

DUNHAM MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th November 2013 at 8.00 pm in Dunham Massey Village Hall.

PRESENT: **Councillor Syd Antrobus in the Chair**

Councillors: James Bushell, Ron Hutchinson, Margaret Madden, David Priestner, Sue Royle,

In attendance:

Trafford Council:	Sean Anstee, Karen Barclay, Michael Hyman
National Trust	Stuart Robinson
The Clerk:	Kathleen Cozens

There were 5 electors present

1 Apologies for absence:

Parish Council: Paul Lord, Mike Duckworth,

2 Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th October 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising:

(a) Annual Parish Meeting Speaker 2014: An invitation was sent to the Mayor of Trafford, Cllr Dylan Butt. Receipt was acknowledged but no confirmation as yet.

(b) Flower Bed: The Women's Institute has an important anniversary in 2015 and they suggest they design the flower bed, etc. to mark this occasion. They have a gardening club and we may liaise with their secretary.

(c) BT service: The complaint re poor reception for broadband was noted and BT informed us that each customer experiencing poor reception must complain as an individual. These complaints are then logged and acted upon.

(d) Christmas Tree lighting – licensing: Ian Elliott, Trafford Council, requires a copy of the insurance policy and a risk assessment report. The Clerk forwarded the policy and explained that the company who did the installation has not yet produced a risk assessment report. The Chairman had suggested the Parish Council accept liability.

This was discussed and as the lights are new and very low voltage and the suspension and height of the wiring is well above 20ft, judged by experienced people to be safe, it was decided this was acceptable.

(e) Back Lane Bridge; Mike Webb, Peel Holdings, reported that engineers had inspected it routinely in February and again last week and though bricks are scored, it is safe

(f) Invitation to police representative: PC Fennagh is unable to accept the invitation to attend the next Parish Council meeting as he does not work on Tuesday nights.

(g) NHS concerns: A resident who, following the closing-down of the Bridgewater Health Centre, was not registered with a doctor, now is registered and thanked Cllr Barclay for her help in this matter.

(h) Parish Council Website: Ian Gourley, Trafford Council, having updated Trafford's

website wants to revamp the Parish Council website. The new address will be www.traffordparishes.gov.uk. It was initially thought there would be a charge. The Clerk has asked Gina Hutchinson if she will provide a short version of the history of Dunham Massey for inclusion.

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

- (a) **Sinderland Road, Litherland's farm:** fuel stolen and a battery.
- (b) **Five Corners, Charcoal Road:** Overgrown herbage: : Stuart Robinson, National Trust reported that an agreement was made dated 10/07/85 with the Manchester and Trafford Councils giving the responsibility to them. Stuart will send a copy of this agreement to the Clerk who will then take up the matter with Highways Dept at Trafford.
- © **Cartwrights parking:** Further problems reported: Friday night and Sunday morning, a 40ft vehicle carrying four tractor units on the trailers blocking the road. Cllr Anstee wrote to the company but as yet has not received a response. He will write again on this matter.
- (d) **Speeding vehicles, Sinderland Lane.** The 'smiley' warning signs reminding motorists of their speed were suggested. Cllr Anstee will enquire about the availability of these for our use. (The last enquiry from the Parish Council elicited that there were two only available and there was a long list of applicants wanting them)
- (e) **Rope & Anchor: Noise:** A resident reported excessive noise from a public address System being used at a children's party held in the outside area of the Rope & Anchor. The Clerk will write to the new manager that the P/A system must not be used.
- (f) **Blocked grids:** Woodhouse Lane, opposite lamp 21; Back Lane, P.O. side, Axe & Cleaver; Sinderland Green near Box Tree Cottages, dropped grids.

5 **REPORTS:**

Village Hall Committee: The recent Jumble Sale raised £220. The Craft Fair with Nativity is on 1st December from 10am-3pm, with the Nativity and Carols at 12 o'clock. A newsletter is being circulated of local events. The Carol Sing is 17th December, meeting up at 6.30pm at the Village Hall. Quotations are being sought for the re-plastering of the large window wall and possibly new curtains or shutters.

6 **ACCOUNTS for payment:** Sound Services: £117.48 (stands for sound system).

7 **Additional items at the Chairman's discretion:**

- (a) **Memorial:** A flyer has been received enquiring whether war memorials are in good repair and if not, there may be funds available. **As there is a war memorial in the grounds of St Mark's Church, it was decided to pass this information on to them.**
- (b) **Parish Council Christmas Celebration:** This will be held at the Axe & Cleaver following the December meeting.

