

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **Planning Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday 29 July 2009 at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton @ 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr D Todd, Cllr E Doran, Cllr B Pickthall, Cllr D Williams

In Attendance: 1 Resident and County Councillor Keith Iddon

Cllr Dorothy Todd was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

P01/09 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Geoffrey Gill and Councillor Derek Ormerod.

P02/09 **Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

The planning meeting was adjourned to allow public participation.

P03/09 **Residents Surgery**

The resident in attendance confirmed she and other residents along Southport Road were extremely concerned regarding the filling in of the pond with soil. The resident confirmed that whilst there was no specific evidence of newts, the proposal will undoubtedly lead to a loss of wildlife and will spoil the landscape. The resident confirmed that residents affected along Southport Road have been written to by Chorley Planning Department. Residents were urged to respond individually to Chorley Planning.

The resident further advised that ditches along Southport Road are also being filled in with soil and concern was expressed about the potential for flooding.

The planning meeting was re-convened.

P04/09 **Planning**

The Planning Committee considered application no. 09/00505/FUL – Land Rear of 132 – 138 Southport Road, Ulnes Walton –Proposal: to fill in a depression in a field with soil. The planning matrix was completed and the following observations were made: -

- Strong concern was raised form Members and residents that the drainage and filling of this pond will lead to a loss of wildlife and will spoil the landscape and suggest Chorley Planning Department reconsider whether the County Ecologist should be consulted.
- Concern was raised that the drainage of the pond and filling in could affect the natural drainage of the surrounding area and may cause flooding to nearby homes.
- Noted that ditches have been filled in with soil on Southport Road and Leyland Lane and concern expressed again regarding whether adequate drainage facilities have been introduced under the soil to prevent the highway and nearby homes being flooded.

The Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to oppose the application and submit observations identified above to Chorley Council.

P05/09 **Date of Next Meeting**

Members acknowledged that the next meeting will be arranged as required and advertised accordingly, providing the necessary three clear working days notice.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed:

Dated: