

## DUNHAM MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 8.00 pm in Dunham Massey Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor Mike Duckworth in the Chair**

**Councillors:** Syd Antrobus, James Bushell, Ron Hutchinson, Margaret Madden, Sue Royle

**In attendance:**

<b>Trafford Council:</b>	Karen M Barclay, Michael Hyman
<b>Trafford (Marathon):</b>	Sue Taylor
<b>The Clerk:</b>	Kathleen Cozens
<b>Village Hall Committee:</b>	Carole Cormack

There were 5 electors present

**1 Apologies for absence:**

<b>Parish Council:</b>	Paul Lord, David Priestner
<b>Trafford Council:</b>	Sean Anstee
<b>National Trust:</b>	Stuart Robinson

- 2 Council Minutes:** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July were approved as a correct record after noting that 5(e) should be Sandholes not Sandhills, then signed by the Chairman.

**3 Matters arising:**

- (a) Diamond Jubilee Mugs:** The Clerk reported the refund of £54 had been banked as well as cash from those sold. A further £15 was given and it was decided that the remaining 17 mugs would go to the Village Hall crockery store.
- (b) Big Tree Illumination:** The Chairman gave a report on progress so far.
- (c) Parking restrictions:** A letter had been received from Andrew Hague acknowledging comments received and explaining the procedures to be followed re consultation with Trafford and residents.
- (d) Marathon 29/04/12:** Sue Taylor, one of the organisers of this event, gave out a map of the route for 2013 which included Altrincham but not Dunham Massey. Concerns voiced involved the non-signage on the motorway, the closure of the roads until 4pm when the race finished at 1.30pm; the behaviour of some runners; the clean-up operation which was good in parts, etc. She will take these points on board when preparing for the marathon in 2013.
- (e) Manchester Airport: (i)** Invitations for two councillors to attend meeting: Paul Lord and Margaret Madden. **(ii)** application for concert tickets for Bridgewater Hall.

- (f) **Rope & Anchor:** Large hole in the road has now been repaired by United Utilities and the break in the wall on the bridge near the Bay Malton filled in by Peel Holdings.
- (g) **Complaints (3)** from residents of Little Heath Lane re noise from Village Hall events. Carole Cormack, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, attended and gave a report: In summary: All requisite licences are in place. 6 events booked from January to September. All event organisers sign a contract which states music ceases by 11.45pm. One instance: the plug was actually pulled at 12.15pm; one event was gatecrashed by a group who had ipods. It has been calculated that 5 events per year will cover expenditure needed to maintain the village hall premises and allow residents to hire the venue at reasonable rates. She will be meeting with an officer from Trafford to discuss noise levels, etc. on Wednesday and will also respond to the National Trust.

**4 Questions and observations from Dunham Massey Local Government Electors:**

- (a) **Diversion sign** (yellow) left in the grass verge near the village shop.
- (b) **Sandholes** crossroads: a number of accidents have taken place over the last few months.
- (c) **Underbridge parking:** a campervan has been parked for several days near the underbridge on Woodhouse Lane.
- (d) **Overgrown hedges obstructing vehicles:** Big Tree Farm, Oldfield Lane; holly Hedge, School Lane, near the 4 cottages.
- (e) **Signs in hedges:** whose responsibility for keeping clear of foliage Whose culpability should an accident occur allegedly through obstruction of sign?

**5 To consider P/A 79010/CAC/2012: Athersley, Station Road:** Demolition of an existing outbuilding to the rear of the property.  
This was discussed and no objection was raised to this planning application.

**6 To consider P/A 79041/2: Village Hall Farm, Station Road:** LBC and change of use of existing outbuildings formerly operating as an Antiques workshop and sales area to 2 residential dwellings with associated internal and external alterations and landscaping. This application was discussed and no objection was raised.

**7 REPORTS:**

**Village Hall Committee:** Kath Cozens reported that the Car Boot Sale raised approximately £1400. The Tennis had an Open Day and enrolled some new members. The Thespians are rehearsing for 'Blithe Spirit' to be performed in November. The dishwasher had been sold on Ebay for £500. The committee discussed the complaints received from the National Trust re noise from events held and the Chairman will attend the next Parish Council meeting to give the full details.

**Standards Committee:** Cllr Royle reported that the Standards Committee will be re-assembled on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and she will attend.

**Police:** No report

**8 Accounts: Clerk's quarterly salary:** £360.50;tel:53.50;staty:8.97;travel16.81=£454.78  
The Clerk's salary will be reviewed at the October meeting.

**9 Any other business:**

Localism forms: Cllr Madden has posted hers; others were signed and collected for posting.

