

# **OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

*Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 PM in the Village Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008.*

## **MINUTES**

*The meeting started at 7.33*

*Present were Cllr's Street (Chairman), Holmes ( Vice Chair), Davison, Mason, Berrisford, Weston, Barnes, Hawkins and Littler. B. C. G Walton was present for the whole meeting. Mr Brian Coutts resident and Mr Steven Coutts resident left after item 08/15.*

*08/13 - apologies - none received.*

*08/14 - absences - Cllr J Roberts.*

*08/15 - the Chairman welcomed B.C. Walton and residents.*

- (i) B.C. Walton gave a brief report on the timetable that will split Cheshire into Cheshire East & Cheshire West as Unitary Authorities. The order to split Cheshire has already been signed. A new Shadow Authority will be in place by May 2008 this will provide a link with the old & the new. In 2011 there will be all out elections.*
- (ii) Mr Brian Coutts outlined the changes that had been made to the new planning application for a Golf Driving Range and Pitch & Putt at Beeches Farm, Ollerton. Mr Coutts also spoke of his hope that the Golf Driving Range would be viewed as a facility for the village. Mr B Coutts has indicated that he will be responding to the letter from the Parish Council.*

*08/16 - disclosure of interest - Cllr's Street, Littler & BC Walton informed the P.C. of their intention to withdraw when planning application no. 08/0332P was discussed.*

*08/17 - the minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were approved and signed.*

*08/18 - **Matters arising***

- (i) A project " to support the community" - it was agreed that affordable housing should be the first project. However, the survey results will indicate whether this will be a suitable project. Cllr Littler advised the P.C. that the playing field site could not be used for building. Mr Bob Vass will inform Cllr Littler of the survey results as soon as they are available.*
- (ii) Replacement Cheshire Fencing - Cllr Littler reported that phase 1 will be completed by 31/3/08 and that 100% funding had been found for the project. Phase 2 will be an ongoing project for the next financial year - M.B.C. may well fund 50% of the cost. Cllr Littler will continue to look for funding. The Clerk will make a provision in the accounts for the remaining costs and also*

arrange insurance for the new section of fencing. Phase 3 will be the sections of fencing in Sandebridge Lane.

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- (iii) re: Letter of complaint from the Coutts Family - Cllr D Hawkins apologised to the P. C. for the length of time it had taken to reply to the Coutts family.
- (iv) Fire Hydrant Location Plan - no progress made - Cllr Littler will raise the subject at the next "Cluster" event on 8<sup>th</sup> April 08.
- (v) School Lane drainage - an order has been placed for the work to be done in the new Financial Year.

#### 08/19 - **Sub - Committees**

**Planning** - a report was given as per planning monitor distributed at the meeting - Cllr's Street, Littler & B.C. Walton withdrew whilst planning application no. 08/0332P was discussed.

**MOW Vision project** - planning permission for the new village hall has been granted. Cllr Hawkins thanked Cllr Street for the positive summary he gave in favour of the new village hall at the open meeting held in February. Cllr Street also emphasised the need to grasp this once in a lifetime opportunity. A similar message was given at the MBC Planning Committee review of the planning application and was a great help in gaining us planning approval. Cllr Hawkins reported that fundraising has to date raised £33,000.00 towards the £100,000.00 target.

The Chairman congratulated the MOW Group on the progress made to date.

**Village Design Statement** - work is still ongoing, AstraZeneca has declined to design & print the design statement booklet but will design & print the "Information Pack" which the Communications and Events action team are preparing.

Thanks to an application from the Communications and Events action team Cheshire Community Council has made a grant of £2695.00 towards projection equipment for the new village hall. The Chairman welcomed this contribution to the funds.

#### 08/20 - **Finance**

- (i) Bank Balances - Parish Accounts = £6846.31 Parish Plan Account = = £2909.89.
- (ii) Cheques were approved and signed totalling £905.13.

#### 08/21 - **Correspondence - circulated file no 2**

- (i) Hacker Young - letter from resigning auditors.
- (ii) "What's On" March issue.
- (iii) Agenda for standards meeting to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
- (iv) Clerks & Councils Direct.

- (v) *“Enjoy England” celebrate St George’s Day.*
- (vi) *E -Planning seminar - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008 - Northwich Memorial Hall.*
- (vii) *Invitation to meet - Manchester Airport-Parish Council Meetings 2008 - Cllr’s Barnes & Littler will attend the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.*
- (viii) *Cheshire Community Council’s Spring Members Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 at Kingsley Community Centre - RSVP*
- (ix) *The North West Plan - Partial Review.*

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- (x) *Notice of meetings of the M.B. Council Committees*
- (xi) *Local “Cluster” Event - Bucklow Electoral Division - Tues 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 - Cllr’s Street & Littler to attend.*

**Circulation File 3**

- (xii) *M.B.C. letter re: Local Government Reorganisation.*
- (xiii) *Notification that the Chief Executive of The Standards Board has resigned.*
- (xiv) *Booklet “ways to tackle climate Change”*
- (xv) *Communication from Mr Scott*
- (xvi) *Live Theatre Program*
- (xvii) *Consultation Booklet - Orders & Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members & Cllr Holmes reply.*

**08/22 - Any other business.**

- (i) *Election arrangements - candidates packs were handed out to all members who wished to continue in office. Cllr E Davison will stand down. Cllr Street thanked Cllr Davison for her 29 years of service to Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council.*
- (ii) *Training Certificates - any member of the P.C. who holds a training certificate please hand them to the Clerk - Cllr Holmes will ascertain whether copy certificates can be issued by CHALC.*
- (iii) *It was agreed to continue to subscribe to the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. Cost £28.00.*
- (iv) *Best Kept Village Competition - Ollerton with Marthall P C will not be entering the competition this year due to other commitments.*
- (v) *Cllr Littler reported that the seat under the tree at the Old School must be replaced on health & safety grounds. Cllr Litter will provide a costing for the next meeting.*
- (vi) *Code of Conduct DVD - the Clerk will arrange to obtain a copy.*

**08/23 - the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 will be the Annual General Meeting**

*and the Annual Parish meeting*

meeting finished at 9.30PM

**Cheques approved and signed - total £905.13**

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| <i>Clerks Sal, Exp &amp; Accommodation</i> | <i>£566.02</i> |
| <i>Inland Revenue</i>                      | <i>£132.99</i> |
| <i>Expenses Cllr A Street</i>              | <i>£ 93.15</i> |
| <i>CHALC</i>                               | <i>£ 50.00</i> |
| <i>Expenses Cllr Weston</i>                | <i>£ 62.97</i> |