

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting held on 12 May 2025 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

30/25 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Dalton was elected as Chairman for 2025 - 26.

31/25 Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Councillor P Doddenhof. The reason for absence (medical grounds) was accepted.

32/25 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

33/25 Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Doran was elected as Vice Chairman.

34/25 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Meeting - Clerk.

Chorley Liaison - Clerk

Peter Lathom Charity - Cllr Sloan.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils - Clerk

35/25 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 April 2025

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

36/25 Residents Surgery

An invitation, from Wymott Bowling Club, to a meeting to discuss future plans had been received.

Closure of the car sales premises on Southport Road was reported.

37/25 Planning Matters

No applications for consideration.

38/25 Finance

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

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 74.80	Eccleston Parish Council	Litter picking
£ 241.00	Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance premium
£ 163.93	LALC	Annual subscription
£ 100.00	Internal Auditor	Internal audit fee
£ 355.94	Staff costs	Salary and deductions
£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee

39/25 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2025 was considered in accordance with guidance within the publication Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide 2024.

- i) The Internal Auditor's report was noted.
- ii) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- iii) Resolved: the Accounting Statements, having been signed by the Responsible Financial Officer prior to the meeting, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

As gross income or expenditure for the financial year did not exceed £25000 and the remaining criteria for exemption from a limited assurance review were met, Councillors considered certification as exempt from a limited assurance review.

- iv) Resolved: the Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

40/25 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports

41/25 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 June 2025.

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