

## ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Council Meeting held on 11 December 2023 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

Also present County Councillor Whittaker and 1 Member of the public.

### 101/23 Election of Temporary Chairman

In the absence of Cllr Doddenhof, Cllr Watkinson was elected as Temporary Chairman.

### 102/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Dalton.

### 103/23 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

Cllr Doddenhoff joined the meeting and assumed the Chair.

### 104/23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 November 2023

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

### 105/23 Residents Surgery

County Councillor Whittaker provided information on a consultation by Lancashire County Council regarding the Lancashire Devolution Deal. The proposals for a Combined County Authority will result in controlling votes being held by representatives from Lancashire County, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Councils, excluding District Councils from involvement in the spending plans.

Several interruptions to power supplies had been reported to Electricity North West and information was provided on a problem with a BT Openreach connection.

### 106/23 Planning Matters

23/00890/FUL Erection of 3 stables buildings for private equestrian use (retrospective) at Land 100m North East of Millers Barn, Ulnes Walton Lane

Councillors had no objection to this application.

23/00751/FUL Temporary agricultural worker static caravan (retrospective) at Roecroft Farmhouse, Ulnes Walton Lane. The length of time described as 'temporary' had been queried with the Planning Officer and, as the response had failed to provide a specific answer, the Planning Officer is to be reminded of the Enforcement Officer's comments intimating the caravan should be removed once a nearby agricultural building had been completed.

### 107/23 Finance

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

ii) Pending the opening of a new bank account, the following payments were approved:

£ 169.98	Chorley Council	Election fee
£ 187.20	Eccleston PC	Litter picking (October/November)
£ 875.35	Staff costs	Salary and deductions (November/December)

#### 108/23 2024-25 Precept

The Precept for the forthcoming financial year was considered. A draft budget was presented.

Resolved: the Precept for 2024 - 2025 was set at £6140, which will result in no increase in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents.

#### 109/23 Lancashire Devolution

A Lancashire County Council consultation regarding the establishment of a Combined County Authority was considered. Councillors required more time to digest the information relating to the consultation. It was suggested Councillors could provide the Clerk with their comments and the Clerk could then submit a response.

Resolved: following submission of comments to the Clerk by Councillors, the Clerk is to respond to the consultation.

#### 110/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 111/23 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11 February 2024.

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

Ulnes Walton Parish Council

Precept 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

**Budgets**

Salaries	4500
General administration	500
Litter picking	1200
Repairs and replacements	300
Subscriptions & entry fees	50
Room hire	250
Newsletter	100
Elections	0
Grants	1000
Street furniture	300
Insurance	450
Audit fees	90
CIL	2110
Sundries	750
Earmarked reserves	0
General reserve	700
Total	<u>12050</u>

**Funded by**

Estimated balance as at 31.03.24	5705
Add: Proposed precept	6140
Add: Anticipated top up grant	205
	<u>12050</u>