

OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th January 2006 at Ollerton,Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall, 7.30pm

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

Cllr Holmes, acting as Parish Clerk, took the minutes.

Borough Councillor Fisher attended the meeting

The meeting opened @ 07.35pm

Attending members of the public: Cllr E Fisher, Borough Councillor

05/134 Apologies for absence

Cllr Littler, sent apologies due to personal circumstances

05/135 Declaration of interests and official documents

Declarations = None

Official Documents = Amendments to the councils standing orders which included formal acceptance of absence were discussed and approved

Proposed Acceptance: Cllr Street Voting: Unanimous in favour

Action: Clerk to replace standing orders with the above voted and discussed

Resolved during the meeting

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Proposed Acceptance: Cllr Mason Voting: Unanimous in favour

Resolved by above during the meeting

05/137 To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 Nov 05

Correction: Item 05/080 & noted in 05/120 should have been corrected to " Four Seasons Nurseries, photographs were not taken as the signs referred to had been removed"

Correction: The list of those present at the 19 Sept '05 meeting should have included Mr Goostrey not Mr Walley.

Proposed Acceptance: Cllr Mason Voting: Unanimous in favour

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 Nov 2005 be signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record. Signed by Chair in front of members and public.

05/138 Matters arising from minutes of the meeting held on 21 Nov 2005.

None

05/139 Presentation to Parish Council members by Community Police Officers on restructuring of policing in Cheshire 05/122

Team responsible for Knutsford and surrounding areas can be contacted by leaving a message on 0845 458 6380.

Crime or incidents should be reported on the non emergency number 0845 458 0000.

ACTION Cllr. Holmes to arrange for receipt and distribution of materials.

The meeting noted Cllr Holmes update and it was resolved during the meeting that material had already been issued.

Resolved Posters were on display on the Parish Notice boards.

05/140 re:- 05/123 Appointment of clerk

The clerk Mr Cooke was introduced to all members and attending public

Resolved Cllrs Holmes, Street and Hawkins had made a recommendation and offer to Mr Cooke who had accepted the appointment on the premise the appointment was from when work had been undertaken for the parish council from, 30th December 2005. No objections were raised.

05/141 Sub-committee reports and Clerks update on reported items

05/141 (a) - Planning

Report received from Cllr Street, Chair sub-committee

Fir Tree Farm Complex – thanks extended to Borough Cllr Fisher

Conditions applied to application

A537 Access and Opening

Overhead cables

Planning sub- committee to attend Planning Committee Hearing on 17/01/06

Action Planning sub-committee to report to next meeting on MBC Planning Committee Hearing.

05/141 (b) Community Pride

Cllr Littler had updated the clerk and was still awaiting the judges report.

Action Cllr Littler to continue to expedite

05/141 (c) Parish Plan

Copies had been sent to steering committee and community

Report of survey to be given at next meeting.

Feedback on Travel information was difficult to obtain and fridge magnets were being

Considered as a contact number option.

Action Cllr Holmes to continue to expedite

05/142 Bus shelter

Materials have been obtained. Repairs will start in Spring 2006 when weather less inclement.

ACTION Cllrs Barnes and Littler to liase with Cllr Mason re- repair work in the spring.

05/143 Highways

- (a) Flooding at Sandhole Farm. Has already been reported to Highways Dept by Cllr. Mason.
- (b) White lines need repainting on A537 approx. from Ollerton Cross Roads to 'Fired Earth'.
- (c) Erosion of verges in School Lane from Grass triangle to Moss Wood.
- (d) Sandlebridge Lane. Holes in road. Area from Vicarage to crossroads at Church.

ACTION Cllr. Mason to expedite

05/144 re-05/127 M6 Expressway

Cllr Street updated members – consultation completed awaiting report publication

05/145 Quality Council Status

Progress dependent on appointment of new Parish Clerk

05/146 Parish Council Notice board

Cost of relocating notice board considered to be too high. Proposal on hold.

05/147 To authorise payments and financial matters of the council

05/147 (a) The clerk requested that individual payments be put on hold until he had become more familiar with the parish and its accounts. Members raised no objections, Cllr Street deferred his claim

Cllr Hodkinson passed on the latest Bank statements to the clerk. The Clerk assessed the bank statement against his forecast figures which had been used to assist in budget and precept proposals. The clerk confirmed the figures and the statement appeared to be accurate for the purposes of the meeting.

Proposed Acceptance: Cllr Mason Voting: Unanimous in favour

05/147 (b) One off grant payment of £500 was approved and made payable to the Village Hall Management Committee. The clerk recommended for the future grant awards could be considered and conditions to the award applied. Cheque No. 000540

Proposed Acceptance: Cllr Mason Voting: Unanimous in favour

05/147 (c) A payment of £1,000 was made to the Parish Plan. Cheque No. 000541

Proposed Acceptance: Cllr Mason Voting: Unanimous in favour

RESOLVED: both cheques were signed and issued to relevant parties in front of council and attending public.

05/147 (d) Budget Projections and proposals for year 2006/07

The clerk had requested and gained a delay in the requirement to submit a precept to MBC by the previous Friday. The clerk submitted the below forecast, supported by financial papers and options for members to debate and consider.

Precept B budget Forecast 2006/07

Draft Consideration Estimates

N.B. Handover of financial files still awaiting completion

A. <u>Audit</u>	<u>£ 250</u>
B. <u>Insurances</u>	<u>£ 275</u>
C. <u>Administration</u>	<u>£2,900</u>
D. <u>Maintenance</u>	<u>£ 350</u>
E. <u>Community Grants</u>	<u>£ 700</u>
F. <u>Members expenses and support</u>	<u>£ 620</u>
G. <u>Training and Memberships</u>	<u>£ 270</u>
H. <u>Reserves</u>	<u>£1,500</u>
<u>Total Expenditure Forecast</u>	<u>£6,865</u>

Project Budgets

Parish Plan reserved fund 2005/6 /7 **£4,000**

Balances brought forward - information pending handover

Members discussed and debated the options available, noting that the reserves were currently high due to the unpaid work undertaken by Cllr Street, Hodkinson and Holmes whilst no clerk to council was in position. The debate included the forecast to support and implement the Parish Plan upon its completion.

Members proposed to set the precept @ £6,000 for the year 2006/07

Proposed Acceptance: Cllr Mason Voting: Unanimous in favour

RESOLVED The clerk to notify before midnight of the meeting to MBC the precept was to be set @ £6,000 for the year 2006/07 and request 1st payment of £3,000 to the council bank account by 1st April 2006

05/148 Correspondence, comments, late items:

Members gave various updates and debated items which included:-

- Ongoing Expressway
- George Osborne meetings
- Hospital closure
- Macclesfield College Survey
- Hire of the Village Hall
- MBC Local Plan
- Lostock Gralam power plant
- Fire Brigade Consultation document (fire brigade precept)

RESOLVED No outstanding actions

05/149 Confidential Matters

Members of the public will be requested to leave if confidential matters arise.
Confidential Matters = None raised

05/150 Date of Next Meeting(s)

Next Meeting 20 March; then 15May; 24 July. All meetings at 7.30pm in Village Hall.

The meeting closed @ 21.00 hrs

**Certified as a true and accurate record of he meeting, subject to any approved
 corrections, recorded in the minutes of the next meetingChairman
Date.**