

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 31 March 2010 was concluded successfully.

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

Summary of 2010/11 Finances (*Unaudited*)

Balance/Reserves B/F 1 April 2010	6,364
Receipts	
Precept	5,365
Bank Interest	1
Grant: Project Youth Engagement	7,894
Grant: Project Youth – Takings from Day*	301
Grant: Project Over 65 Event	700
Grant: Notice Board	430
Total Receipts	14,691
* Ring fenced for Youth Projects	
Payments	
Employee Costs	1,993
General Administration/IT/Sundry	199
Insurance and Audit	479
Subscriptions	240
Room Hire	220
Publications / Web Site	169
Trail Work (S106)	2,320
Project Youth Engagement	7,306
Project Over 65 Event	460
Project Notice Boards	1,200
Total Payments ex VAT	14,586
VAT on Payments	1,192
Total Payments Inc VAT	15,778
Balance/Reserves C/F 1 April 2011	<u>5,276</u>

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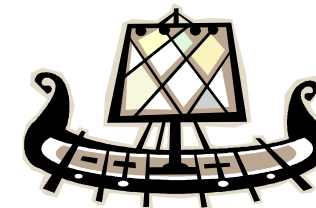
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CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

Dear Resident,

2010/11 has been a very busy year for the Parish Council working on many initiatives on your behalf. Members and the Clerk have attended many meetings with the District and County Council to keep abreast of key issues and to improve their knowledge of local government matters. Our aim is to continue the work in 2011/12 and represent the views of our community. The Parish Council is the lowest tier of local government and is the most accessible to you, so please come along to our meetings and have your say about things that are important to you.

Our community groups continue to thrive bringing many successful, exciting and diverse events. Please support your community groups and their events and involve yourself in village life.

Following the news that the 2011 Parish Elections are to be uncontested in Ulnes Walton, we will shortly be bidding farewell to several long standing members of the Parish Council and we wish them well for the future. I look forward to welcoming new Members to the Parish Council over the forthcoming months and to working with them to make Ulnes Walton an enjoyable and happy place to live.

Eileen Doran

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 2010 and elected Councillor Eileen Doran as its Chairman and Councillor Brendon Pickthall as Vice Chairman. During the year the Parish Council has held 10 ordinary parish council meetings. Membership of the Parish Council has remained static with 6 members throughout the year.

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 2010/11 is provided in this report. The

Parish Council has now set its budget for 2011/12 and through careful planning and mindful of the current economic climate felt it appropriate to maintain the precept value to the same level as the previous year. The precept has therefore been set at £5,363, making an average Band D property in the parish to £20.99. The Parish Council will continue to seek external grant aid for projects wherever possible.

Engaging with Residents

Ulnes Walton Parish Council has an active programme of engagement with residents by various modes of communication such as its notice boards, website and quarterly newsletter.

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. During the year we replaced our old and tired looking Noticeboards with newly hand crafted boards. This was able to be achieved following the successful attainment of two grants from Lancashire County Council and the Green Partnership Awards. This forthcoming year we hope to be able to refurbish the notice board at the Old School and re-site the board currently located at the garage on Southport Road.

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.

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, many of whom update their events and achievements in the newsletter and advertise their events on the 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. On Saturday 19 June 2010 we hosted a fabulous Youth Engagement Day entitled 'Funertainment'. The day was co-ordinated by a Working Party which consisted of not only Parish Councillors, but many volunteers from local community groups, Chorley Council, Young People Services at LCC and a team of young people from Wymott. The event was organised to encourage youth engagement within the community, give children the opportunity to experience new and exciting activities and enable young people to work with the parish council and local community groups to connect with their community, empower them and inspire a positive impact and make their voices heard within the environment that they live in. This project was able to be completed by the aid of grants from Awards for All in the sum of £5,894 and £2,000 from Chorley Council. YPS continue to work with the young people on Wymott and the Parish Council looks forward to working with them on future projects.

Other Neighbourhood Working projects that the Parish Council have been involved with through the year include the successful Christmas Party held for the over 65's. The success of the event and the ability to secure funding has meant the event will be sustained for future years and planning is already underway for Christmas 2011.

Lengthsman Scheme

We are pleased to confirm that funding has been secured through Chorley Council's Neighbourhood Working projects to trial a Lengthsman Scheme in Ulnes Walton for a year. We will shortly be sub-contracting the services of 2 lengthsman from a neighbouring parish council to come and help clear our roads and pavements from litter.

Highways in the Parish

The Parish Council continues to pursue highway safety across the parish and is pleased to confirm that a speed reduction to 30 mph on parts of Southport Road will shortly become effective. We will continue to work with Lancashire Highways to improve road safety and also the condition of our roads and verges in our parish.