

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held on 9 March 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.

11/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Dalton and E Doran

12/26 Declarations of Interests

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

13/26 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2026

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

14/26 Residents Surgery

Damage to the Cross and the seat outside The Old School was reported.

Problems on the Wymott Park Play Area had been reported to Chorley Council.

15/26 Planning Matters

26/00096/DIS Application to discharge conditions 7 (Operational Lighting Scheme - phase 3), 11 (Bowling Green Maintenance Plan), 12 Bowling Green Ground Conditions, Agronomy and Flood Lighting) and 17 (Bowling Green External Lighting Scheme)

26/00113/DIS Application to discharge conditions 20 (Construction Management Plan phases 1 -3), 22 (surface water sustainable drainage strategy phases 2 and 3), 23 (Construction Surface Water Management Plan phases 1-3) and 33 (Historic Building Recording and Analysis written scheme of investigation)

26/00114/DIS Application to discharge conditions 29 (Landscape and Ecology Management Plan) 30 (BNG Phasing Plan), 34 (Ground Contamination phases 2 and 30 and 35 (Ecological and landscape mitigation for A581 junction)

The above applications are all attached to 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 these applications.

16/26 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
£ 149.60	Eccleston Parish Council	Litter picking
£ 438.00	Holmes and Hills	Legal fees
£ 472.36	Staff costs	Salary, reimbursements and deductions

17/26 Risk Assessment

Councillors completed the annual review of the risk assessment in accordance with guidance contained within the publication 'Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2025'. The existing procedures and controls were found to be adequate.

Resolved: the adequacy of the existing controls was noted.

18/26 Third Prison

A report from the latest Stakeholder Group was provided. Contractors installing electricity cables caused serious problems and United Utilities contractors vehicles are impacting on residents and bus services. Concerns were raised regarding the potential impact on bus services when the electrical works are carried out on Ulmes Walton Lane.

Response times of up to 20 days from the psd email address were criticised.

Residents had reported problems with construction vehicles going into the estate. Directional signs had been provided but had been vandalised. These signs are to be replaced.

A request for the support of the MP for answers to queries raised with the Ministry of Justice is to be made.

19/26 Litter

Councillors had recently collected a large number of bags of litter from the lanes and park. It was noted litter is a national problem and contact is to be made with local parish councils for support in raising the problem. Chorley Council is to be asked to provide signage.

21/26 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

22/26 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 20 April 2026.

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