

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on 13 February 2017 in the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillors D Todd (Chairman), G Bird, E Doran and N Watkinson.

01/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Dalton and P Sloan.

02/17 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

03/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 December 2016

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

04/17 Public Participation

Reports were provided of foam in Holker Brook. The meeting was advised the Environment Agency had carried out an inspection.

A number of advertising boards attached to a fence on Southport Road were mentioned.

An abandoned vehicle on Leyland lane was mentioned

A report of a burglary to a property on Ulnes Walton Lane was provided.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

05/17 Planning Matters

17/00108/DIS Application to discharge condition 13 (method statement for swallows) attached to planning permission 16/01024/FUL for the demolition of existing stable block and timber shed and erection of single dwelling at Land and Buildings to the rear of Netherfield, Ulnes Walton Lane.

17/00109/DIS Application to discharge condition 6 (SAP assessment) of planning approval 16/00201/FUL Rear of 241 Southport Road.

Councillors had no comments in respect of these applications.

06/17 Finance

i) Monitoring Statement

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

ii) Payments

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

£ 52.00	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 207.97	A Platt	Salary
£ 183.00	Eccleston Parish Council	Litter picking
£ 225.00	Ulnes Walton Charitable Fund	Room hire

07/17 Reductions in Local Services

Items raised at a meeting arranged by Chorley Council regarding reductions in local services were discussed, including a suggestion for parishes whose residents might use the facilities at Eccleston Library, to provide funding from precepts to retain the Library. A meeting of parishes affected by the closure has been suggested. Councillors mentioned a number of residents used the library in Leyland and were of the opinion that, due to the relatively small amount of the precepts, no significant contribution could be made.

08/17 Internal Audit

i) The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

Resolved: the current system of internal audit was found to be adequate.

The terms of reference for the Internal Audit were reviewed.

Resolved: the terms of reference were approved.

ii) Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year and the setting of a fee for completion of the audit.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson was appointed and the fee was set at £60.

09/17 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

Entry into the 2017 Competition was discussed. The geographical nature of the village and lack of Certificate of merit entrants meant there was no proposer for entry into the competition.

10.17 Consultations

Councillors considered a consultation on Chorley Council's 2017-18 Budget. There were no comments.

Councillors considered a consultation on Chorley Council's Revised Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy. Councillors were in agreement with the proposals.

Councillors considered a consultation on the Draft Central Lancashire Employment Skills Supplementary Planning Document. Councillors had no comments.

11/17 WW1 Beacons of Light

An invitation to take part in a commemoration of the end of WW1 on 11 November 2018 was considered. The commemoration is to be in the form of the lighting of a chain of beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territory. Councillors expressed a wish to take part and further information is awaited.

12/17 Reports from Outside Bodies

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - issues raised included traffic speeds on local roads.

13/17 Date of Next Meeting

13 March 2017.

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