

# OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 2005 at Ollerton, Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall, 7.30pm

**Present: Cllrs Barnes, Hawkins, Hodkinson, Holmes, Littler, Mason (Chairman), Roberts, Street & Weston.**

County Cllr Wilkinson & Borough Cllr Fisher attended the meeting. John Wilson, Parish Clerk, took the minutes of the meeting.

### **05/048 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Davison.

### **05/049 Absences**

Cllr Davison was unable to attend due to a work commitment.

### **05/050 Disclosures of interest**

Cllrs Littler & Weston declared a personal interest in agenda item 15 concerning Ollerton, Marthall and Little Warford Village Hall.

### **05/051 Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman**

**Resolved** by unanimous vote that Cllr Mason serves as Chairman.

**Resolved** by unanimous vote that Cllr Holmes serves as Vice Chairman.

### **05/052 Election of standing committees**

**Resolved** that Cllrs Hodkinson, Street & Weston serve as members of the Planning Sub-Committee.

**Resolved** that Cllrs Holmes & Littler serve as members of the Community Pride Sub-Committee.

**Resolved** that Cllr Hawkins & Holmes serve as members of the Parish Plan Sub-Committee.

Note: Under Standing Order 9.2 the Chairman is an ex-officio member of every committee.

### **05/053 Appointment of representatives**

**Resolved** that specific members represent the Council as follows:

Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Cllrs Street & Weston
Community Care	Cllr Hawkins
Council for Protection of Rural England	Cllrs Barnes & Davison
Highways	Cllr Littler
Homewatch	Cllrs Mason & Roberts
Macclesfield Area Forum	Cllr Hawkins
Manchester Airport	Cllr Barnes
Manweb	Cllr Littler
Police Forum	Cllrs Holmes & Littler
Rural Transport	Cllr Hodkinson
Tree Warden	Cllr Davison
Village Website	Cllr Littler

Note: Cllr Davison's appointments are subject to her confirmation of willingness to serve.

**Resolved** that Cllr Hawkins serves as Communications Officer.

### **05/054 To consider and approve minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2005**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21.3.05 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**05/055 Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 21st March 2005**

None

**05/056 Sub-committee reports - Planning [05/030]**

- 02/1472P Pear Tree Farmlands. Conversion of barns to seven dwellings. This has gone to appeal. The Parish Council has written expressing support qualified only by concerns about access. Appeal result awaited.
- 03/1953P Paintball Business, Windmill Wood. Following the appeal decision that all paintball activities are to cease and the site is to be cleared, recent local press reports indicate that the proprietor intends to continue with operations on the site. The Council has received further complaints from residents. The Council will write to the Chief Planning Officer to keep him informed.
- 05/0492P Four Seasons, Ollerton. Link Trading. Retention of storage & distribution depot. Recommend refusal.
- 05/0550P Land adjacent to Egerton Arms. Mr R Scott. Construction of farm track. Recommend refusal.
- 05/0622P Firtree Farm, Carter Lane, Marthall. Mr & Mrs D R Gale. Erection of stable block with tack room. Recommend approval.
- 05/0670P Firtree Farm, Carter Lane, Chelford. Mr S Rushton. Single storey extension and erection of chimney. Recommend approval.
- 05/0823P Field 8868, Firtree Farm, Marthall Lane, Marthall. J E & P I Stanier. Erection of agricultural building. Recommend approval.
- 05/0841P Sundown, Chelford Road, Ollerton. Mrs S D Cooper. Renewal of application 03/1853P & removal of condition 2 to allow permanent change of use of summerhouse to dog grooming business. Recommend approval with retention of condition 2 and request for change to signage.
- 05/0859P Land adjacent to Egerton Arms. Mr R Scott. Construction of farm track to access low lying ground. Recommend refusal.

**Resolved** that the recommendations of the Planning Sub-committee be adopted.

**Resolved** that Borough Cllr Fisher be circulated with copies of the Council's responses to planning applications to enable him to advise if delegated decisions pending are expected to contradict the Council's recommendations.

**Resolved** that the Council's understanding that a caravan in Lower Moss Wood is being used as a dwelling be brought to the attention of the Chief Planning Officer.

**05/057 Sub-committee reports - Community Pride [05/033]**

A 'clean up' day involving local residents had been organised by the Council. This had been a successful event.

**05/058 Sub-Committee Reports - Parish Plan [05/031]**

The open meeting held to introduce residents to the concept of a Parish Plan was attended by 40 people. A further meeting is planned, provisionally for 7.7.05, for the first meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Committee, membership of which is to be drawn from local residents and representatives of community groups that express an interest. It was reported that Cheshire County Council has offered funding of £1,000 to enable the Steering Committee to produce a Parish Plan.

**05/059 Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2005**

The Clerk presented the Council's accounts for the year together with copies of the Annual Return for inspection by members.

**Resolved** that the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005 are approved, and to be reported in the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2005.

The Clerk read the Statement of Assurance item by item for members to consider and answer.

**Resolved** that the Council agrees in the affirmative to all items in the Statement of Assurance included in the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2005..

**05/060 Bus shelter** [05/034]

**Resolved** that Cllrs Littler and Roberts progress plans for repair of the bus shelter.

**05/061 Highways** [05/035]

**Resolved** that Macclesfield BC is asked to replace the village boundary sign on Seven Sisters Road and the Hall Lane sign at the School Lane end.

**Resolved** that the Council requests Joint Highways to install 'red zone' road markings at Marthall crossroads.

**Resolved** that the Council requests Joint Highways to reinstate white centre lines along the length of Sandebridge Lane.

**05/062 M6 Expressway** [05/036]

The Cheshire Forum of M6 Councillors has invited the Council to participate in its consideration of M6 development plans.. It is understood that the Forum intends to oppose the construction of a new Expressway. It was agreed that the Council has yet to form a view, and that Cllr Roberts will attend Forum meetings to gather information for future report to the Council.

**05/063 Risk Assessment** [05/037]

The Clerk presented a draft risk assessment for the Council's consideration.

**Resolved** that the Council approves the risk assessment which will be reviewed annually.

**05/064 Quality Parish Council status** [05/038]

Chalky White, Development Officer of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils, is not available to attend the July meeting of the Council. Arrangements for attending a seminar by CALC are to be investigated.

**05/065 Ollerton, Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall** [05/039]

The Council has written to the Village Hall Management Committee inviting an application for financial support. A response is awaited.

**05/066 Parish notice boards** [05/041]

Cllr Holmes is applying for the consents necessary for relocating the Ollerton crossroads notice board to the other side of the road.

**05/067 Macclesfield College - Survey of Adult Education in Rural Areas** [05/042]

Cllr Weston has completed and returned the questionnaire to Macclesfield College offering the Council's assistance with distribution of questionnaires to residents.

**05/068 Consultation on Draft Code of Conduct for Members** [05/043]

Cllr Holmes is responding to the consultation.

**05/069 Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Bill**

A letter introducing the bill has been received from DEFRA. It was agreed that measures under the bill may have relevance to some local situations, and that a copy would be forwarded to Borough Cllr Fisher for his information.

**05/070 Authorisation of payments**

Cllr G Hodgkinson	Mileage allowance only for attendance at Cheshire Planning Forum	£ 15.00
Ches Ass Local Cncls	Clerk's training course fee	£ 20.00
Cllr R Weston	Envelopes for Parish Plan flyer distribution	£ 10.00
Allianz Cornhill	Annual insurance premium 1.6.05 - 31.5.06	£ 302.69
J D Wilson	Clerk's wages/expenses for April 2005	£ 255.56
Ches Comm Council	Annual membership for year ending 31.3.06	£ 11.50
Ches Ass Local Cncls	Annual subscription	<u>£ 87.87</u>
		<u>£ 702.62</u>

**Resolved** that the above are authorised for payment.

**05/071 Correspondence**

- UHY Hacker Young (external auditor) - request that any members for whom the external auditor acts personally to bring the fact to the auditor's attention
- Mayor, Macclesfield BC - offer to attend parish events, appeal for support of the Mayor's Charity Fund, invitation to apply for Charity Fund support
- Cheshire Rural Trust - information on small grants to relieve personal hardship and support community groups
- Cheshire CC - change of address of Highways & Transportation Area Office to Cheshire Cuntly Council, Engineering Service, acclesfield Area Office, London Road, Lyme Green, Macclesfield, SK11 0JX - 24hr 'phone service 0845 111 0315, fax 01260 251500, e-mail [engm@cheshire.gov.uk](mailto:engm@cheshire.gov.uk)
- Guide to taking part in Trafalgar Weekend 21-23.10.05
- Macclesfield BC notification of used bulbs available from MBC floral beds
- Notification of Macclesfield BC Statement of Community Involvement consultation
- The Standards Board for England - Re allegation that Cllr George Littler had failed to treat others with respect and brought his office or authority into disrepute. Outcome: The Ethical Standards Officer found no evidence of any failure to comply with the Code of Conduct.

**05/072 Other comments, questions and reports**

- It was confirmed that news of village events, such as the 'Clean Up' days, were being fed through to the Village Website. The Clerk confirmed that minutes of Council meetings have been submitted for inclusion in the site.
- It was noted that Cllr Sayle's absence from the Council meeting on 22.11.04 was due to the Clerk having failed to send him a summons to the meeting.

**05/073 Salary review of Council employees**

**Resolved** that the Clerk's hourly rate is to be increased to £8.50 per hour from 1.4.05.

**05/074 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 25th July 2005 at Ollerton, Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall.

**Certified as a true and accurate record of the meeting, subject to any approved corrections recorded**

**in the minutes of the next meeting ..... Chairman**

**Date .....**

## **ACTION LIST RESULTING FROM MEETING ON 16.5.05**

### **Cllr Barnes**

[None]

### **Cllr Davison**

[None]

### **Cllr Hodkinson**

[None]

### **Cllr Holmes**

1. Obtain consents to relocate notice board at Ollerton crossroads.
2. Respond to consultation on Draft Code for Members.

### **Cllr Littler**

1. Progress bus shelter repairs (with Cllr Roberts).
2. Prepare (with clerk) letters to Highways requesting installation of red zone markings at Marthall crossroads and reinstatement of white lines on Sandlebridge Lane.
3. Prepare (with clerk) letter to MBC requesting replacement Hall Lane sign at School Lane end.
4. Follow up MBC offer of free bulbs.

### **Cllr Mason**

[None]

### **Cllr Roberts**

1. Progress bus shelter repairs (with Cllr Littler).
2. Attend Cheshire Forum of M6 Councillors and report back.

### **Cllr Street**

1. Draft letters to CPO re paintball complaint and use of caravan in Lower Moss Wood.

### **Cllr Weston**

1. Chase up letter from Village Hall Management Committee re support (?).

### **Clerk**

1. Submit to webmaster:
  - Minutes of meeting 21.3.05
  - List of members and contact details
  - Dates of future meetings
2. Copy DEFRA letter to Bor Cllr Fisher.