

## DUNHAM MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 8.00 pm in Dunham Massey Village Hall.**

### **PRESENT:**

**Councillor Paul Lord in the Chair**

**Councillors:** James Bushell, Mike Duckworth, Ron Hutchinson, Margaret Madden,

### **In attendance:**

<b>Trafford Council</b>	Michael Hyman
<b>The Clerk:</b>	Kathleen Cozens

There were 6 electors present

#### **1 Apologies for absence:**

<b>Parish Council:</b>	David Priestner, Sue Royle
<b>Trafford Council:</b>	Karen Barclay
<b>National Trust</b>	Stuart Robinson

- 2 **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman..

#### **3 Matters arising:**

(a) **Traffic restrictions:** Andrew Hague reported that the objections report for the revised scheme of waiting restrictions is ongoing. Some very minor changes to the proposals will be made which will not need to be re-advertised. He enquired if any further issues had been identified within the village in the last few months and, if so, their locations.

(b) **'Smiley' signs.** Suggested dates for a meeting with Andrew Hague, Cllrs Lord and Bushell and Clerk are Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> or week commencing 22 September. **The first date is preferred.**

© **Flower Bed:** The Clerk has spoken with the Women's Institute who will have two Plantings; primulas in Spring, pink geraniums in the Summer. A cost figure of £400 was suggested. The flower beds have been measured. Since then she has visited the Lymm Nursery and ordered plants costing £400 and plans to clear the beds in October. She asks for volunteers and a possible storage location for the old plants.

**The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Smith of Lymm Nursery for his gift of red geraniums which filled the gaps left by the thieves.**

(d) **Manchester Airport Meeting:** The afternoon meeting was selected and Cllr Madden and the Clerk will attend.

(e) **Manchester Airport Concert Invitations:** The Clerk will request tickets.

(f) **Local bus service: Changes:** The No.5 will no longer go through the village. Mainly one an hour with a cut-off at 7.29pm from Altrincham weekdays and 5.30pm weekends.

(g) **Tombola Stall:** Rose Queen Festival: Cllr Hutchinson and his wife made a stall at the Car Boot Sale to dispose of the remaining ticketed bottles from the RQ and took £52.52, making a total for the Parish Council Tombola of £254.52; the RQ Committee sent thanks.

(h) **Rowans retrospective P/A:83129:** The Parish Council objection was sent to

Trafford Council, as in principle, the Parish Council is against retrospective applications. Building has stopped. The P/A is to go to the Planning Committee with as yet no date specified. The National Trust reports that the covenant is still in place, details of which are awaited. The owner's architects have met with Trafford's officers re the P/A. Mrs Unsworth is happy to show councillors round the property to view the work done.

As Mr Unsworth, the owner, was present he gave a full description of the work carried out at the property, most of which was 'permitted development', which included the garage and games room, which complied with building regulations, and signed off. The conservatory was changed with the permission of the planners. A lot of work was remedial; the roof height has not been changed nor has the basement been altered. A completely new roof was installed and upvc windows replaced with wood. Planners have made changes: a replacement outrigger on the back of the house. Meetings with planning and conservation officers resulted in a re-design of the orangery and it being put back to a conservatory with a more substantial roof. The work still going on is refining work already permitted and garden landscaping. Mr Unsworth stated his desire to alleviate any concerns any neighbours might have with regard to the alterations.

Cllr Hyman reported that there had been several meetings between the Conservation Officer, Development Control and architect. There was to be no more development until a final decision is made. Revised drawings to Trafford Planning, already supplied, will be posted on the planning website and all the neighbouring properties asked for further comment. Work that is sensible can continue, like gardening and repair work.

#### 4 **To receive observations from Dunham Massey local government electors:**

(a) **Lights:** Sinderland Lane, No.10 is out..

(b) **Hedges.** The Chairman and Clerk had inspected hedges and felt that although they were untidy, they did not cause obstruction to anyone. Cllr Bushell said hedges are usually cut at the end of August to avoid disturbance to wildlife and birds. Comment was made that the hedges obstructed the path between School Lane and Oldfield Lane. **This maintenance is the responsibility of the National Trust.**

© **Potholes:** Dairyhouse Lane at the Sinderland Lane end and opposite Mortons.

(d) **Rubbish:** dumped on Whitehouse Lane, also on layby on Back Lane and Blackmoss Road and Henshall Lane car park..

(e) **Strong smell:** Manure incorporating has to take place within 48 hours and, if it is on grass, harrowed.

#### 5 **To receive report from: The Village Hall Committee:**

The car boot sale on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, raised over £800. The Chairman and Clerk attended the Women's Institute's film showing of 'Wild Indians, Dunham Massey', made to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is a short film and worth viewing, available on the internet and as a video.

#### 6 **Accounts for payment: Verges/Hedges maintained: P.Lord:£240.00, Lawrence:£100; Clerk's qtrly salary: £375;tel:53.50;staty:19.24;post:35.50;travel:11.50.total:£494.74**

**Flower bed:** Cllr Bushell reported that a neighbour, Tracy, had carried out a good deal of work during the Summer deheading and watering the geraniums in the flower bed. The Parish Council agreed that a meal voucher, value £50, should be presented to her, with thanks.

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

**Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting March 2015:** Vicar at St Werburgh's, Warburton?



