

OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th JAN 2007 at Ollerton,Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall, 7.30pm

Meeting started at 7.30 PM

Present – Cllrs A. Street (Chair) G. Mason, G Littler, R. Weston, R.Barnes, E. Davison

07/01 - Apologies for Absence – Cllrs J. Holmes, G, Hodkinson, D. Hawkins & J Roberts.

07/02 – Absences - it was resolved that Cllrs J. Holmes, G, Hodkinson, D. Hawkins & J Roberts would not be marked as absent.

07/03 – Declaration of interest – Cllrs A.Street & G. Littler declared an interest in the forthcoming planning application for a Golf Driving Range in the Parish of Ollerton.

07/04 – Matters arising – Parish signs.

(i) Cllr A. Street agreed to cut down the vegetation over growing the boundary sign on Marthall Lane.

(ii) Cllr G. Mason agreed to cost and replace the signs on Sandlebridge Lane and Seven Sisters Lane. Cllr G. Mason was authorized to spend up to £1500.00 on this project.

(iii) The Clerk will write to CCC Highways to advise them that the sign at Hall Lane formerly Potts lane has disappeared.

(iv) All signs have been insured “All Risks” at a cost of £13.60 p.a.

07/05 – Financial Regulations – It was agreed to adopt Issue one (November 2006) Financial Regulations.

07/06 – Parish Maintenance.

(i) Sponsor a fence – a report was given.

(ii) Seat at the old school – materials have been purchased and repairs will be completed soon.

(iii) The Clerk will contact Rod Brown at CCC Highway to ascertain when requested repairs to Sandlebridge Lane are to be undertaken.

(iv) Bus Shelter repairs will commence as soon as the weather permits.

(v) It was reported that all the keys to the notice boards now all work properly.

(vi) It was agreed that Cllr G. Mason will seal the Village Hall notice board and Cllr A. Street will supply a new back board.

Sub Committee Reports

07/07 - Community Pride – Cllr Littler reported that the Village Hall Management Committee are not in favour of having planters at the Village hall. It was agreed to “ring fence “ the prize money of £150.00 until another way of commemorating the win can be agreed.

It was agreed to enter for the 2007 competition.

07/08 - Parish Plan.

It was reported that Bron Kerrigan from Chester Community Council suggested some changes to the draft Parish Plan. The Steering Committee will report in due course.

The Parish Plan Steering Committee is still to appoint a Chairman.

07/09 - Planning – Planning Monitor Attached.

06/2502P – Refused

06/2526P – Approved with conditions

06/2561P – Approved with conditions

06/2606P - Approved

06/2666P – Approved

06/2691P - Approved with conditions

06/2866P, 06/2865P, 06/2936P & 06/3021P comments as per Planning Monitor.

07/10 - Proposed Driving Range – Update

It was reported that the Couatts family is being advised by the Emery Planning Partnership and the Village Action Group by Taylor Young.

A report was given as to the activities of these various groups.

It was agreed that Cllr's G.Mason, R. Weston & J. Holmes would consider the application.

Cllr's A.Street & G.Littler withdrew whilst this matter was discussed.

The proposed size of the driving range is 2-4 acres. Mr. B Couatts volunteered that the planners do not like the proposed lighting and this has been changed to combat any criticism. The Parish council will have 3 minutes to speak for or against the proposal at a public planning meeting should the Local Planning Authority take that course.

07/11 – Financial Matters.

(i) Bank Balances - C.A. £810.50 & D.A. £10452.68.

(ii) Payments were authorized and cheques signed as per attached sheet.

(iii) It was agreed to sign the Annual Return for 31/3/06

(iv) A letter was signed authorizing a transfer of £1000.00 from Deposit to Current account

(v) The Precept requirement for 2007/8 was agreed at £6300.00.

(vi) It was agreed to send a donation to the C.P.R.E. of £25.00.

07/12 - Correspondence

White Paper A Strong and Prosperous Community.

Cllr G. Littler agreed to look at this document and report back to the Parish Council.

Mayor's "at Homes" 2007 – It was agreed that Cllr's G.Mason, A. Street will attend the Knutsford meeting on Monday 5th March 2007.

Subsequently - Cllr A. Street cannot attend.

A Special Festival Service to celebrate Cheshire's Town & Parish Councils at Chester Cathedral on Sunday 25th March 2007.

Cllr's G. Littler & A. Street to attend.

Subsequently - Cllr A. Street cannot attend.

07/13 - CHALC – Next Meeting 7.30 pm 15th February 2007 at The Village Hall. Cllr J. Holmes and the Clerk to attend. Cllr G. Littler to provide the refreshments.

07/14 - Green Issues – It was agreed that 250 swell packs donated to the Parish will be distributed with the Parish Plan Documents. Cllr's G.Littler & E. Davison to draft a letter.

07/15 - Hedges.

Overgrown hedges- McKenna's - Cllr R. Barnes will talk to the owners.

- Raffy - Cllr G. Mason will draft a letter.

Overhanging tree at Ollerton Cross Roads - Cllr E. Davison to talk to the owners to ascertain the status of the tree.

07/16 – Dates for forthcoming Parish meetings were agreed as – 19/03/07, 14/05/07, 16/07/07, 17/09/07, 19/11/07 and 21/01/08.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

