

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on 13 February 2023 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

Also present 4 Members of the public.

01/23 Apologies for Absence

None received.

02/23 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

03/23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 December 2022

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

04/23 Residents Surgery

Members of the Wymott Action Group requested support with the campaign against the proposed new prison. The Group provided detailed information relating to vehicle movements. The Planning Inspector had recommended refusal of the planning application however the appeal has been recovered for a decision by the Secretary of State, who is minded to approve the application provided the highways issues can be resolved by the applicant. The Group and local residents have very limited time to present evidence to the Secretary of State and assistance in obtaining traffic related evidence was requested.

05/23 Planning Matters

22/01217/FUL Change of use of land to the east of Holker Cottage from agriculture to a dog day care facility and change of use of car park to the west of Holker Cottage from domestic (Use Class C3) to a mixed use of domestic car parking (Use Class C3) and car parking associated with the dog day care facility (retrospective) at Land to the East of Holker Cottage, Holker Lane

22/01228/FUL Erection of extension to main garden centre building, erection of warehouse, and creation of new service yard at Leyland Garden Centre, 338 Southport Road

22/01296/FUL Erection of building for use in connection with dog day care business (retrospective) at Holker Cottage, Holker Lane

22/01314/FUL Change of use from a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a children's home (Use Class C2) at Auldene, 338 Southport Road

23/00011/FUL Erection of 1no. detached dwellinghouse (following the demolition of existing stables) at Greenacres, Ridley Lane

06/23 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:

£ 173.40	Eccleston PC	Litter picking
£ 313.56	Staff costs	Salary and deductions

07/23 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 2022).

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

08/23 Prison Appeal

Details of the Planning Inspector's dismissal of the appeal and subsequent recovery for the Secretary of State's decision were noted. Councillors agreed to publish an A4 sized newsletter containing an appeal for residents to provide evidence of road traffic accidents, incidents and near misses to the Action Group.

09/23 Central Lancashire Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation

The details were noted.

10/23 Neighbourhood Priorities

Priorities to be submitted are a skip day, with a suggestion to use the Wymott Club car park and a litter bin in the vicinity of The Highfield Restaurant.

11/23 Meeting Dates

As the scheduled dates of for the April and May meetings fall on Easter Monday and the Bank Holiday to mark the Coronation of King Charles III, alternative dates were considered.

Resolved: the meetings will be held on 17 April and 15 May.

12/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

13/23 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13 March 2023.

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