

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on 12 January 2026 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

01/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Dalton and E Doran

02/26 Declarations of Interests

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

03/26 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2025

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

04/26 Residents Surgery

Concerns were raised regarding potential damage to overhead cables caused by high vehicles during the prison construction period.

Disruption of bus services caused by road works for the Prison was raised. Lancashire County Council is to be requested to investigate.

The problem of littering along the lanes was mentioned.

A resident had reported overgrown hedges obstructing the pavement along Southport Road. This had been reported to Lancashire County Council. The resident had also reported the bus stop was in need of tidying.

05/26 Planning Matters

25/01194/FULMAJ Change of use of the land for the siting of static caravans/lodges (including substitution of touring for statics caravans/lodges) at Royal Umpire Caravan Park, Southport Road

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of inappropriate development within the Green belt, pointing out the similarity of this application to a previous application which was refused by both Chorley Council and by the Planning Inspector

25/01196/PIP Permission in principle application for the erection of up to 8 dwellings and associated infrastructure at Land North of Lydiate Farm Cottage, Lydiate Lane

Resolved: an objection on the grounds of inappropriate development within the Green belt is to be submitted

25/01238/DIS Application to discharge condition 25 (Amphibians and Water Voles RAMS), 26 (Plan for Biodiversity Management during Construction) and 28 (Bat Mitigation) attached to planning permission 21/01028/OUTMAJ (Hybrid planning application seeking: Outline planning permission (with all matters reserved except for means of access, parking and landscaping) for a new prison (up to 74,531.71 sqm GEA) (Class C2A) within a secure perimeter fence following demolition of existing buildings and structures and together with associated engineering works; Outline planning permission for a replacement boiler house (with all matters reserved except for access); and Full planning permission for a replacement bowling green and club house (Class F2(c)) on land adjacent to HMP Garth and HMP Wymott, Leyland) at Land Adjacent to HMP Wymott

There were no objections to this application.

25/01252/REMMAJ Reserved matters including appearance, layout, scale and landscaping pursuant to phase 3 of planning permission ref. 21/01028/OUTMAJ for the construction of a new energy centre and executive cabin ancillary to the development of the new prison.

Concerns were raised regarding the parking provision. Currently, car parks are overflowing, with vehicles parking on Moss Lane and estate roads and no evidence has been submitted to demonstrate the 32 bays proposed will be adequate.

Resolved: an objection is to be submitted on the grounds of insufficient information provided on the actual requirements for parking provision..

06/26 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
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£ 367.38	Staff costs (February)	Salary and deductions

07/26 Internal Audit Review

The annual review of the effectiveness of the internal audit and the appointment of an Internal Auditor, in accordance with guidance contained within the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance - Practitioners' Guide (March 2025).was carried out.

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

Resolved: Mrs A Partington was appointed and the fee for the audit was set at £100.00.

08/26 Third Prison

Suggestions for items to be raised at the next Stakeholder Group Meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Justice were discussed. The lack of communication with local residents is a major issue. Contractors installing electricity cables have caused serious problems recently. No notification of these works had been provided. A dedicated contact email address for residents to report issues is required.

The next Community Engagement Forum at HMP Garth will take place on 21 January 2026.

09/26 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

10/26 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 March 2026.

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