

DUNHAM MASSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 14th July 2015 at 8.00 pm in Dunham Massey Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor Paul Lord in the Chair

Councillors: Syd Antrobus, James Bushell, Kate Burke, Mike Duckworth, Philippa Pennington, Sue Royle

In attendance:

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

There were 5 electors present

1 Apologies for absence:

Parish Council	David Priestner
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2 Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council 9th June 2015 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising:

(a) **Traffic restrictions:** Andrew Hague has reported that an operative date to begin work on the lines and signs has been set of 31st July. There is a possibility that this may be delayed by a short period since the work is now being organised by AMEY rather than Trafford Council, and consequently new contracts for the contractors have to be issued. A copy of the scheme will be made available once he has written to the objectors.

ACTION: The Clerk will distribute copies of the scheme to Councillors once it is received.

(b) **“Smiley” speed signs:** Andrew Hague also reported that the sign previously offered for a trial period was now no longer working or available. **The Council agreed to fund the purchase of its own sign up to a limit of £5000.**

ACTIONS: Councillor Bushell will investigate options and purchase a sign.
The Clerk will check that any Public Liability requirements are met.

Councillor Pennington reported that a traffic survey to gauge the level of excessive speed had recently been carried out on Station Road. This may lead to further measures being put in place.

(c) **Broadband service:** An Open Meeting targeting businesses in Warburton and Dunham Massey was held in the Village Hall on 13th July. Approximately 50 people attended, and apologies were received from several other interested parties.

Tom Wilde from Trafford MBC described the BDUK Voucher Scheme which may be used to fund connections by businesses to the broadband network. Representatives from ITS Technology Group (a potential supplier of this service) described a proposed wireless scheme for making this connection, which would also be open to residents once installed.

A small Working Group (Councillors Burke and Pennington, and the Clerk) was created to report back on developments.

(d) **Grounds Maintenance:** The Chair has arranged for Mr W. Lawrence to take on various maintenance tasks around the Parish. This has commenced satisfactorily.

(e) **Councillor Training:** Councillor Burke and The Clerk have attended an Induction Course run by the Cheshire Association of Local Authorities (ChALC). New Councillors, and others feeling in need of a refresher course, were encouraged to attend in similar events.

The course highlighted that Councils should be active in strategic planning rather than considering individual planning applications. ChALC have templates for preparing neighbourhood plans.

ACTION: The Clerk will obtain the templates and circulate to Councillors

(e) **Fly-tipping:** Tyres dumped on Back Lane have been removed, but more have now been dumped on Black Moss Road.

ACTION: Councillor Pennington will report this to Trafford.

(f) **Pot holes:** United Utilities have been made aware of the subsidence on Station Road.

(g) **Street lighting:** Back Lane No. 6 is still permanently on. Woodhouse Lane No.2 is faulty and flickering.

ACTION: The Clerk will report these issues to Trafford again.

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

(a) **Flytipping:** Sean Anstee hoped that the new venture between AMEY and Trafford would lead to a reduction in commercial waste disposal costs and a reduction in fly-tipping.

(b) **Hedges:** The pavement along Back Lane is currently impassable due to an overgrown hedge. Stuart Robinson will liaise with AMEY to see if this can be rectified without undue disturbance to wildlife.

4 **To receive report from: Village Hall Committee:**

A new notice board has been installed.

Mr A. Parker has been selected to undertake the porch repair.

A new shed has been purchased for the W.I.

First Aid kits in the Village Hall need replacing.

The Church raised £1900 from the biennial Garden Ramble, and the Committee are considering holding more frequent community events.

Poor insulation and the lack of a good heating system in the Hall currently inhibit users making bookings for short periods. The Committee asked Stuart Robinson to find out the National Trust's view on how this situation could be changed.

- 6 **Accounts for payment:** W.Lawrence (grounds maintenance) £200. ChALC (Councillor training) £60.

7 Additional items for consideration:

- a. **Litter:** A proposal to fund a litter picker was discussed. It was decided that this as AMEY are changing the procedure for street cleaning this was not necessary at present.
- b. **Website:** Trafford MBC are changing the design of the Parish website, and are keen to have local coordination of the content. Councillors Burke and Pennington volunteered to do this.
The address of the web site is
<http://www.traffordparishes.gov.uk/Dunham/DunhamMasseyParishCouncil.aspx>
- c. **Heather bed fencing:** There was a brief discussion about the type of fencing which may be allowed around the heather bed.

ACTIONS: The Chair will investigate whether planning permission is required.
Stuart Robinson will investigate fencing options

- d. **The ex-Clerk:** A letter from the ex-Clerk (Kath Cozens) was read out, thanking everyone for the gift made by the Council on her retirement.
- e. **Millenium plates:** A few commemorative plates from the Dunham Massey centenary have been found. They will be passed to the Village Hall Committee for display.