

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on 14 February 2022 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

01/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr P Doddenhof.

02/22 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).

03/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2021

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

04/22 Residents Surgery

Following storm damage, a tree on the grassed area off Moss Lane had been cut back by Chorley Council.

The Wymott Action Group is continuing to meet in case of an appeal against the refusal of the prison application.

The possibility of extending a bridleway from Nixon Lane was raised.

05/22 Planning Matters

22/00074/FUL Creation of a hardstanding area and change of use from agriculture to agricultural contracting and haulage yard (retrospective) at Culshaws Farm Holker Lane - the mention of a haulage yard was noted and issues were raised regarding statements made within the application which are to be queried with the Planning Officer. Concerns were also raised regarding the impact of the heavy vehicles on the road surface.

06/22 Finance

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:

£ 1147.12	Lancashire County Council	Installation of speed sign mounting posts
£ 160.12	Eccleston PC	Litter picking
£ 282.36	Staff costs	Salary and deductions
£ 25.00	Ulnes Walton Charitable Fund	Room hire

07/22 Internal Audit

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.

Councillors discussed the appointment of an Internal Auditor in accordance with guidance contained within the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance - Practitioners' Guide (March 2021).

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed and the fee for the audit was set at £80.00.

08/22 Lancashire County Council Budget Consultation

The details were noted.

09/22 Rural Electric Vehicle Car Club

A response to a survey from Lancashire County Council was considered. Councillors had no comments.

10/22 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

11/22 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14 March 2022.

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