**Dodleston & District Parish Council**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

**Monday 7th November 2011 - 7.30pm Dodleston Village Hall**

### MINUTES

**Chairman** Mike Maughan

**Vice Chairman** Paul Buchanan

**Councillors** Michael Dix, Chris Ward, Sarah Parker, Karen Tilston, Annette Hutt

**Clerk** Anna Jones

**Also present:** Six members of the public and PC Sharron Beverley

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Richard Ward, Fiona Lewis, John Blythin

1. **Procedural matters**
2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Dix declared a non-prejudicial interest in all planning matters in item 8. Cllrs

Dix and Maughan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 4.

1. To agree the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th September 2011.
2. **RESOLVED** –The Chairman signed as a correct record, the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th September 2011.
3. **Public Speaking Time**

PC Beverley read the October police report for the Dodleston beat area. PC Beverley also stated that so far

in November, a caravan was stolen from Chester Lakes; three males have been arrested in possession

of the caravan. Also, four overnight burglaries were reported on the same night in Dodleston and Lower

Kinnerton. PC Beverley attended the Dodleston bonfire night in an off duty capacity and a Special

Constable attended in an on duty capacity. Both reported no problems or incidents.

Margaret Willis, editor of Local Life spoke regarding the recent edition of Local Life. Two adverts could

not be published to the required size as there was not enough room. Margaret requested that the number of

pages are increased from 16 to up to 20 if required in the future. Cllr Tilston, Dix and Ward (Chris) will

meet separately with Margaret to discuss the additional cost of increasing the number of pages. Any

decisions relating to this will be delegated to them.

June Bagot thanked Cllr Chris Ward for successfully obtaining consent to have ‘no through road’ signage

erected on Penfold Way.

Bernard Dennis enquired about the progress being made with the planned redevelopment of the phone box

area in Dodleston, to be part funded by a CWaC member’s budget contribution of £1,300. Mr Dennis had

previously obtained a quote of £1,800 for a history map board but will obtain an up to date quote. Cllr

Maughan stated that the project has not progressed however the redevelopment is still due to go ahead and

the £1,300 funding is ring fence for this project.

Dr Nuttall commented that the surfaces on footpaths on Penfold Way are deteriorating, who is

responsible for the maintenance? Cllr Chris Ward will look into this.

1. **Firework Event 2011**

The firework event was a huge success with the draft accounts showing a £9,500 profit. The field used for

parking worked very well. More food outlets/concessions may be needed at the next event. An article on

the bonfire night will appear in the December edition of Local Life together with a thank you to everyone

who helped make it a success.

1. **Field update**

The field committee has started looking at what grants are available for funding the field project and has

met with Cheshire Community Action who have highlighted a range of routes that we could take. Full

costings for the project are needed before we can apply for grants. The plans/design have been drawn up

and finalised.

1. **Redevelopment of phone box area, Church Road**

Refer to discussion during public speaking time.

**RESOLVED –** Cllr Tilston to look into getting a landscape design/plan drawn up which will incorporate

space for a history board, parish council notice board and water pump. Cllr Buchanan will provide the

required labour.

1. **Dog fouling in Lower Kinnerton**

Cllr Tilston reported that the dog fouling bin on Moor Lane is not being used.

**RESOLVED** – Cllr Parker will contact the dog warden regarding patrolling the area.

1. **Planning applications**

Discussion took place regarding the planning applications received and planning permissions

granted/refused since the last ordinary meeting. No comments have been made to CWaC in

relation to any of the applications.

1. **Finance & standard procedures**
2. To approve income and expenditure since the last meeting.

**RESOLVED** – The £200 income received relates to a donation from Cllr Paul Buchanan. All income

and expenditure since the last meeting was agreed.

1. To review the Parish Council’s forecast outturn as at 30 October 2011.

**RESOLVED** - Councillors noted the Parish Council’s forecast outturn as at 30 October 2011. Clerk to

contract CWaC regarding repaying the loan.

1. To discuss 2010-11 Annual Return (outcome of external audit)

**RESOLVED** - Councillors noted that the 2010-11 was signed off by the external auditor and has therefore been approved as correct.

1. **To agree dates for 2012 Ordinary Meetings**

9h January 2012

5th March 2012

14th May 2012 – Annual meeting and Parish AGM

2nd July 2012

10th September 2012

5th November 2012

1. **Correspondence/AOB**

Information regarding the Diamond Jubilee received by the clerk was passed to Cllr Parker.

Cllr Ward has had a phone call from a resident of Mallory Walk regarding the speed limits on

Lesters Lane and will apply for a speed restriction on the road as well as ‘no through road’

signage for Church Croft.

1. **Date of next meeting**

Monday 9th January 2012