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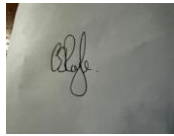
MINUTES of the Dunham Massey Parish Council Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00pm  
Held at Dunham Massey Village Hall**

Attendees			
Name	Title	Organisation	Initial
Caroline Royle	Chair	Parish Council	CR
Philippa Pennington	Vice-Chair	Parish Council	PP
James Bushell	Councillor	Parish Council	JB
Paula Lewis	Councillor	Parish Council	PL
Lewis Clare	Councillor	Parish Council	LC
Richard Abbott	Councillor	Parish Council	RA
Thomas Corneil	Councillor	Parish Council	TC
Georgina Lofthouse		National Trust	GL
Krista Williams	Parish Clerk	Parish Council	KW
<b>Apologies:</b>	David Jolley, Councillor Parish Council		

No electors present.

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies for absence</b>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Election of Chair</b> The Chair informed the meeting that she is able to remain as Chair for 2024/25. There were no other nominations. PP proposed that the Chair remained in position for another year. There proceeded to be a unanimous vote in favour.</p> <p>Caroline Royle was elected as Chair.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Election of Vice Chair</b> In David Jolly's absence, CR reported that David had indicated his wish to be nominated as Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations. CR proposed DJ as Vice-Chair and unanimously voted in favour.</p> <p>David Jolly was elected as Vice-Chair.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Minutes from the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April – for approval</b> The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b> None declared</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Action item updates and additional information</b> The attached action log provides detailed information on new, ongoing, and completed actions. Ongoing actions from previous meeting:</p> <p><u>Maintenance –</u></p> <p>Big Tree - GL gave assurance that the Big Tree will be checked for resilience to ascertain whether the ivy is a problem needing to be resolved. This will be done after the birds have finished nesting.</p> <p><u>Bus route changes –</u></p> <p>National Trust Transport Plan – GL informed the meeting that the Trust are working with Good Plan to improve eco travel. Action complete</p>



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	<p>Bus stop refurbishing – The bus stop on Woodhouse Lane, close to the park entrance, will be moved a little closer to Altrincham and include a seating bench . Action complete.</p> <p>Bus meeting with Warburton Parish Council – CR to chase.</p> <p><u>Communication –</u></p> <p>Newsletter – Printed and distributed. Action complete.</p> <p>DMPC website – link has been sent to Trafford Council. Action complete.</p> <p><u>Community Asset -</u></p> <p>Nothing further to note</p>						
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>To approve payments for May</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Specimen Trees Ltd</td> <td>Christmas Tree</td> <td>£474.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>£474.00</b></td> </tr> </table>	Specimen Trees Ltd	Christmas Tree	£474.00	<b>Total</b>		<b>£474.00</b>
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<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Notices and AOB</b></p> <p><u>Millenium Border</u></p> <p>The wooden border in the Millenium Garden requires attention.</p> <p><b>New Action: JB to inspect the wood and make recommendations to the Parish Council about maintenance requirements</b></p> <p><u>Newsletter Issue 2</u></p> <p>The following items were suggested as topics to be included in the summer edition of the newsletter, Rose Queen and the work Ben does to maintain the Village.</p> <p><b>New Action: JB to write an article for the Newsletter on maintenance work in the Village</b></p> <p><b>New Action: CR/DJ to write an article on the Rose Queen and the Parish Council stall</b></p> <p><u>October Agenda Item</u></p> <p>It was agreed to find a solution to enable universal access to Christmas Light tickets. This will be an agenda item in October.</p> <p><u>Money raised by the Parish Council during the Rose Queen Event</u></p> <p>It was agreed to donate the money to the Rose Queen committee.</p>						
<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b>  <b>Tuesday, 11th June 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall Dunham Massey</b></p>							

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## **MINUTES of the Dunham Massey Parish Council Annual Assembly**

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm  
Held at Dunham Massey Village Hall**

The meeting was attended by 5 electors.

### **Welcome and introduction**

Caroline welcomed everyone and thanked them for making the effort to come along.

### **Chair's report**

Caroline Royle spoke about the Parish Council's achievements over the last 12 months and the continued work on a wide range of issues affecting residents. Of note was:

- Lamp post refurbishment
- Christmas Lighting Event ticket distribution caused concern amongst residents however the Parish Council stepped in and eventually all those requesting tickets received them. The Council is working closely with the National Trust to ensure a fairer way to distribute the 2024 tickets
- The launch of the Dunham Massey Parish Council Website
- Launch of a successful process to respond to the reporting of fly tipping. This has seen a reduction in the amount of fly tipping in and around Dunham
- Working with local residents to improve local bus services
- Attendance at the Rose Queen event and raising funds for next year's event
- Continued pressure on Trafford Council to improve the pothole and sink hole situation. After attending a Parish Council meeting Andrew Hague, Highways Client and Operations Manager, agreed to review the situation. This resulted in further road works being undertaken in Dunham
- Progress on refurbishing the Cheshire railings
- A Christmas tree was erected in 2023. The Parish Council has now planted a Christmas tree - a more sustainable and eco alternative

### **Rural crime prevention**

3 officers from the local neighbourhood policing team attended. Police Constable Jess Saunders designated officer for Dunham Massey said that the Team is for everyone. Jess spoke on a number of areas relating to rural crime:

- A man, who claims he is a naturalist, has been arrested and has been given a banning order for Dunham Massey. If anyone sees him, please notify the police as it is important to know if he breaches the order
- Fly tipping is a massive issue. The police can prosecute the driver and take the vehicle. Experience shows that if this can happen at least once it is a deterrent for others. The Parish Council and residents can provide dates of fly tipping to enable them to review surveillance. Jess recommended erecting posters that inform people that fly tipping is being monitored

### **New Action: Parish Council to investigate the use of fly tipping posters being used as a deterrent**

- To support the speeding problem Jess said that she is able to hot-spot the area

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**New Action: Parish Council to email Jess with details of the problem, when and where it mainly occurs for her to discuss with the sergeant**

- By signing up to the <https://www.beeintheloop.co.uk/> website the community can receive notification about police work in the area

**New Action: Parish Clerk to promote the <https://www.beeintheloop.co.uk/> website locally**

**Neighbourhood Planning- how communities can shape development where they live**

Richard Abbot, Dunham Massey Parish Councillor, spoke about the Neighbourhood Plan Development and asked if this is something residents think would be of benefit:

- Neighbourhood Plans set out the vision and planning policy and includes things most relevant to the Parish for instance, areas for development or preservation
- The benefit of having a plan is that it sets planning priorities and shapes future development
- Developing a plan requires resources, a team would be established to develop a project and communication plan, the community would need to be engaged with the process, on board and willing to help develop the plans
- Once developed the plans are examined prior to a referendum and adoption locally

**Dunham Massey – Inside the Park Walls**

Georgina Lofthouse, on behalf of the National Trust, spoke about works being carried out within the park:

- New footbridges have been made, youth rangers have laid hedges and they have supported Little Bollington in relation to the local flooding
- Conservation and preservation is key to the parks future sustainability. Work involves such things as water testing, ditch and drainage work and managing ancient and veteran trees
- Access is being improved in the gardens with work to the York stone and an orangery installation
- Within the house they are cataloguing over 3,500 books, understanding the map collection allowing them to be used for research
- Scaffolding is to be erected to enable the Great Hall window to be restored

**Open forum for Dunham Massey residents to raise issues concerning the local Parish**

Issues raised include:

- Traffic speed and safety on the bend of Woodhouse Lane and School Lane in Dunham Woodhouses

**New Action: Parish Clerk to include details in email to Jess as stated above**

**Closing remarks**



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Thank you to all those that attended the Annual Assembly. Caroline closed by saying that there is an open invitation to the community to come along to the Parish Council meetings.