

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting) of the Council Meeting held on 10 February 2025 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

Also present 3 Members of the public

01/25 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Councillor P Doddenhof.

02/25 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

03/25 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December 2024

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

04/25 Residents Surgery

Residents of Southport Road provided details of their objections to a planning application for the erection of properties in a field on Southport Road at the the Ulnes Walton/Eccleston border.

A representative of the Ulnes Walton Action Group provided an update regarding the Third Prison at Wymott. The Group has been advised by its legal team that the Secretary of State may have acted unlawfully in arriving at the decision to allow the planning appeal. The Group is intending to challenge the decision in the High Court, and has obtained pledges to cover the potential costs, which would be limited to a maximum of £10,000, should the challenge not be successful.

Flooding was reported around Lostock Bridge during recent heavy rains.

05/25 Planning Matters

24/01059/FULHH Change of use from residential to mixed use of residential and dog minding business (retrospective) and extensions to existing buildings at Holker Cottage, Holker Lane

There were no objections to this application.

25/00008/PIP Permission in principle application for the erection of up to five dwellings at Land North of Lydiate Farm Cottage, Lydiate Lane, Eccleston. It was noted the Planning Statement contained no details of very special circumstances submitted which may affect the decision.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of inappropriate development within the Green Belt

25/00044/PIP Permission in principle application for the erection of 3 no. dwellings at Ring O Bells, Leyland Lane. It was noted there was no planning statement submitted and there are no very special circumstances.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of inappropriate development within the Green Belt

25/00064/P3PAM Prior approval application under Part 3, Class R of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the proposed change of use of 2no. agricultural buildings to a flexible use falling with Use Class E (commercial, business or service) to allow the buildings to be used as retail warehouses at Clshaws Farm Holker Lane.

As this was a permitted development application, Councillors felt it was appropriate to wait for the Planning Officer's view on the legality of the application.

06/25 Finance

- i) Resolved: the Monitoring Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman.
- ii) A request for a pledge towards the costs of the legal challenge to the Prison decision, to be payable only if the challenge were to fail, was considered.

Resolved: a pledge of £1000 was agreed.

- iii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee
£ 143.60	Eccleston PC	Litter picking
£ 711.88	Staff costs	Salary and deductions
£ 6.00	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge - February
£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee

07/25 Internal Audit Review

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit and the appointment of an Internal Auditor, in accordance with guidance contained within the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance - Practitioners' Guide (March 2024). was carried out.

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

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed and the fee for the audit was set at £100.00.

08.25 Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area Meeting

Suggestions for Neighbourhood Priorities had been invited. Assistance with confirmation of ownership and obtaining of permission to place seats on the grass area at the junction of Moss Lane/Willow Road is to be requested.

09/25 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Liaison - items covered included a presentation on the Social Prescribing Service, which offers advice and support to residents who may be experiencing problems. Details of how to access the service were provided. Also provided were details of diversionary activity provided throughout the Borough. It was noted no activities took place in the Ulnes Walton area.

10/25 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 March 2025.

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