

# OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH 2005 at Ollerton, Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall, 7.30pm

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

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

### **05/024 Election of new member**

It was noted that Mr David Hawkins had been elected to serve as councillor for the Marthall Ward at the election held in March. The Clerk has yet to receive formal notification of the result.

### **05/025 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Davison & Hawkins.

### **05/026 Absences**

Cllr Davison was on holiday. Cllr Hawkins was abroad on business.

### **05/027 Disclosures of interest**

Cllrs Littler & Weston declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 13 concerning Ollerton, Marthall and Little Warford Village Hall.

### **05/028 To consider and approve minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2005**

**Resolved** that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 24.1.05.

### **05/029 Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 24th January 2005**

[05/021] The Statement of Licensing Policy received from Macclesfield Borough Council had been studied by the Chairman of the Planning Sub-committee. It was reported that, whilst planning and licensing are dealt with separately by Macclesfield BC, there could be planning implications in specific licence applications. The policy also carries implications for the Village Hall. Accordingly, the policy statement had been passed to the Village Hall Management Committee with the suggestion it makes representations to Macclesfield BC for possible endorsement by the Parish Council.

### **05/030 Sub-committee reports - Planning**

A draft version of the Planning Applications Monitor had been circulated with the agenda. An updated version was tabled at the meeting.

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| 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.   |
| 03/1953P | Paintball Business, Windmill Wood. The appeal against rejection of the application for retention of use has been turned down. The appellant has been instructed to cease all activities within 4 months and to clear the site within a further 2 months. |
| 04/3174P | 1 Sandlebridge Rise, Little Warford. Two storey extension. Recommend approval.   |
| 04/3195P | Land adjacent to Egerton Arms. Extension of farm track. Concern expressed re necessity and proximity to dwellings in Dixon Drive.  |
| 05/002T  | Works to trees in conservation area. Macclesfield BC has advised that it does not normally consult parish councils on applications for works to trees, although it would consult on such matters if they were deemed to be major works.                  |

- 05/0246P 10 Woods Close, Ollerton. First floor front & rear extensions. Recommend approval.
- Other (i) Farm dumps. Despoilation of the area with old farm machinery has been raised with Macclesfield BC. Response is awaited. It was noted that Maria Cotton is the Enforcement Officer dealing with such matters at Cheshire County Council.  
(ii) Wildlife Corridor. The new conservation officer at Macclesfield BC has met with members to consider the possibility of establishing a wildlife corridor. The officer agrees that this would be a good idea and has offered some financial resource to assist with the project. The chances for gaining grant support would be enhanced by incorporation of the proposals in the Parish Plan.  
(iii) Delegated decisions. Procedures relating to planning decisions delegated to officers in the Planning Department of Macclesfield BC are not wholly clear. It was agreed that the national guidance on this procedure would be checked.

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

**05/031 Sub-committee reports - Parish Plan [05/008]**

A draft flyer has been produced for distribution to residents introducing the initiative to develop the Parish Plan.

**Resolved** that the flyer is approved for circulation.

**05/032 Sub-committee reports - Village Web Site [05/009]**

A draft text *Your Parish Council* has been produced for the website explaining the role of the parish council.

**Resolved** that the text *Your Parish Council* is approved for submission to the webmaster subject to a final edit.

It was also suggested that the site could include a hyperlink to Macclesfield BC Planning (where the current status of all planning applications is accessible).

**Resolved** that the Clerk recommends to the webmaster incorporation in the Village Website of a hyperlink to Macclesfield BC Planning

**05/033 Sub-committee reports - Community Pride**

A joint entry in the 2005 competition has been made for Ollerton and Marthall.

**05/034 Bus shelter [05/012]**

**Resolved** that both replacement and repair options for the bus shelter structure be investigated further for report at the next meeting.

**05/035 Traffic calming [05/013]**

It was noted that red road markings have been installed at Ollerton cross-road as a part of the Recent road resurfacing works. No further action is required.

**05/036 M6 Expressway [05/014]**

No formal information has been received since the last meeting.

**05/037 Risk Assessment [05/015]**

The Clerk reported that the risk assessment will be completed before the end of the month.

**05/038 Quality Parish Council status [05/016]**

With a view to gaining the AQA qualification, the Clerk has attended the first three of the six courses run by the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (basic induction, roles & responsibilities & planning).

The Council has received an offer from Chalky White, Development Officer of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils, to speak to members about Quality Parish Council accreditation.

**Resolved** that the Clerk invites Chalky White of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils to address the Council on the subject of Quality Parish Councils at the July meeting.

**05/039 Ollerton, Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall [05/017]**

Cllrs Littler and Weston left the room whilst this item was discussed.

A letter of appeal for support has been received from the Chairman of the Management Committee enclosing a statement of affairs. It was generally agreed that the Village Hall was an Important community asset, and that the Council ought to do what it could to support the facility. It was agreed that some kind of one-off payment in support of some specific expense could be considered this year, and that residents should be consulted about ongoing support for future funded from the precept.

**Resolved** that the Clerk writes to the Chairman of the Management Committee setting out the Council's views.

**05/040 Macclesfield BC Standards Committee**

The vacancy on the Standards Committee was filled by drawing a nominee's name "from a hat". It was noted that Cllr Holmes' nomination had not been successful.

**05/041 Parish noticeboards**

**Resolved** that the noticeboard at Ollerton cross-roads is to be moved to a suitable position on the opposite side of the road.

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

Macclesfield College is carrying out a survey into educational opportunities in rural areas with particular emphasis on adults, and seeks the Council's advice on how to distribute the questionnaires.

**Resolved** that the Council will assist Macclesfield College in distributing the questionnaires.

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

Debate held over to the next meeting.

**05/044 Authorisation of payments**

Cllr A T Street	Reimbursement of post & telephone expenses	£ 11.07
Ches Ass Local Cncls	Course fees for Clerk	£ 60.00
Ches Ass Local Cncls	Governance & Accountability Manual	£ 16.99
J D Wilson, Clerk	Wages & expenses Jan/Feb/Mar 2005	£707.82
Ches Comm Cncl	Entry fee for Community Pride Competition	£ 19.00
Macclesfield BC	Election expenses	£893.02
Marthall Village Hall	Hire of hall for meetings for 2005	£110.00

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

**05/045 Correspondence**

- Health & Safety Executive - Advice on paddling and swimming pool safety.
- Macclesfield BC - 'Partnership for a Safe Borough' - Community Safety Audit Report 2004.
- Cheshire Association of Local Councils - Invitation to nominate a member to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 14.7.05.
- Cheshire County Council - Response from Engineering Services re highway maintenance matters.
- Macclesfield BC - Responsible Dog Ownership Initiative - Draft Dog Management Policy.
- Macclesfield BC - Spring Clean Events 2005.
- Cheshire Building Society - Establishment of credit union.
- East Cheshire NHS Trust - Patient & Public Involvement Forum - Invitation to networking event on 31.3.05.

**05/046 Other comments, questions and reports**

None.

**05/047 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting, and will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 16th May 2005 at Ollerton, Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall.

Meeting closed 10.05pm.

**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 .....**