

## ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Remote Council Meeting held on 12 April 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present Councillors N Watkinson (Chairman), G Bird, P Doddenhof and P Sloan.

### 19/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Dalton and E Doran.

### 20/21 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

### 21/21 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 March 2021

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

### 22/21 Public Participation

No issues were reported.

### 23/21 Planning Matters

21/00263/FUL Section 83 application to vary condition 3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 20/00810/FUL (Erection of one detached dwelling) to reduce the scale of the approved dwelling at Eccleston Equestrian Centre, Ulnes Walton Lane

Councillors had no objections to this application.

### 24/21 Finance

#### i) Monitoring Statement for the year ended 31 March 2021

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

#### ii) Monitoring Statement

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:

£ 79.33	Eccleston PC	Litter picking
£ 282.36	Staff costs	Salary and deductions

### 25/21 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2021 was considered.

i) Resolved: the Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.

ii) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Accounting Statements had been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting.

iii) Resolved: the Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

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

The External Auditor had notified that the Council had been selected for an intermediate review which would require providing additional information and documentation. Clarification had been obtained and, as the Council has certified exemption, it is not required to complete this review.

#### 26/21 Date of Next Meeting

Councillors considered the rescheduling of the Annual Council Meeting to comply with the expiry of legislation allowing virtual meetings, which takes effect from 7 May 2021.

Resolved: the Annual Meeting was brought forward to Monday 3 May 2021.

#### 27/21 Future Meetings

The schedule of future meetings in line with the Covid-19 Roadmap was considered. A number of issues were discussed including guidelines in place at the time and the availability of Covid secure premises.

Resolved: the June meeting was cancelled and, provided regulations at the time allow, meetings will resume from 12 July 2021

#### 28/21 Temporary Delegated Decision Making Powers

Councillors considered the granting of temporary decision making powers to the Clerk in line with a suggestion from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Resolved: The Clerk was granted temporary decision making powers. Decisions would be taken following consultation with Councillors.

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