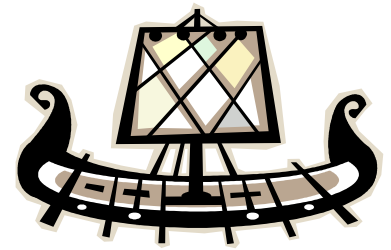


Ulnes Walton Parish Council Winter 2017 Edition



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Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, starting at 7.30 pm at The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane. Forthcoming dates for 2018 include:

- 12 February
- 12 March
- 9 April
- 14 May
- 11 June
- 9 July

Time is set aside at each meeting for local residents to speak to the Council and you are welcome to come along to share your ideas, express your views or even raise concerns you have about a particular issue. We are here to listen and can help in providing guidance and direction.

Message from the Chairman and Parish Council

In November we said goodbye to Councillor Dorothy Todd who had served as a member of the parish council since 1999. We would like to thank Dorothy for her dedication and hard work for the community over the past 18 years.

We now have a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are interested in joining us please contact the Clerk (details to the left) for further information and details of how to apply.

At the December Parish Council meeting the budget for 2018-19 was set and we are pleased to announce the amount paid by residents for the parish council part of council tax bills will, again, remain unchanged.

Now the Winter months are upon us please keep an eye on elderly or frail friends, neighbours and relatives. Keep in contact with them to see if they need help or are feeling under the weather, and make sure they're keeping warm and are stocked up with enough food supplies if extreme weather is forecast.

Remember they may need a little extra help over the winter. Icy pavements and roads can be a hazard and can stop people getting out and about.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CLlr Eileen Doran

Scambuster

As we approach Christmas we'd like to pass on a few tips on how to shop online safely.

1. Check the web address

Always check you're on the correct website. Criminals can set up fake websites that have a similar design and web address to the genuine site.

2. Is it a secure connection?

Web pages you enter personal or financial details into should display a locked padlock sign and have a web address that starts with https. This means your connection to the website is secure.

3. Phishing

Don't click on links or attachments within unsolicited emails. The number of online shopping related phishing emails increases significantly during the holiday period.

4. Bank transfers

65% of Action Fraud reports during the 2016 Christmas period were linked to online auction sites. Don't pay for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud.

To receive regular alerts on frauds and scams sign up at:

www.actionfraudalert.co.uk

This information was provided by Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau).

For regular updates from Trading Standards on scams in our area visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/StanleyDards/>

Always remember - if an offer seems too good to be true, then it generally is!



Ulnes Walton Parish Council wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year





**Lancashire
Constabulary**
police and communities together

In the run up to Christmas, it's important to make sure you become more security conscious. Never leave anything of value on view in your car or your home. Keep all windows, doors, sheds and garages locked and secure.

Do not advertise on social media when you are out of your address, for example when you go Christmas shopping. Do not tell everyone where you are or your plans to be away from home. Doing so leaves your property vulnerable.

Now the weather is cooling down and we are expecting frost and ice, do not leave the engine running to defrost your car whilst you go back inside to stay warm. This is an offence, and your insurance will be invalid if your car is stolen whilst doing this.

If you have vulnerable or elderly neighbours, please spare a moment to check on them during the winter months.

On behalf of Lancashire Police, can I wish you all a safe, happy and joyous festive season.

PCSO 7932 Maria Fetherstone

Councillor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council which will be filled by co-option.

To qualify, a person must be aged over 18 and an elector, live in, or within 3 miles of, the Ulnes Walton Parish boundary, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises in, or have their principal or only place of work in Ulnes Walton and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

If you would like to serve as a Councillor please apply, in writing or by email, to the Clerk (details on front page, providing brief background details and stating why you would like to join the Council or, if you would like further information, again please contact the Clerk.

Ulnes Walton Community Group

The Group exists to try to develop a sense of community in our dispersed village by putting on events in our equivalent of a village hall, The Old School.

An innovation this year was the "Great Community Get -Together" in June. The murder of MP Jo Cox prompted a nationwide reaction against division and hostility and resulted in hundreds of "Get-togethers" throughout Britain. Our event was blessed with a fine evening and around 70 people enjoyed our BBQ and Bonfire.

Our popular community lunches took place in February, June and October however, April's table top sale was cancelled due to lack of interest. Sadly, we were forced to end the Pilates classes which generally had been popular and enjoyable; on too many occasions numbers dropped below ten, the attendance necessary to break even.

Bonfire Night

The evening of Saturday 4th November brought low temperatures, a biting wind and stinging rain yet about seventy hardy souls braved the elements to enjoy a bonfire and fireworks display at the Old School. Hot dogs, burgers, homemade cakes, tea and coffee were in great demand but, unlike last year, we had plenty to spare. In 2016 a totally unprecedented 200 people turned up so this year we upped our supply, determined not to be caught out again.

Fireworks don't come cheap and, to put on our spectacular display, we had to pay out well over £300. We were, therefore, grateful to receive the £50 in donations handed in during the night.

Bonfire Night is put on by an ever-decreasing number of Community Group members. Illness meant we were down to only five to set up the tents, the BBQ, sound system etc. during the afternoon. On the night several members of the public, seeing our need, stepped in to help out. Thank you so much.

Bonfire Night is just one of a variety of events the Community Group put on during the year and we are constantly on the lookout for new recruits. If you think you might like to get involved please phone Pauline Coan to have a chat.

Do you want to get more out of your mobile phone, tablet etc.?

The Community Group put in a successful bid for a Chorley Council "Small Communities Grant" and received £250 which will be used to provide training in the use of electronic devices.

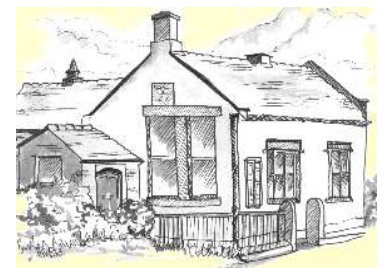
To make this appropriate to the needs of Ulnes Walton residents we are inviting all those who might be interested to contact Pauline Coan on 07397 233408 to discuss what you might like to learn.

Pam Sloan

Daffodils

Last year Chorley Council kindly provided us with a sack of Daffodil bulbs which two Parish Councillors planted near the bench at the back of The Old School.

More have been provided this year and will be planted on The Green at the Wymott estate.



The Old School

Ulnes Walton Lane
Ulnes Walton
Leyland
PR26 8LT

If you would like information about The Old School hire arrangements and availability please call

07397 233408

The Old School is managed by the
Ulnes Walton Charitable Fund
(Reg Charity no 225833)



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The Elderberries

We are a social group of people
over 55's.

We meet at the Old School,
Ulnes Walton Lane,
Ulnes Walton.

When 1st and 3rd Tuesday
each month - 1.00 pm
to 3.30 pm.

We have speakers on lots of
subjects

Come along and meet us - we are a
friendly little group

Wymott Art Group

The Old School
Ulnes Walton Lane

Every Wednesday
10.00am to 12 Noon
£2.00 per session
(including tea/coffee/biscuits)

We are a small social Art Group
and would invite any adult and
make you very welcome.

We have qualified teaching in
painting and ribbon embroidery.

We do class projects in watercolour
painting, making cards and pictures
with ribbon embroidery, others
do their own projects.

All proceeds to go towards the
Old School roof fund.

Tel. 01772 457428 or 01772 451189
for further information

Action for Ulnes Walton

This is an environmental group open to all in Ulnes Walton. Over the years we've been producing leaflets outlining local countryside walks and we are now up to 8; 3 new walks having been added this year taking you through Croston Moor, Euxton Park and Charnock Richard. All walks are circular, dog friendly and mostly off road. Leaflets are available in the AFUW display rack in the Rose and Crown carpark. Eventually 15 walks will be covered, which we hope to make into a booklet.

The fruit and nut hedge and the willow bower, planted 8 years ago at the Old School, are thriving but do need maintenance so small work parties prune and tidy them each autumn.

In October part of the large grass verge on Southport Road was planted and seeded with wild flowers. This involves a lot more than would first appear; the grass needing mowing very low to allow the turf to be removed so that the grass doesn't over compete with the introduced wildflower seeds and plants. The results of our efforts should be visible in Spring.



**LANCASHIRE
VOLUNTEER
PARTNERSHIP**

The Lancashire Volunteer Partnership is a range of public service organisations who have come together to improve, promote and widen

volunteering across the public sector. Our partners include Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Fire and Rescue, Borough Councils, health services and many more.

We are passionate about supporting people and building stronger, more resilient communities that can flourish, and at the heart of this are our volunteers. At present LVP supports over 3500 Public Service Volunteers ranging from over 800 young people engaged in uniformed youth groups such as Police and Fire Cadets, through to volunteers visiting people who may be feeling lonely or supporting those who are struggling to get out and about independently, to giving a carer some respite time, volunteering alongside the Constabulary as a Special Constable or Support Volunteer, children's centres, as a cadet leader or as a Neighbourhood watch Co-ordinator. there are many opportunities available for people wanting to volunteer in Lancashire.

To view opportunities in your area please visit our website at www.lancsvp.org.uk

You can also visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lancsvp

Traffic/Speeding: a do it yourself solution

Will the day ever come when this is no longer the bane of Ulnes Walton villagers' lives? After many years of trying to galvanise the powers that be into action over the ever-worsening problem of dangerous traffic speed on Ulnes Walton Lane and Southport Road the Parish Council is intending to go it alone. We are looking to buy 2 speed warning signs, the flashing signs you often see mounted on lamp posts which show the speed of approaching cars, accompanied by an appropriate message such as "Slow Down". The first two are destined for Southport Road and, provided they work, in time we hope we will be able to install more on Ulnes Walton Lane.



Digital Access - Get online and love the benefits



15.5% of residents in Chorley have never been online, Chorley Council is aiming to reduce this number by providing FREE computer, tablet and other ICT courses and help sessions to residents of Chorley.

More and more public services and other services such as universal credit, housing, employment, benefits and blue badge applications are migrating to being online only.

Chorley Council is also making greater use of digital services to improve efficiency and ultimately save council taxpayers money. To make the most of this, people need to know what services they can access online, how they do it and what the benefits are.

Chorley Council are giving people of Eccleston the opportunity to learn how to use the internet so they can learn to love it and in turn live with its great benefits of doing things online, safely and securely.

So, regular beginners' sessions are organised in community venues across the borough. We can start with the absolute basics and you can learn on our laptops or bring your own laptop and tablet if you have one. If you already have access to the internet, for more information please visit www.chorley.gov.uk/digitalaccess

Chorley Council is looking at providing training sessions in Eccleston in the near future. If you would like more information or would be interested in learning how to use the internet please call 01257 515151 or, if you already have an email account, please email getonline@chorley.gov.uk

Useful Contact Information

We have previously published contact telephone numbers for other organisations and this time we're also including email and website details as many issues can be reported online.

Police (non-emergency): 101

Chorley Police Station 01257 264225

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

website www.lancashire.police.uk/online

email: Chorley.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

twitter.com/chorleypolice

Chorley Borough Council 01257 515151

email: contact@chorley.gov.uk

www.chorley.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council 0300 123 6780

Report highways and public rights of way problems
(roads and pavements, including street lighting/signs):

www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx

United Utilities (Water) Leakline 0800 330033

www.unitedutilities.com/help-and-support/got-a-problem/report-a-leak/report-a-leak-form/

Environment Agency Floodline 0345 9881188

Environment incident hotline 0800 80 70 60

Please note: due to the urgency and possible life threatening nature of incidents involving gas, electricity and flooding these should always be reported by telephone:

National Grid Gas leak 0800 111999

National Grid Electricity emergency 0800 40 40 90