

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Parish Council operates a controlled system for recording and presenting financial information. The Parish Council accounts are subject to both an independent Internal and External audit each year and Annual Returns are prepared and submitted to the Audit Commission. The audit for the year ended March 2009 was concluded successfully.

All financial and regulatory information is prepared and submitted in accordance with required deadlines.

Summary of 2009/10 Finances (*Unaudited*)

Balance/Reserves B/F 1 April 2009 1,400

Receipts

Precept	5,305
Bank Interest	2
Advertising	30
Vat Refund	160
Inland Revenue Incentive	75
Grants and S106	3,725
Total Receipts	9,297

Payments

Employee Costs	2,902
General Administration/IT/Sundry	202
Insurance and Audit	469
Subscriptions	213
Room Hire	240
Publications / Web Site	182
Election Expenses	0
Training	100
Donations	0
Total Payments ex VAT	4,308

VAT on Payments 25

Total Payments Inc VAT 4,333

Balance/Reserves C/F 1 April 2009 6,364

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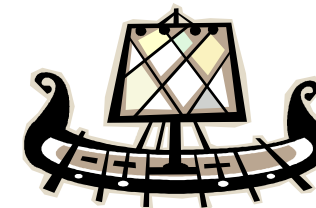
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CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

Dear Neighbour,

The Parish Council is here to help and support the whole Ulnes Walton community. During this year we have been encouraged by the number of people supporting locally organised events.

The Gala was a great success and other events especially the Beetle & Bingo nights have been enjoyed by many. A great deal of people have benefited from the computer classes organised by the Community Group and the Women's Institute and these classes are set to continue with more diverse subjects on offer.

I do hope that you will all encourage your young people to attend the Youth Engagement Day on Saturday 19th June. The attractions are numerous with a climbing wall, archery, crafts and many other activities.

We must encourage the youth to take a greater part in our community and if possible form a Youth Council.

If you would like to join a local group offer any help or comments please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor.

Dorothy Todd

Chairman of Ulnes Walton Parish Council

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Council Meetings and Membership

Your Parish Council met for its Annual General Meeting in May 2009 and elected Councillor Dorothy Todd as its Chairman and Councillor Eileen Doran as Vice Chairman. During the year the Parish Council has held 11 ordinary parish council meetings and 1 planning meeting.

During the year, one Member resigned and a new Member was co-opted to the Council in January 2010. Membership of the Parish Council is now back up to full capacity with six members.

Value for Money

The Parish Council is diligent in ensuring that the money it spends on your behalf is wisely used for the benefit of the residents in the parish. A financial summary of 2009/10 is provided in this report.

The Parish Council has now set its budget for 2010/11 and through careful planning and mindful of the current economic climate felt it appropriate to maintain the precept value very close to the same level as the previous year. The precept has therefore been set at £5,365, making an average Band D property in the parish to £20.84. The Parish Council will continue to seek external grant aid for projects wherever possible and is now encouraging business advertising in its newsletter to generate income to cover the costs of production.

Engaging with Residents

Ulnes Walton Parish Council has an active programme of engagement with residents by various modes of communication such as its newsletter and website. The parish council notice boards also continue to be a vital source of community information and are sited at The Old School, corner of Holker Lane/Leyland Lane, Gilsons Garage, Ulnes Walton Lane (lay bye at North end); and The Green, Wymott Village.

Our aim over the next couple of months is to replace our existing notice boards with new watertight notice boards. We have been successful in securing two grants for this project in the sum of £860.00 and we hope work will be concluded by summer. We successfully received grants from Lancashire County Council via Cllr Mike Otter, Champion for Parish Councils and Green Partnership Awards.

The Parish Council website continues to be updated and can be accessed via www.ulneswaltonpc.co.uk. This site continues to be a key and useful information tool and we would be happy to receive your views as to how we can improve it. We are in the final stages of developing a new look website and hope to launch this in the next couple of months.

A big thank you to our team of volunteers who have hand delivered our newsletters to all homes in Ulnes Walton over the past 12 months.

The Parish Council is also grateful to the many volunteers we have within our community who run organisations and community events with varied subject matters, many of whom update their events and achievements in the newsletter and advertise their events on our notice boards.

Neighbourhood Working

As part of the Neighbourhood Working Initiative developed by Chorley Council, it was identified that a dedicated youth day was what residents and young people wanted in the parish. This is now being organised by a Working Party which consists of Parish Councillors, community group volunteers, Chorley Council and young people from our

parish assisted by Young People Services at LCC. The event is being held at the Old School on Saturday 19 June 2010 where a whole range of activities for young people have been organised.

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that two grants have been successfully obtained to fund this Youth Engagement Day - Awards for All have granted a sum of £5,894 and Chorley Council have granted £2,000.

The overall aim of the event is to encourage youth engagement within the community, give children and young people the opportunity to experience new and exciting activities and ultimately generate sufficient support to create a youth council, enabling young people to work with the parish council, connect with their community and empower them.

We hope to pursue other Neighbourhood Working projects throughout the forthcoming year which will engage other sectors of our community.

Road Safety in the Parish

The Parish Council continues to pursue highway safety across the parish and is pleased to confirm that a safety scheme was recently introduced on Holker Lane. We will continue to work with Lancashire Highways to improve road safety in our parish.

Ulnes Walton Trail

The Parish Council is currently working closely with Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council towards concluding sections of the trail, albeit on a much smaller scale than originally envisaged. The Parish Council was recently awarded funding from Chorley Council in the sum of £3,725 which has been used to purchase a new gate and bollards to improve the safety of the trail.

Wymott Park

Chorley Council has installed additional play equipment for younger children and will continue to maintain the park for the use of our younger residents.

Quality Parish Status

Both the Clerk and Parish Council continue to work towards re-accreditation and hope to conclude this in the forthcoming year.

Other Involvement

In order to keep abreast of key issues and improve knowledge, your Parish Councillors and the Clerk have attended many meetings and also some training sessions during the year with other bodies and organisations including Chorley Council, Lancashire County Council and the Lancashire Association of Local Councils.