

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on 8 February 2016 in the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

01/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Todd.

02/16 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Dalton, as a member of Chorley Council's Development Control Committee, declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 (Planning Matters).

03/16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2015

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

Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

04/16 Public Participation

The erection of a fence on a property on Leyland Lane was mentioned.

The poor condition of the surface of Holker Lane was reported.

Chorley Council is to carry out improvements to the Wymott play area.

as location of a traffic count on Ulnes Walton Lane, in the vicinity of Lostock Bridge, was mentioned as being unsuitable and a further count at a point past the Old School towards Southport Road is to be requested.

Resolved: Standing Orders were restored.

05/16 Planning Matters

No applications for consideration.

06/16 Finance

i) Precept Request

Evidence of the receipt of the precept request by Chorley Council was presented and noted.

ii) Monitoring Statement

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

iii) Grant Request

A request for assistance for the Old School roof fund was considered.

Resolved: a grant of £500 was awarded.

iv) Payments

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

£ 206.00	A Platt	Salary
£ 51.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE
£ 136.05	Eccleston Parish Council	Litter picking
£ 500.00	Ulnes Walton Charitable Fund Roof Appeal	Notice board

07/16 Internal Audit

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was carried out.

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

i) Councillors considered the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the current financial year.

Resolved: Mr J Lawson was appointed.

ii) The terms of reference for the Internal Audit were reviewed.

Resolved: the terms of reference were approved.

Councillors considered the fee for the internal audit.

Resolved: the fee was set at £60.

08/16 Audit Procurement from 2017

Councillors considered arrangements for audit procurement from 2017. The options available are a Sector Led Body to provide independent audit provision or the Parish Council must undertake to appoint an auditor, involving a rather onerous statutory appointment process.

Resolved: audit provision is to be provided by the Sector Led Body.

09/16. Consultations

A Chorley Council consultation on the proposed budget plans for 2016-17 was considered. There were no comments.

Councillors considered a consultation by Lancashire County Council on the withdrawal of subsidy from local bus services. Councillors agreed to await the results of current negotiations with the bus operators.

10/16 Reports from Outside Bodies

Western Parishes Neighbourhood Area meeting - issues raised included traffic speeds on local roads. Lancashire County Council is assessing the effectiveness of traffic calming measures.

11/16 Date of Next Meeting

14 March 2016.

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