use main routes instead via Ulnes Walton Lane and Southport Road.

011/10 2010/11 Precept Process

Members confirmed that the Working Party had met on 4 January 2010 to review the detailed budget for 2010/11. A copy of the detailed budget was tabled to the meeting. After consideration it was **RESOLVED** to accept the budget and request a precept of £5,365.00 for the financial year 2010/11.

012/10 Casual Vacancy on Parish Council

The Chairman confirmed that two applications had been received for the Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council – Mr John Dalton and Mr Graham Bird, both applicants being on the electoral roll for the Parish of Ulnes Walton. Copies of the applications had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Both applicants were present at the meeting.

Cllr Doran proposed that Mr J Dalton and Mr G Bird be considered for the casual vacancy and Cllr Williams seconded the proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that both Mr J Dalton and Mr G Bird are candidates for the casual vacancy.

It was **RESOLVED** that a written ballot would be carried out for the election of the casual vacancy.

A written ballot was undertaken by Members of the Parish Council. The Clerk administered the ballot papers and confirmed the winning candidate as being Mr Graham Bird.

It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Graham Bird be duly co-opted as an elected Member of Ulnes Walton Parish Council with immediate effect. An Acceptance of Office was duly signed by Cllr Bird. The Clerk is to provide Member Interest Form, Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and other useful documents following the conclusion of the meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Mr J Dalton for his application and interest in becoming a Member of the Parish Council. Cllr Bird thanked the Parish Council for the co-option onto the Parish Council and looks forward to working with his fellow Councillors.

013/10 Date of Next Meeting (for information)

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 8 February 2010, commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

Signed:

Dated: