

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 12 January 2009 at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton @ 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr D Williams, Cllr D Todd, Cllr E Doran, Cllr B Pickthall, Cllr D Ormerod and Cllr G Gill

In Attendance: A Partington (Clerk), Borough Councillor D Dickenson.

001/09 Apologies

None.

002/09 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Ormerod declared a prejudicial interest in relation to agenda item 012/09, if the use of Lancashire & Merseyside Country Training Partnership was discussed, as he periodically receives a fee from this organisation for delivering training courses. It was noted that if this specific matter was discussed Cllr Ormerod would leave the room and would not be party to any discussion/decision made.

003/09 Minutes of Last Council Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council Meeting minutes of 8 December 2008 (pages 1 and 2) 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.

004/09 Residents Surgery

No matters raised.

005/09 Borough Councillors Update

No matters raised. Borough Councillor Simon Moulton offered apologies for absence due to a meeting at the Town Hall.

006/09 Police Update

CBM Plummer was not present and no update was provided.

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

007/09 Planning

007.1/09 Members noted there were no new notifications from Chorley Council.

007.2/09 Members noted there were no new applications to consider.

008/09 Finance

008.1/09 Payments

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following payments. Cllr D Ormerod and Cllr E Doran inspected the invoices and signed the cheques on behalf of the Parish Council.

Value	Payable To	Description
£192.29	A Partington	Salary for December 2008
£48.00	Inland Revenue	Tax for December 2008
£23.05	A Partington	Reimbursements for December 2008
£263.34		

008.2/09 Monitoring Statement

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the monitoring statement for the period to 12 January 2009 and the Chairman signed the copy on behalf of the Parish Council.

009/09 Correspondence

A list of correspondence received from 09.12.08 to 12.01.09 was tabled to the meeting. Members noted that two consultation documents had been received, the first from Communities and Local Government concerning the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity and the second from Chorley Council regarding the Chorley LDF – Draft Sustainable Resources Supplementary Planning Document.

010/09 Ulnes Walton Trail

Members received an update on the meeting held with Lancashire County Council on 9 December 2008 concerning the Trail. It was the view of those who attended the meeting that the project was worth pursuing even though the progression of the trail was very much in the hands of Lancashire County Council. It was suggested that the project should be divided in to smaller, more manageable stages. M Whitmore suggested she (LCC) would undertake the majority of the legal and land agreement work and Members felt that contact should be made with the HMPS in relation to the Green Travel Plan. A further meeting is to be arranged for the end of January 2009 to firm up the stages.

011/09 Wymott Park

Members noted that Action for Ulmes Walton had agreed to head a funding application with the Big Lottery for the Wymott Park project which Groundwork will project manage and implement, if the grant application is successful. The project is worth approximately £25K. Applications are currently being completed and Cllr Williams will keep Members abreast of developments. A copy of the plans for Wymott Park is to be circulated to all Members.

012/09 2009/10 Budget/Precept

The Chairman confirmed that the Precept Working Party had met and reviewed the budget prepared by the Clerk for 2009/10. Members considered the budget requirements for 2009/10 and bearing in mind the current economic climate felt it was appropriate to maintain the precept value at the same level as the previous year and **RESOLVED** to set the precept for 2009/10 at £5,305. Members noted that Chorley Council had decreased the tax base compared to the previous year to take into account anticipated bad debt and new property growth. It was noted that based on an average Band D property this would result in a slight increase compared to the previous year.

013/09 Lancashire Local Involvement Network (LINK)

Members received a verbal update from Councillor Ormerod on the Lancashire Local Involvement Network (the LINK). The LINK is intended to provide the public with a clear pathway to influence local health and adult social care issues. A LINK Interim Board was created in August 2008 which is made up of representatives from local voluntary and community organisations that primarily focus on health and social care and former Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forum members. The Board has three locality groups – Central, East and North Lancashire, which correspond to the Primary Care Trusts areas. The Board and its three locality groups meet regularly to develop the Lancashire LINK. Chorley is part of the Central Lancashire locality and Cllr Ormerod confirmed that he is, for the time being, Chairman of the Central Lancashire Group.

There is currently a consultation running on the most appropriate permanent structure for the Lancashire LINK Model and this runs to 31 March 2009. The consultation gives you a say in the ongoing structure of the LINK in Lancashire. Cllr Ormerod agreed to circulate a copy of the consultation document and requested the item be included on the next agenda for consideration and requested the Parish Council register as a group Member of the LINK.

014/09 Standing Orders

Members received and considered an updated Standing Orders document for the Parish Council (previously circulated). It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the updated document with one additional amendment.

015/09 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 9 February 2009, commencing at 7.30pm at the Old School, Ulmes Walton Lane, Ulmes Walton.

It was noted the date of the April Parish Council meeting required to be changed as the current date falls on Easter Monday. It was **RESOLVED** the date would move from 13 April to 20 April 2009.

016/09 Exclusion of Press and Public

Pursuant to section 1(1), 1(2) and 1(3) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, it was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in the next agenda item.

This part of the meeting concluded at approximately 7.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: