

## ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 14 December 2009 at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton @ 7.45 pm.

**Present:** Cllr D Todd (Chairman), Cllr E Doran, Cllr B Pickthall, Cllr D Ormerod and Cllr D Williams  
**In Attendance:** A Partington (Clerk), 5 Members of the Public and Borough Councillor Simon Moulton.

### 190/09 **Apologies**

None.

### 191/09 **Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

### 192/09 **Minutes of Last Council Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 9 November 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.

### 193/09 **Residents Surgery**

A resident expressed concern about the volume and speed of traffic using Holker Lane.

### 194/09 **Updates from County and/or Borough Councillors**

Apologies received from Borough Councillor Doreen Dickinson. No updates provided.

### 195/09 **Police Update**

No update or police attendance was provided for the meeting.

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

### 196/09 **Planning**

#### 196.01 – Decisions

Application #	Decision	Location	Development
None notified.			

#### 196.02 – New Applications

Application #	Location	Proposed Development
None received.		

### 197/09 **Finance**

#### 197.1/09 **Payments**

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

Value	Payable To	Description
£196.94	A Partington	Salary for November 2009
£49.23	Inland Revenue	Tax for November 2009
£8.40	A Partington	Reimbursements for November 2009
£20.00	D Todd	Printing of Newsletter

#### 197.2/09 **Monitoring Statement**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the monitoring statement for the period to 14 December 2009 and the Chairman signed the copy on behalf of the Parish Council.

### 198/09 **Correspondence (for information purposes)**

A list of correspondence received from 09.11.09 to 14.12.09 was tabled to the meeting. The Clerk indicated that a communication had been received from Lancashire County Council on a draft street scene delegated services protocol. Papers will be circulated to all Members for review and included on a future agenda if required.

### 199/09 **Update on Neighbourhood Working Initiative**

Following the meeting held on 30 November 2009 with Chorley Council and the local community groups to discuss the Ulnes Walton Neighbourhood working initiative projects. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to assist with the project concerning the Young People's Community Engagement Day and noted a provisional date of Saturday 19 June 2009 had been selected to host the event at the Old School. A meeting is to be arranged for 13 January 2010 with the local community groups to draw together a definitive list of all the activities that will be show cased on the day.

A grant from Chorley Council has been made available in the sum of £2,500 to assist with the costs of the event, however, other funding streams should be pursued wherever possible. The Clerk will collate costings from Chorley Council for the climbing wall, Circus Skills Company and make contact with the local Scouting group and TA to establish their availability.

An article in the newsletter will be published asking young people in the parish whether they wish to get involved in the organisation and/or promotion of the day or whether anyone undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme would like to assist.

Members noted that a follow up meeting had been arranged for 25 January 2010 with Chorley Council and the local community groups. Updates on all the projects identified will be required for this date together with confirmation on the funding commitments for each project.

#### **200/09 Holker Lane**

Members discussed what action could be taken regarding the deteriorating condition of the highway, condition of the verges and increasing use by vehicles, predominantly prison service vehicles using Holker Lane as a short cut between Ulnes Walton Lane and Leyland Lane.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Lancashire Highways (copying in Councillor Keith Iddon) to express concern about the condition of the highway and deteriorating verges, increasing volumes of traffic using the lane and speed of traffic. Other factors that were mentioned included the fact that the lane is part of the national cycle way and following the closure of footpath # 8 following the erosion of the path by the River Lostock, the lane is used as an alternative route. Residents were also urged to write to Lancashire County Council concerning the lane.

#### **201/09 Chorley Council's Strategic Housing Department**

Councillor Ormerod updated Members on a meeting he had attended at Chorley Council concerning strategic housing and a sample questionnaire which is intended to be distributed around the rural parishes in Chorley to identify the housing needs within the community. The sample questionnaire was tabled to the meeting for views and comments.

Chorley Council is looking for the Parishes to support the publicising of the questionnaire and to help distribute to a wide a sample as possible to gain a better representation from the parish. Cllr Ormerod suggested that the questionnaire could be distributed with the March newsletter to all properties within the Parish to encourage completion. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to support the questionnaire in terms of publicising and distribution and suggested the findings of the questionnaire would be extremely interesting.

#### **202/09 The County Council's Spending Priorities for 2010/11 and Beyond**

The Parish Council was invited to participate in the consultation to consider and indicate which four services should be the highest and lowest priorities for spending in 2010/11. Members considered the services in terms of the requirements of the community in Ulnes Walton and **RESOLVED** to submit the following responses to Lancashire County Council: -

##### ***Four Highest Spending Priorities***

Repairing roads and bridges (including emergencies and fixing potholes)  
Services for older people (including care in their own homes and in residential homes)  
Youth and community services (activities and support for young people)  
Keeping local bus services running (extend other local services to Ulnes Walton)

##### ***Four Lowest Spending Priorities***

The Parish Council did not want to commit to ranking the 4 lowest spending priorities.

#### **203/09 2010/11 Precept Process/Timetable**

Members considered and agreed the process and timetable for the preparation of the 2010/11 precept/budget as follows: -

<b>Task</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Parish Council to create a working group (consisting of all Members) to draw up the 2010/11 budget and to determine precept requirements.	14 December 2009
Clerk to draft up worksheet illustrating current year spend, anticipated outcome at the end of the current financial year and commitments for 2010/11.	End December 2009
Working group to meet to review 2010/11 budget and precept requirements.	4 January 2010
Clerk to distribute 2010/11 budget and precept requirements to all Members.	5 January 2010
Parish Council to formally receive, consider and agree recommendations for 2010/11 budget and precept requirements.	11 January 2010
Clerk to submit precept requirements to Chorley Borough Council.	ASAP following January 2010 Parish Council Meeting but before 5 February 2010.

**204/09 Date of Next Meeting (for information)**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 11 January 2010, commencing at 7.30pm.

The Roaming PACT will be visiting Ulnes Walton on Monday 11 January 2010 @ 7.00pm. Location is the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane and all residents are invited to attend.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 8.20 pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....