

DUNHAM MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 11th June 2013 at 8.00 pm in Dunham Massey Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor Paul Lord in the Chair

Councillors: Syd Antrobus, James Bushell, Ron Hutchinson, Margaret Madden, David Priestner,

In attendance:

Trafford Council:	Sean Anstee
National Trust	Stuart Robinson
The Clerk:	Kathleen Cozens

There were 4 electors present

1 Apologies for absence:

Trafford Council : M Hyman

Parish Council: Mike Duckworth, Sue Royle,

2 **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising:

- a. **Back Lane bridge:** The Clerk contacted M Webb of Peel Holdings concerning this matter. He was not aware of any problem but would carry out an inspection.
- b. **Police – non-attendance:** The policeman responsible for the area works only one Tuesday evening in the month. He has been given the dates and times of Parish Council meetings. He has asked for us to contact him should there be any particular concerns.
- c. **Proposed traffic restrictions:** A meeting was convened for Trafford Council/National Trust/Church re possible use of adjacent field to St Mark's Church for parking purposes. No representative of St Mark's attended. Some discussion took place but no decision made.

4 Questions and observations from Dunham Massey Local Government Electors:

- **Grids:** blocked grids, Sinderland Lane near Freshwater Cottages; School Lane, just over the bridge from the Village Hall.
- **Railings:** Blackmoss Road – railings disintegrating
- **Overgrown vegetation:** 5 corners Charcoal Road – saplings needing cutting out.
- **Flower Bed:** Cllrs Lord and Bushell reported that the flower bed has now been planted out. Too many were ordered and the balance will be sold. The Clerk was asked to write to Mary Bushell who gave considerable help with the planting and also to Travis Perkins who donated the extra gravel stones needed. It was suggested that the various community groups be invited to take a turn in planting out the flower bed in future years; the rotation to be by ballot. The cost of the plants would be borne by the Parish Council as well as the preparation of the soil prior to planting. If invited, Mary Bushell, is prepared to advise.

4 REPORTS:

Village Hall Committee: The first newsletter is now distributed and the second one is planned for July/August. The Open Garden event takes place on 30th June and residents are asked to display a scarecrow for this event and leave it for 2/3 weeks as visitors like them. The Village Hall Community Party is 20th July starting at 4pm. There will be no admission fee and people may bring their picnics.

6 ACCOUNTS. Accounting Statements

(a) The annual grant of £5294 from Trafford MBC has been received and banked.

(b) The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2013 was presented.

The Parish Council 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 prior to being forwarded to the external auditors by 30th July 2013.

The invitation to electors to view accounts will be from 1st to 28th July

(c) **Accounts for payment:** Crosby's Flowers: £324.00; P Lord (half-year maintenance) £240.00; Clerk's quarterly salary: £375.00; <tel:53.50>: post:20.70; staty:35.50: travel:65@44.25p:28.76. Total:£513.46

7 Risk Assessment/Maintenance:

Bush shelters and Benches: It was agreed that quotations be sought for the repair and maintenance of the two bus shelters and benches.

Notice boards: The five notice boards require maintenance. Cllr Lord agreed to inspect them and assess repairs/renovation necessary.

8 **Any other business:**

- (a) Cllr Anstee reported that Warburton residents are very concerned about the implications of the HS2 train for their area. The Greater Manchester Council is in favour of the principle of the fast train but the detail requires scrutiny.
- (b) The sink **caddies for food waste** will reach households in this area during July and August; grey bins will be emptied every two weeks and any households requiring larger bins must apply for them. The Council is trying to reduce its bill for waste disposal which uses landfill sites.
- (c) The Men's Breakfast at the Axe & Cleaver is going from strength to strength, having 25+ attendance. The next meeting is 22nd June.