

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 20 April 2009 at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton @ 7.30 pm.

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

In Attendance: A Partington (Clerk), One Member of the Public and Borough Councillor S Moulton.

064/09 **Apologies**

Cllr D Todd offered apologies for absence.

065/09 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr E Doran declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to agenda item 070.2/09 concerning planning application 09/00173/FUL as the applicant was related. Cllr Doran confirmed she would leave the room at that agenda point and not participate in discussion/decisions.

066/09 **Minutes of Last Council Meeting**

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

067/09 **Residents Surgery**

No matters raised.

068/09 **Borough Councillors Update**

No matters raised.

069/09 **Police Update**

CBM Caroline Plummer offered apologies for not attending the meeting and issued a crimes and incidents report covering the month of March, via the Clerk for distribution. It was agreed that the subject of the re-launch of the Neighbourhood Watch would be raised at a future meeting with the Community Beat Officer.

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

070/09 **Planning**

070.01 – Decisions Made

Members noted the following decisions as advised by Chorley Council: -

Application #	Decision	Location	Use
08/01249/REMAJ	Approval of Reserved Matters	Wyevale Garden Centre, Southport Road, Ulnes Walton	Reserved matters application for re-organisation of garden centre, including erection of horticultural shade house, extension to existing building with demolition of existing dwelling and propagation house, including appearance, scale and landscaping (outline permission ref 05/01002/OUTMAJ).
09/00073/FUL	Planning Permission	1 Ridley Lane, Ulnes Walton	Demolition of wooden garage and erection of a replacement brick garage.

Cllr Ormerod raised concern with regards to the advertising truck parked in the Wyevale Garden Centre car park and whether it complies with the advertising regulations. The Clerk confirmed this was one of the sites identified in the recent communication to Chorley Council regarding roadside advertising.

070.02 – New Applications

Members considered the following new planning applications.

Application #	Location	Proposed Development
09/00173/FUL	Homestead, Holker Lane, Ulnes Walton	Single storey rear extension and pitched roof over existing flat roof to side.
09/00151/FUL	267 Southport Road, Ulnes Walton	Proposed new house to replace ex flood damaged house

Members reviewed both applications and used the planning matrix to consider all material considerations. Both applications were approved.

Declaration of Interest - Cllr E Doran left the meeting whilst other Members discussed 09/00173/FUL and returned once the discussion was concluded.

Cllr Ormerod raised concern regarding the increasing number of planning applications where the erection of walls, pillars and wrought iron railings are being incorporated to the frontage or perimeter of residential properties. Concern was raised about how the character and appearance of our rural locality could be impacted and advice should be sought from Chorley Planning in this regard. The Clerk confirmed a communication has recently been forwarded to Paul Whittingham at Chorley Planning and the Clerk will table the response to the Parish Council once received.

071/09 Finance

071.1/09 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
£195.00	Ulnes Walton Charitable Trust	Meeting Room Hire 2009/09
£40.00	D Todd	Printing/Folding of Information Leaflet
£20.00	D Todd	Printing of Quarterly Newsletter
£192.29	A Partington	Salary for March 2009
£48.00	Inland Revenue	Tax Deducted from AJP for March 2009
£21.39	A Partington	Reimbursements for March 2009
£100.00	County Training Partnership	Training for B Pickthall & G Gill
£141.61	LALC	NALC/LALC Membership 2009/10
£298.98	Allianz Insurance plc	Insurance Renewal 2009~10
£1057.27	TOTAL	

071.2/09 Monitoring Statement

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the monitoring statement for the year ended 31 March 2009 and period to 20 April 2009 and the Chairman signed the copies on behalf of the Parish Council.

072/09 Correspondence (for information purposes)

A list of correspondence received from 10.03.09 to 20.04.09 was tabled to the meeting. Items of correspondence that were briefly discussed included feedback from Chorley Council on the Lostock Neighbourhood Ward Walk, the notice from LCC relating to the diversion and extinguishment of parts of public footpath no. 6 and training material received from Chorley Council from the Planning in Practice session held on 12.03.09.

073/09 Annual Parish Meeting

The draft Annual Report was approved with a couple of minor amendments to the road safety section. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cost of printing/folding the Annual Report in the sum of £38.00.

The Chairman advised that following an invitation to both Governors of HMP Wymott and Garth to come to our Annual Parish Meeting, we have received an acceptance to attend and participate by Deputy Governor, Derek Ross, HMP Wymott. Mr Ross will attend on behalf of both prisons and update Members and residents on items that have a community interest / link.

074/09 Communities in Control

Cllr Ormerod presented a summary paper to Members in relation to the Communities and Local Government paper entitled 'Communities in Control'. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Ormerod for taking the time to review the document on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Ormerod advised that the basic theme of the document is citizen involvement and empowerment and the summary paper he produced identified the key issues in the document that have a significance/impact to the Parish Council. Cllr Ormerod suggested the paper be reviewed and time set aside at a future meeting to review the areas and identify a plan of how the Parish Council can play a part in this initiative.

It was **RESOLVED** to create a Working Party, consisting of Cllr Ormerod, Cllr Pickthall and Cllr Williams to work on the project and bring back to the Parish Council proposals and recommendations. An invitation to the community would be extended to join the working party. Cllr Ormerod offered to draft up an article for the forthcoming newsletter to outline the project and invite interested residents to join the Working Party.

It was agreed the Working Party should bring back to the September Parish Council Meeting their proposals and recommendations for the Parish Council's consideration.

075/09 Vehicles to/from the Prisons

Members discussed the increased volumes of vehicles coming from and to the prisons and the impact this is having on road safety on our surrounding village roads/lanes. Members noted that the increase in vehicles was inevitable, following the 3 major developments that had taken place at the prisons over the last six years. Members noted that the increase in traffic volumes had been raised in our recent communication to the HMP Wymott and Garth and it was felt prudent to wait and hear their response at the Parish Assembly before any action on the way forward is agreed. In particular, Members are eager to hear how the Green Travel Plan has developed and whether it has met its aims and objectives. Members felt the implementation of the Green Travel Plan may have been a condition of the planning consent given for the prison developments. However, it was agreed to wait until the autumn before re-visiting this aspect.

076/09 Speed Limit Review of A and B Roads in Lancashire

Members noted that as a result of the review of speed limits on A and B roads in Lancashire the following had been proposed with regards to Ulnes Walton: -

- A581 – Southport Road – lengths of the road to change from 40mph reduced to 30pmh.
- B5253 – Leyland Lane – lengths of the road to change from 60mph reduced to 50mph. Further works associated with the safety scheme to further reduce the speed limit to 40 mph on lengths of the B5253 which are due to be actioned shortly.

Members were pleased with the outcome and requested the Clerk write to the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development at LCC, acknowledging the Parish Council's approval of both schemes and in addition, gratitude that the review had identified Ulnes Walton be classified as a village, which meant lengths of Southport Road would be reduced to 30mph.

077/09 Lancashire Local Highways Budget Allocation 2009/10

The Council **RESOLVED** to adjourn the Parish Council Meeting to allow public participation with this agenda item.

Members of the public passed comments on traffic issues being experienced on Holker Lane.

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

Members considered possible highway schemes to submit to the Lancashire Local Highways Budget for 2009/10 and **RESOLVED** that the following should be submitted: -

1. **Ulnes Walton Lane / Moss Lane** junction – request additional direction signs to route visitors from the HMP Wymott and Garth to the main motorway networks.
2. **Holker Lane / Moss Lane / Flag Lane** – safety review to be undertaken to determine what measures can be implemented to improve road safety. Suggestions such as Quiet Lane status, traffic count, speed reduction, additional road markings, additional signage, access only routes.

078/09 Roadside Advertisements

The Chairman confirmed that a response has been received from Chorley Council in relation to the Parish Council's recent communication regarding roadside advertisements. Apologies had been offered for not keeping the Parish Council informed of the sites identified in 2008 and a promise made to expedite action on the sites identified and ensure the Parish Council receives monthly updates. It was agreed the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

079/09 Holker Lane

Members discussed the problems highlighted concerning casual drivers who use the lane as an access and park up in the lay byes. Further, reference was made to fly tipping and illegal activity in the lay byes. The Clerk advised that any incidence of fly tipping should be reported to Chorley Council and illegal activity should be reported immediately and directly to the Police. PACT Meetings for the Lostock Ward (which includes Ulnes Walton) are held in Bretherton on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at Bretherton Endowed School. All policing matters can be discussed directly with Caroline Plummer or a member of her team.

080/09 Insurance Renewals

Members reviewed the insurance arrangements for the year 2009/10. The Clerk advised that a temporary increase in the Fidelity Insurance to £7K was to be put in place until bank balances reduce to the normal level of £6K. It was **RESOLVED** to renew the insurance arrangements with Allianz Insurance in the sum of £298.98, with no increase in premium on the previous year. The Clerk advised that negotiation had taken place with Allianz to reach this level of cost.

081/09 NALC Annual Subscription

It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership to NALC and the cost of £141.65 was approved.

082/09 LALC Chorley Area Committee (for information purposes)

Cllr Doran advised that she and Cllr Todd had attended the meeting on 3.03.09 and were disappointed with the attendance levels. The new blue refuse bins are currently being rolled out to all areas in the Chorley Borough.

083/09 Youth Meeting (for information purposes)

Cllr Williams advised that the meeting took place as planned on 15.04.09 and gave a brief précis of events. Representatives from Chorley Council and the Scouting Association were present. The event was considered a success with 10 children and 6 adults being presented. The children were given the opportunity to put their ideas forward. Bernie Heggarty from Chorley Council is to come back to the Parish Council with proposals on what he can arrange, based on the feedback from the children, which in summary, was activity for 8 to 13 year olds, between the times of 5.30 pm and 8.30 pm in the evening at either Wymott Park or the Wymott Social Club with a varied range of activities ranging from sports to crafts. The option to have the Play Rangers visit Ulnes Walton to carry out some un-structured play activity was also raised as a possibility.

084/09 Date of Next Meeting (for information)

The date of the Annual General Meeting and next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 11 May 2009, commencing at 7.30pm. The date of the Annual Parish Assembly is 11 May 2009 commencing at 7.00 pm. Both meetings to be held at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton.

The meeting concluded at approximately 8.50 pm.

Signed:

Dated: