

OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th September 2007 in the Village Hall.

Meeting started at 7.30.

Present Cllr's A. Street (Chairman), J. Holmes (Vice Chair)G. Littler, D. Hawkins, R Barnes, R. Weston, M. Berrisford,G. Mason, C.C. S. Wilkinson. Cllr J. Roberts & B.C. E Fisher arrived later.

07/68 -apologies received from Cllr E Davison.

07/69 - it was resolved not to mark Cllr Davison absent.

07/70 - declaration of interest received from Cllr's Street, Littler & Berrisford.

07/71 - the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2007 were approved by the members and signed by the chairman.

07/72 Matters arising

- (i) Parish boundary signs, Dave Thomason of Highways stated that the new signs will not be installed before December. The Clerk will diary a note to contact Mr Thomason in January.*
- (ii) Bus Shelter Repairs - Cllr littler reported that of the three Joiners that he contacted only one submitted a quotation for the work. It was agreed unanimously to accept the quote of £200.00 from Newman Joinery.*
- (iii) Plaques for commemorative trees - Cllr Street reported that the plaques have been completed, cost £95.98. Cllr's Street & Littler will install the plaques this week weather permitting.*
- (iv) Oak tree in memory of Mr Roy Brindley planted in School Lane courtesy of Cllr Berrisford. The Brindley family have thanked the Parish Council for finding a solution and Cllr Berrisford for providing the plot for the oak tree to be planted.*
- (v) Road Surface Repairs - the Clerk reported the Highways Dept's reply to the members. C.C. S Wilkinson agreed to contact Highways re: the poor repairs that were made in Sandhole Lane. Cllr Barnes agreed to make contact with the occupiers of Raffy's land in the hope that they will cut the hedge on Sandhole Lane.*
- (vi) Sponsor a Rail - Cllr Littler will inspect the rails at the junction of Pinfold Lane and Marthall Lane.*
- (vii) Kissing Gates - Cllr's Holmes, Littler and The Chair of the W.I. met. Cllr Littler followed up with the landowners to discuss the possibility of siting kissing gates to replace wooden styles. The Landowners concerned did not want kissing gates on their land. Therefore, the Parish Council will not pursue the initiative.*
- (viii) The Code of Conduct handbook was distributed to members.*

07/73 - Borough Councillors Report - had already been circulated. There were no questions for B.C. Fisher.

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07/74 - **Sub - Committees**

Planning

- (i) Monitor report as handed out at meeting.
- (ii) Re: Static Caravan on site in Percivals Lane - The Principal Planning Officer has visited the site and will make a decision soon.
Cllr's Street, Littler & Berrisford withdraw from the meeting.
- (iii) Cllr Weston gave a report listing the pros and cons that the proposed golf driving range will have on the Village. He also drew to the P C's attention to an anomaly associated with the size of the site. The planning dept have been notified of this discrepancy. A special planning committee was formed to consider this application. Cllr Hawkins thanked Cllr Weston for a balanced report.

Parish Plan

- (i) George Osborne MP has written to congratulate the Parish Plan Steering Committee on the production of the plan which outlines an "excellent vision for the future of the community".
- (ii) Village Hall - Cllr Hawkins reported that the next stage to obtain lottery funding for the new Village Hall is progressing and is being viewed favourably. The funding requested is Three Hundred Thousand Pounds which means that another One Hundred Thousand Pounds must be raised locally. A project team has been formed to progress this aim, they are Cllr's Weston (Chairman), Littler (Vice Chairman) and Mr R Brighouse a local property developer.
- (iii) Cllr Hawkins reported that a BBQ and charity auction raised £10,000.00 towards this total. A letter will be sent to Mr Brighouse thanking him for all his efforts.

07/75 - **Finance**

- (i) Bank Balances as schedule distributed at the meeting - Precept £3150.00 has been banked.
- (ii) Cheques totalling £1363.53 were approved as attached schedule.
- (iii) Hacker Young - Return for 31/3/2006 - Clean report except that the accounts were not approved within the statutory period.
- (iv) Clerks salary review was agreed, as attached.
- (v) A proposal for a donation of £1000.00 to Village Hall fund was carried. Cllr's Weston, Littler & Hawkins as members of the Village Hall Management Committee abstained from the vote.

07/76 **Correspondence**

- (i) *CHALC Annual Meeting at Middlewich Civic Hall 18th October 2007.
Cllr's Street, Holmes & Littler to attend. The September newsletter was distributed to the members.*
- (ii) *Cheshire County Playing Fields Association requested that the P.C. join their association - Declined.*
- (iii) *Review of Statement of Licensing Policy - handed to Cllr Weston member of the Village Hall Management Committee.*

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- (iv) *Civic Ball 2007 - Friday 21/9/07 - tickets £27.50. No member wishes to attend.*
- (v) *Re: Local Government in Cheshire from Borough of Crewe & Nantwich and Leaders of Congleton B.C. Handed to Cllr Street*
- (vi) *C.C.C. Annual Corporate Performance Report 2006/7 - handed to Cllr Street*
- (vii) *Notice of Meetings of Council Committees - distributed to all members.*
- (viii) *Local Council Cluster Event 17th October Over Peover Village Hall. Cllr's Street, Holmes & Littler to attend. Subsequently Cllr Holmes has cancelled.*
- (ix) *Parish Small Grants Scheme for countryside access improvements.
Documents passed to Cllr Davison.*
- (x) *Cheshire Community Council Membership request for 2008 - It was agreed to renew membership - cost £16.00.*
- (xi) *Free Trees booklet - distributed to all members.*
- (xii) *Concessionary Fares Scheme - Cllr D Hawkins will laminate the poster and place in the Bus Shelter.*
- (xiii) *Manchester Airport - temporary change to flight time operations.*
- (xiv) *Cheshire County Council - invitation to attend a series of topical debates to help shape the future plans of C.C.C. Cllr's Mason & Street to attend. First meeting 16th October at Macclesfield.*
- (xv) *Macclesfield B.C. response to the Secretary of State's decision re: Local Government in Cheshire. Handed to Cllr A street.*
- (xvi) *C.C.C. seeking views re: Public transport Service - handed to Cllr R Barnes.*
- (xvii) *Notice of adoption of Waste Local Plan - handed to Cllr Littler.*

07/77 Any other business.

- (i) *Cheshire Community Council are offering grants of up to £3000.00. to help implement an action from the Parish Plan. It was decided to invite the Parish Plan Committee to submit a bid.*
- (ii) *Brook Farm, the residents are experiencing difficulty in accessing their land - The Clerk will write to Highways to request a sign.*

07/78 Reports - Local Government Reorganisation - a report was given by Cllr A Street.

07/79 Date of next meeting - 19th November 2007.

Meeting closed at 9.35