

DUNHAM MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9th June 2015 at 8.00 pm in Dunham Massey Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor Paul Lord in the Chair

Councillors: Syd Antrobus, James Bushell, Philippa Pennington, David Priestner, Sue Royle

In attendance:

Trafford Council:	Karen Barclay
The Clerk:	Kathleen Cozens

There were 7 electors present

1 Apologies for absence:

Parish Council	Mike Duckworth
Trafford Council:	Sean Anstee
National Trust	Stuart Robinson

2 Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council 12th May 2015 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising:

(a) **Traffic restrictions:** Andrew Hague has reported that Cllr Reilly has now approved a report and made an executive decision on 29th May to approve the recommendations in the report. An operative date has now been set of 31st July although lines and signs within the report will start to be implemented before this date. A copy of the scheme is unavailable until he has written to the objectors.

(b) **BT Broadband service:** A meeting with Tom Wilde, Trafford MBC, took place on 19th May. A list of local businesses in Dunham and the numbers of residents, with post codes had been provided for him. Three broadband providers are interested and will be submitting quotations to provide the service. Dunham and Warburton will be working together for a joint scheme.. The scheme excepts agricultural, fisheries and aqua businesses, which form the bulk of business in Dunham.

Mr Unsworth will speak to his BT colleague for additional information.

© **Flower bed:** The flowerbed will be re-planted by the Gardening Club of the Women's Institute with summer flowers.

(d) **Badgers:** A reply received from DEFRA was read concerning their policy on badgers and culling, etc. then passed to Cllr Antrobus who reported the matter.

(e) **Grounds maintenance:** N. McPartland has not responded to the enquiry sent several weeks ago. **It was decided to dispense with his services. The Chairman will arrange for the work to be done.**

(f) **Co-option to the Council:** Kate Burke declared an interest in being co-opted to the Council. There being no further nominations, Kate was co-opted to the Parish Council.

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

(a) **Flytipping:** A quantity of tyres dumped on the verge on Back Lane.

(b) **Potholes:** Station Road, The road has been repaired by United Utilities. However, some residents felt that the whole surface was suspect. The Clerk will make further enquiries.

© **Street lights on:** Back Lane No.6 on permanently.

The Clerk will pass these on to the appropriate bodies.

5 **To receive report from: Village Hall Committee:** The Garden Ramble is 21st June. As many members of the Friendship Club cannot use the internet, the suggestion is that some tablets be purchased and 'classes' arranged, which could be a project funded by the local charitable educational organisation, the Walton Trust. The Clerk attended an Open Day at the Housing Trust and learned about various funding possibilities which were passed on the Village Hall Secretary. Quotations for the porch repair work vary between £4200 and £2400. Six chairs with arms have been purchased. The Rose Queen festival made a small profit after paying insurance for the event. Next year it will be on 21st May and 13th May 2017. A Hoe Down/Hotpot Supper is planned for 17th October in aid of Christmas Child charity.

6 **Accounts:** The internal auditor has passed the accounts which will now be forwarded to the external auditors before the 29th June.

Accounts for payment: P.Wood: £30.00; CALC (subs): £97.33; CommuniCorp: (3 copies per issue of magazine):£36.00; Clerk's qtrly salary: £375; tel:53.50,post:27.;travel:17.68; total: £473.18.

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

The Chairman informed the meeting this was the last meeting Kath Cozens would attend as Parish Clerk as she was retiring after nearly seventeen years. He expressed appreciation of her services and hoped she would continue attending meetings. She replied, thanking councillors for their kindness during her period of office and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers..

Dr Steve Harrold was introduced as the new Parish Clerk, taking up office following this meeting.