

## ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting)** of the Council Meeting held on 8 December 2025 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present Councillors N Watkinson (Chairman), E Doran, P Sloan and D Williams.

### 92/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J Dalton.

### 9325 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Williams declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 (Third prison).

### 94/25 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2025

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

### 95/25 Residents Surgery

Reports of recent issues with United Utilities vehicles on Willow Road and Wray Crescent speeding, dropping aggregate on the road and attempting to drive anti clockwise around Wray Crescent were provided. Local contact has been established with the United Utilities Site Manager to try to deal with ongoing issues.

Concerns were raised regarding a notice of road closures on the Wymott estate for resurfacing works. Lancashire County Council has advised the works will be carried out in stages to minimise disruption.

A report of damage to safety fencing on a bad corner on Ulnes Walton Lane was provided. Incidents of taller vehicles catching tree branches along Ulnes Walton Lane were reported.

### 96/25 Planning Matters

25/01060/NOT Notice of intention to install 3no. 9m light wooden poles for the provision of fixed line broadband apparatus at Willow Road/Pump House Lane

There were no objections to this application.

### 97/25 Finance

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

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee
£ 74.80	Eccleston Parish Council	Litter picking
£ 367.38	Staff costs	Salary and deductions

### 98/25 2026-27 Precept

The Precept for the forthcoming financial year was considered. A draft budget was presented. Councillors suggested a small increase in the precept which would go towards costs of production and distribution of a newsletter.

Resolved: the Precept for 2025 - 2026 was set at £6490, which will result in an annual increase of £1.00 in the cost of the Parish Council portion of council tax to residents of Band D properties.

#### 99/25 Third Prison

A report from the inaugural Stakeholder Group Meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Justice was provided. Items discussed included the potential reduction in the speed limit along Ulmes Walton Lane to 30mph, traffic calming measures and the need for passing points for larger vehicles. The Ministry of Justice representatives were asked to consider relocating the entrance further along Moss Lane, towards the existing entrance and the closure of Pump House Lane and the access to the play area were also raised.

The new prison is scheduled to open in 2032.

#### 100/25 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

#### 101/25 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to reschedule the next meeting, which would have taken place on 9 February 2026, to Monday 12 January 2026

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