

DUNHAM MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th October 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, David Priestner
Sue Royle

In attendance:

Trafford Council:	Karen M Barclay, Michael Hyman
The Clerk:	Kathleen Cozens

There were 5 electors present

1 Apologies for absence:

Parish Council:	Paul Lord,
Trafford Council:	Sean Anstee
National Trust:	Stuart Robinson

- 2 Council Minutes:** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September were approved as a correct record after noting that 4(d) should read: Hedges: Big Tree Farm, **Oldfield Lane** and the holly hedge on **School Lane** near the 4 cottages.' then signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising:

- (a) Obstructed Signs:** A reply was read received from A Hague that indicated he was taking advice from Trafford's Legal dept re liability for any claim arising from accidents claimed to be due to hedges covering signs and farmer's responsibility. It was also stated that it was the responsibility of the landowner to cut the hedge. Paddock Lane, is a particular problem in that there is no pavement so anyone cutting the hedge is at risk with oncoming traffic.
- (b) Big Tree Illumination:** The Clerk has sent assurance re public liability insurance to Ian Elliott following the non-arrival of the necessary licence.
- (c) Parking restrictions:** It is expected that work will begin on lining roads in early Spring 2013.
- (d) Manchester Airport:** (i) Cllr Madden gave a written report on the visit made by herself and Cllr Lord.. £65M will be spent over the next 15 years on new developments; work to start in 2013. There is a complaints section on their website. Most complaints were of noise. (ii) concert tickets for Bridgewater Hall on 20/01/13 were passed to the Chairman..
- (e) Rope & Anchor:** A letter was sent as requested to the Managing Director of J W Lees, proprietors of the Rope & Anchor. Work commenced on the making of 14 new carparking places this week..

- (f) **Complaints re noise** from Village Hall events. A response had been received from Mr Hussain, one of the complainants, who thanked the Council for their response. Mr and Mrs Bentley, at the meeting, suggested events be restricted to the weekend; that a significant deposit be taken not returnable if too noisy. He felt that there was no noise disturbance when the event took place in the Village Hall. Cllr Royle felt that special consideration should be given to village residents re size of deposits. The Chairman remarked that the Village Hall makes its own rules, the Parish Council cannot control, merely advise. Also that licences are issued by Trafford Council.
- (g) **Annual Parish Meeting Speaker 2013:** Suggestions were asked for. Councillors will consider this before the next meeting. One suggestion: John Costello on Brewing.

4 **To consider P/A 79199/HHA/2012: Athersley, Station Road, Dunham Massey:** Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living: As there were no plans available, it was decided to defer a decision until plans were at hand.

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

- (a) **Bridge weeds:** School Lane – Peel Holdings responsibility.
- (b) **Blocked grids:** Back Lane, School Lane.
- (c) **Light out:** Sinderland Green, no.10
- (d) **Gnarled root:** Henshall Lane on bend
- (e) **Flytipping:** Blackmoss Rd/Fawcett Lane: near Peartree Farm: Mattress, etc.
- (d) **Cartwrights:** Cllr Barclay enquired: nothing to report.

6 **REPORTS:**

Village Hall Committee: Kath Cozens reported that the subject of the complaints re noise from events were fully discussed. Events: Rose Queen disco on 16th November, a Craft Fair on 2nd December, Quiz/musical evening on 19th January; RQ Festival 18th May 2013. The Tennis Club had a successful Open Day and is planning to have a limited by guarantee status. The Thespians will present 'Blithe Spirit' in November.

Standards Committee: Cllr Royle reported on the Standards Committee; Trafford Council has still to decide the full make-up and the new format.

Police: No report

7 **ACCOUNTS: B.D.O Lip: £60.** Accounts have been passed by the external auditor. It may be that this Council will not be charged next year. The accounts will go on display for two weeks. **The Parish Council formally approved Section 1 –Accounting Statements, Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement and the yes/no answers to Section 2. These were then signed by the Chairman.**

Banking: In order to add Cllr Lord and Madden to the list of signatories to cheques, all councillors are required to visit Yorkshire Bank to present identification. It was agreed that the Clerk will prepare a letter for each councillor to give to the bank with their identification.

Clerk's salary review: It was decided to increase the annual salary to £1500 and future annual increases/decreases to be in line with Trafford's grant.

8 **Any other business:**

Localism forms: Cllr Lord still outstanding.

