

## ULNES WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT MINUTES (subject to approval at the next meeting)** of the Annual Council Meeting held on 13 May 2024 in The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton commencing at 7.00 pm.

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

### 29/24 Election of Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Dalton was elected as Chairman for 2024 - 25.

### 30/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Sloan.

### 31/24 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

### 32/24 Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved: Cllr Doran was elected as Vice Chairman.

### 33/24 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Chorley Council Western Parishes Neighbourhood Meeting - Cllr Doddenhof.

Peter Lathom Charity - Cllr Sloan.

### 34/24 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 April 2024

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

### 35/24 Residents Surgery

A pothole, by a collapsed surface water drain on Ulnes Walton Lane, had been reported via Lancashire County Council's Love Clean Street app and repaired very quickly. Residents are to be encouraged to use the app wherever possible.

A loose manhole cover on Lostock Bridge was reported.

It was mentioned several reports of mud on the road surface along Ulnes Walton Lane had been sent to Lancashire County Council.

### 36/24 Planning Matters

24/00331/PIP Permission in principle application for a minimum of 1no. dwelling and a maximum of 2no. dwellings at The Yard, 243A Southport Road

Councillors had no objections to this application.

### 37/24 Finance

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

ii) Pending the opening of a new bank account, the following payments were approved:

£ 241.00	Zurich Insurance	Annual insurance premium
£ 80.00	A Partington	Internal audit fee

### 38/24 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2024 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.

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.

### 39/24 Reports from Outside Bodies

No reports.

### 40/24 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 June 2024.

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