

OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th November 2006 at Ollerton, Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall.

Meeting started at 7.34 PM.

Present – Cllrs. A. Street (Chair) J. Holmes, G. Mason, G. Littler, J. Roberts, D. Hawkins, L. Davison, R. Barnes, R. Weston & S. Cannings (clerk).
B.Cllr T. Fisher & C.C. S. Wilkinson also attended.

The Chairman, Cllr Street, welcomed the new Parish Clerk Mrs Sue Cannings to her first meeting with Ollerton and Marthall Parish Council.

06/26 Apologies for absence. G Hodkinson for health reasons

06/27 Absences

It was resolved that Cllr. Hodkinson would not be marked as absent

06/28 Declaration of Interests.

None.

06/29 Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2006 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chairman.

06/30 Matters Arising from the meeting held on 18th September 2006.

Version 3 of the Financial Standing Orders has been agreed and adopted by the Parish Council. **Action - The Clerk will distribute the agreed version before the next meeting.**

Cllr R. Weston reported that the Planning sub-committees lack of filing space has now been resolved.

06/31 Risk Assessment.

It was agreed that Clls. R. Weston & G. Hodkinson would review the situation and report at the next meeting.

06/32 Community Pride.

It was reported that Ollerton with Marthall Parish were runners-up in the annual 'Building Community Life Competition' sponsored by Calor. This assesses village 'vibrancy'. A cheque for £150.00 and a plaque have been presented to the P. C. In the "Best kept village" competition the Parish came 6th in class, down on last years 5th place. Cllr G Littler gave a report on the judge's comments. It was agreed that Ollerton with Marthall should enter the 'Building Community Life' and the Best Kept Village' sections of the 'Community Pride Competition' again next year.

Extend – Building Community Life Competition - Sponsor a Fence - It was agreed that Cllr Littler would progress the plan with C.C.C. for help in replacing damaged Cheshire fencing and a paint grant. The plan would also involve members of the community sponsoring a section of fence at Marthall Crossroads (Sandhole Lane/Chelford Road.)
Healthy Living – It had been determined that this initiative is currently restricted to Knutsford but the organizers have agreed that, should this change, they will contact Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council.

06/33 -Parish Plan.

It was reported that a draft plan has been written and all bodies are working to improve on it. However the completion date for the plan has been put back until next year. It was reported that the Steering Committee team will have to elect a new Chairman.

06/34 - Village Hall.

An application for lottery funding, for improvements to village hall, will be submitted this week. It was reported that a local Company, Brighthouse Construction has been supporting the application and giving free advice.

06/35 – Planning.

A report was given by Cllr R. Weston.

O6/0803P - Application approved with many conditions.

O6/0143P - Applicant waiting decision.

O6/2259P - Application approved.

O6/2376P - Application refused.

O6/2526P - No objection.

O6/2561P - Concern about the renewal of this application. Now in its 11th year.

O6/2691P – Concerns on size of stable block. Support the concessionary route for public footpath.

It was reported that Mr. B Cootes application for a driving range will be published at the end of November.

It was agreed to co-opt Cllr J Holmes onto the planning sub committee to help with this application.

06/36 - Insurance.

Alliaz Cornhill Insurance plc – Required a breakdown of the street furniture valued at £3158.00. It was agreed that the following values should be applied.

Wood Seat £250.00, Bus Shelter £1500.00, 3 x notice boards totalling £900.00 and 8 village signs totalling £508.00.

Action – clerk will write to Insurance Co.

06/37 – Financial Matters.

The following listed items were authorized for payment.

Expenses - Cllr R. Weston - £66.83

Expenses - Chairman A. Street - £73.63

Various - Cllr G. Littler - £74.70

Expenses - J. Holmes - £80.32

Travel - Cllr R. Weston – £21.42

Various - Chairman A. Street - £45.89
ChALC - Training - £120.00. **Following the meeting the Clerk has requested a copy invoice to cover this pmt.**

It was also agreed that the Clerk should pay P. Adshead £150.00 for mowing upon receipt of an invoice.

Mandate – It was agreed that Chairman A. Street, Cllr. J. Holmes and the Clerk should be added to the authorised signatory list and that the Clerk be authorised to transfer funds up to £500.00 between the bank accounts.

Subsequently the bank has advised that 2 signatures are required for all transactions.

06/38 Parish Maintenance.

- (i) Cllr Littler reported that the seat around the tree near the old school is in need of repair. **Action Cllr Littler agreed to undertake the repairs.**
- (ii) It was reported that the white lines at the junction of Pinfold Lane and Sandlebridge Lane need to be renewed and that the white lines on the main A537 Chelford Road are also worn. **Action - The Clerk will contact Rod Brown.**

06/39 - Correspondence.

Hacker Young have written to confirm that the audit for 31/3/06 will on 31/1/07.
John Henry has confirmed that he will undertake the internal audit in mid January.
M.B.C. has requested that the Parishes Precept requirement for 2007/8 should be notified to them by 12/1/07. **Action - The Clerk will try to get the deadline extended until after the next meeting on the 15/1/07. Cllr J. Holmes has agreed to help the Clerk with the Precept calculation. Subsequently M.B.C. have agreed to extend the deadline to 16th January.**

06/40 – Comments, Questions, Reports, Late items.

- (i) Cheshire Planning Forum – A report was given.
- (ii) ChALC AGM. – A report was given.
- (iii) ChALC – Meeting on the 9th November was poorly attended. The next meeting will be at the Village Hall on the 15/2/07, Cllr Littler will organize refreshments.
- (iv) Building Community Life Competition award of £150.00. It was agreed that the money should be used to provide theft-resistant flowers/tubs in front of the Village Hall.
Action Cllr Littler will obtain estimates for the tubs.
- (v) Training – It was agreed to pay the training costs and mileage for a course the Clerk attended on the 14th November and also for the course on 6th December. It was agreed that Chairman should attend some or all of the ‘Chairmanship’ course.
Action Cllr Street to select relevant topics
- (vi) Youth Issues - C.C. S. Wilkinson reported that TASC are trying to get a youth club scheme together to benefit the youth of rural parishes. C. C. S. Wilkinson will forward the details to Ollerton with Marthall P.C.

06/41 – Confidential Matters.

06/42 – Date of next Meeting.
15th January 2007 at 7.30.

Meeting finished at 10.12.

