

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting held on 15 May 2023 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

Also present 3 Members of the public.

33/23 Election of Chairman for 2023-2024

Resolved: Cllr Doddenhof was elected as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

34/23 Delivery of Acceptances of Office

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office were received.

35/23 Election of Vice Chairman for 2023-2024

Resolved: Cllr Dalton was elected as Vice Chairman.

36/23 Apologies for Absence

None received.

37/23 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

38/23 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Meeting - Cllr Doddenhof.

Peter Lathom Charity - Cllr Sloan.

39/23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 April 2023

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

40/23 Residents Surgery

Representatives from the Ulnes Walton Action Group provided information regarding the Public Inquiry into the appeal against the refusal of the planning application for the new prison. The Planning Inspector will consider only evidence relating to proposals put forward by the Ministry of Justice to mitigate highway safety and capacity issues. The Group has asked local parish councils, and both Chorley and South Ribble Borough Councils, for financial support to cover the costs of appointing a Transport Consultant to present evidence at the Inquiry on 19 September 2023. The Group also requested a representative of the Parish Council speak at the Inquiry.

A skip day has been arranged for 1 July 2023 on the car park off Pump House Road.

41/23 Planning Matters

No matters for consideration.

42/23 Finance

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

A request from the Ulnes Walton Action Group for a contribution towards the provision of a Transport Expert for the Wymott and Garth Planning Inquiry was considered.

Resolved: a contribution of £1000 was agreed.

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

£ 93.60	Eccleston PC	Litter picking
£ 241.00	Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance premium
£ 80.00	Internal Auditor	Internal audit fee
£ 313.56	Staff costs	Salary, deductions and reimbursements

43/23 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2023 was considered in accordance with guidance within the publication Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2023.

- i) The Internal Auditor's report was noted.
- ii) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- iii) Resolved: the Accounting Statements, having been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Gross income or expenditure for the financial year did not exceed £25000 and the remaining criteria for exemption from a limited assurance review were met. Councillors considered certification as exempt from a limited assurance review.

- iv) Resolved: the Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

44/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

45/23 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5 June 2023.

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