

# **OLLERTON WITH MARTHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

## ***Minutes for PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 19th March 2007 at Ollerton,Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall, 7.30pm***

The meeting started at 7.30 with a minutes silence for Cllr Gordon Hodkinson who served on the Parish Council for many years.

Present – Chairman A. Street, Cll’s Davison, Littler, Holmes, Mason, Weston, Hawkins, Barnes & B.C. Ted Fisher.

07/17 **Apologies** were received from C.C. S. Wilkinson & Cllr. J. Roberts.

07/18 It was resolved not mark Cllr J. Roberts absent.

07/19 **Declaration of interest** – none received.

07/20 **Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

07/21 **Matters arising.**

- (i) Boundary sign, Marthall Lane – resolved - to write a letter to C.C.for permission to move the sign away from the hedge. SC
- (ii) Cllr. G Mason reported that the 2 replacement signs had been ordered from C.C. and would be erected in due course. Cost = £170 per sign, same for posts.
- (iii) Bus shelter repairs – will be undertaken when weather permits. GL
- (iv) “ A Strong & Prosperous Community” – a report was given by Cllr G. Littler.
- (v) Hedges – It was reported that McKenna’s hedge had been cut back and that the hedge at Raffy’s still needs attention. It was also reported that the drain outside Moss Farm is blocked. The Clerk will write to Rod Brown, Highways, to resolve both of these matters SC
- (vi) Tree – Ollerton Crossroads – It was resolved to write to Mr Hambleton advising him of his legal responsibility. SC
- (vii) Missing sign - Potts Lane/Hall Lane – The Clerk will write to Highways. SC
- (viii) Garden Party – It was agreed to use the occasion to raise environmental awareness and to distribute 250 swell packs.

07/22 **Planning.**

**06/2866P & 06/2865P** – Holly Tree Cottage, Sandlebridge Lane, Marthall. Both applications refused.

**06/2936P** – 5 Oakland Road, Ollerton – Approved.

**06/3021P** – 10 Woods Close , Ollerton – Approved.

**07/0404P** – Four Seasons Nurseries, Chelford Road, Ollerton – A certificate of Lawfulness has been applied for. This application contravenes Green Belt Policy. Cllr’s Weston & Street visited M.B.C. Planning Dept. for advice and subsequently responded to the inaccuracies contained in the application.

Cllr's Littler & Street left the room whilst a report was given by Cllr Weston on the imminent application by the Coutts family for a golf driving range in Ollerton.

The application will reach the public domain within the next 2-3 weeks. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to find out what the feeling is in the Village regarding the proposed complex and to carry that on in to the decision process. It was reported that the Action Group are planning to visit a Golf Driving Range Complex near Blackburn to evaluate the impact of the lighting on the surrounding properties.

**07/23 Procedures.**

- (i) The amendments to the Standing Orders for the Planning Sub Committee were adopted.
- (ii) Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - It was reported that there had been no demand for a poll. The Parish Council will now co-opt a new member from the applications received. A special meeting will held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 to resolve the matter.
- (iii) Cllr R. Weston was appointed as Chairman of Planning Committee.
- (iv) No nominations were received for the vacancy on the Planning Committee.

**07/24 Finance.**

- (i) Bank Balances – C/A £75.18 D/A £9457.68.
- (ii) Payments were authorised and cheques written as per attached list. Total expenditure £1008.09.
- (iii) Expenses – New disclosure requirements from Jan. 2007 were outlined.
- (iv) Risk Assessment – a report was given.
- (v) A transfer of £1000.00 from D/A to C/A was authorised.

**07/25 Maintenance**

- (i) Replacement of “Jubilee Tree”, adjacent to the Old School House.  
Cllr A Street reported that due to the need to plant the new tree during the winter season he had undertaken to replace the tree so as not to lose another year. In consultation with Chris Hudson the Forestry Officer at M.B.C. a Black Walnut tree was chosen. The planting will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at noon. It was agreed to use the prize money from the ‘Building Community Life Competition’ to pay for the tree. A commemoration plaque will be commissioned at a later date.
- (ii) Repairs to Sandhole Lane/ Moss Lane – the Clerk will write to highways. SC
- (iii) Village waste – hopper – Cllr Littler agreed to draft a notice for inclusion in the Parish Post. GL

**07/26 Reports**

- (i) CHALC, Area meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February – a report was given - Cllr G. Littler was appointed Vice Chairman of CHALC Area Committee and was also appointed to represent CHALC on the Locality Boards.
- (ii) Mayor's at Home 5<sup>th</sup> March. - Cllr G Mason did not attend due to illness.
- (iii) Amendments to “ Model Code of Conduct” - a report was given by Cllr J Holmes.

07/27 **Correspondence**

- (i) Local Councils “Cluster” Event: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Chelford Village Hall. Cllr’s Mason, Street, Littler, Holmes & Hawkins to attend.
- (ii) Climate change “ An Inconvenient Truth” Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Knutsford Civic Centre, 11 am . Cllr’s Littler & Street to attend.
- (iii) “Kissing Gate Project” it was agreed to pass the letter on to Judith Shirley Chairwoman of the W.I. for her members’ input.
- (iv) The Future of local Government in Cheshire – C.C.C.’s pitch.
- (v) Local Governments arrangements in East Cheshire – M.B.C.’s stance on the above. Items (iv) & (v) Documentation passed to Cllr G Littler.
- (vi) Hacker Young have given a ‘clean’ report for the Annual Audit, year ending 31/3/2005.

07/28 **Any Other Business.**

- (i) **Sponsor a rail project** – The Clerk reported that the Parish’s insurance covered volunteers to paint the fencing on Snelson Lane adjacent to the Marthall Crossroads. The Clerk will write to Rod Brown, Highways, to invite him to inspect the fencing with a view to C.C.C. making the necessary repairs. SC
- (ii) **Competitions** – The Parish has entered in to the following competitions
  - (a) Community Spirit Award
  - (b) Best Kept Village Award and
  - (c) Best Community Newsletter Award.

07/29 An omission to the minutes dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Cllr G Littler will arrange for two maps showing the wards of Ollerton & Marthall to be framed. The framed maps will be hung in the Village Hall. The Parish Plan Steering Committee have agreed to pay for the framing costs.

07/30 Date of special meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007  
Date of next scheduled meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

Meeting finished at 10.05pm