

## ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held on 11 April 2022 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present Councillors N Watkinson (Chairman), J Dalton, P Doddenhof and E Doran.

### 24/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr P Sloan.

### 25/22 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Dalton, as a member of Chorley Council's Development Control Committee, declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 (Planning Matters).

### 26/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 March 2022

Resolved: the Minutes (as circulated) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 27/22 Residents Surgery

The bus stop by the Rose and Crown was reported as being in need of attention. The meeting was advised a contractor is to attend to the work and the overgrown vegetation has been reported to Lancashire County Council.

Overhead telephone cabled had been severed by a high sided vehicle on Ulnes Walton Lane resulting in vulnerable residents being left without phones.

### 28/22 Planning Matters

22/00207/FUL Erection of an agricultural building for housing sheep, hay/feed, machinery and vehicles at Millers Barn, Ulnes Walton Lane - Councillors had no objections to the agricultural use but would object to use for any other form of vehicles.

22/00009/REFUSE New prison on Land adjacent to HMP Garth and HMP Wymott - a request for support to fight the appeal from the Wymott Prison Action Group was considered. The Parish Council's objections will be included with the reports considered by the Planning Inspector. Councillors felt a contribution to cover the cost of a publicity banner was appropriate.

### 29/22 Finance

Resolved: the Monitoring Statement for the year ended 31 March 2022 was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the current Monitoring Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: the following payments were approved, the invoices having been inspected in accordance with fidelity guarantee requirements:

£ 25.00	Ulnes Walton Charitable Fund	Room hire
£ 80.06	Eccleston PC	Litter picking
£ 361.40	Staff costs	Salary, deductions and reimbursements

### 30/22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2022 was considered in accordance with guidance within the publication Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2022.

i) Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

The effectiveness of the system of internal control was reviewed in February 2022, prior to completion of the Annual Governance Statement.

ii) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Accounting Statements had been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting.

iii) Resolved: the Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Chairman.

As gross income or expenditure did not exceed £25000 for the financial year and the remaining criteria for exemption from a limited assurance review had been met, Councillors considered certification as exempt from a limited assurance review.

iv) Resolved: the Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

#### 31/22 Lancashire County Council Consultation - Speed Indicator Device Policy and Procedure

Councillors were not convinced by the claim the devices become ineffective after a period of time in the same location. Lancashire County Council is to be advised the devices in the village appear to be working well in slowing traffic and of Councillors concerns at the proposals to force removal of speed indicators after a 6 month period.

#### 32/22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 33/22 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 May 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.