

ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Council Meeting held on 11 May 2026 in The Old School, Ulnes Wal

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

36/26 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Watkinson was elected as Chairman for 2026-27.

33/25 Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Williams was elected as Vice Chairman.

34/26 Apologies for Absence

None received.

35/26 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Williams declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 (Third Prison).

36/26 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Meeting - Clerk.

Chorley Liaison - Clerk.

Peter Lathom Charity - Cllrs Doran and Sloan. As there is a vacancy, Cllr Watkinson is to be nominated for co-option.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils Chorley Area Committee - Clerk.

41/26 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 April 2026

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

42/26 Residents Surgery

Weeds at the front of The Old School were reported. This is to be passed on to the Trustees of the building.

A resident had suggested an area of land on Wray Crescent, which is to be auctioned later this month, should be purchased to provide allotment land. Councillors felt the cost of purchase would far exceed the Council's resources however, the Ministry of Justice could be asked to investigate the possibility of providing a piece of land in the future.

The damaged tree on the Wymott Park Play Area has been dealt with by Chorley Council however, the swings have yet to be replaced.

43/26 Planning Matters

26/00358/FULHH at Four Acres, Ulnes Walton Lane. Councillors expressed concerns regarding the lack of information to support overdevelopment of an agricultural workers dwelling

Resolved: Concerns regarding the lack of reasoning for overdevelopment of an agricultural workers dwelling provided in the application are to be raised.

44/26 Finance

i) Resolved: the current Monitoring Statement was approved.

ii) Resolved: the following payments were approved:

£ 30.36	Easy Websites	Monthly fee
£ 78.90	Eccleston Parish Council	Litter picking
£ 241.00	Zurich Municipal	Annual insurance policy
£ 165.50	Lancashire Association of Local Councils	Annual subscription
£ 367.38	Staff costs	Salary and deductions

41/26 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2026 was considered.

i) Resolved: the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

ii) 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.

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

42/26 Third Prison

Items for to be raised at the next Stakeholder meeting were discussed. It was noted information and consultations were not delivered to properties at the North of Ulmes Walton Lane, which will also be seriously affected. The speed limit along Ulmes Walton Lane should be reduced to 30mph via Lancashire County Council putting a Traffic Regulation Order in place and a mini roundabout at the junction of Ulmes Walton Lane with Moss Lane would help with traffic flow and reduce speed. Care also needs to be taken that lighting of the construction areas, car parks etc is not directed towards any residential properties.

43/26 Reports from Outside Bodies

Chorley Liaison - an update was provided on Lancashire County Council's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Programme and Chorley Council provided information on its Climate Change Programme and its Town of Culture bid.

44/26 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8 June 2026.

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