



## MINUTES of the Dunham Massey Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm  
Held at Dunham Massey Village Hall and remotely

| Attendees           |                                 |                          |         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Name                | Title                           | Organisation             | Initial |
| Richard Abbott      | Chair                           | Parish Council           | RA      |
| Philippa Pennington | Vice-Chair                      | Parish Council           | PP      |
| Caroline Royle      | Councillor                      | Parish Council           | CR      |
| James Bushell       | Councillor                      | Parish Council           | JB      |
| Thomas Corneill     | Councillor                      | Parish Council           | TC      |
| Stuart Robinson     | Estate Manager                  | National Trust           | SR      |
| Paul Lord           | Councillor                      | Parish Council           | PL      |
| Karen Barkley       | Trafford Councillor             | Trafford Borough Council | KB      |
| Mussadak Mirza      | Trafford Councillor             | Trafford Borough Council | MM      |
| Michael Whetton     | Trafford Councillor             | Trafford Borough Council | MW      |
| Sue Bailey          | Chair Dunham Massey Tennis Club |                          | SB      |
| Krista Williams     | Parish Clerk                    | Parish Council           | KW      |
| <b>Apologies:</b>   | David Priestner                 |                          |         |

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| 1                                    | <b>Welcome and Apologies for absence</b>  |
| 2                                    | <b>Minutes from the last meeting</b><br>The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.   |
| 3                                    | <b>Election of Chair and Vice Chair</b><br><b>Election of Chair:</b> James Bushell was nominated by Richard Abbott, seconded by Philippa Pennington. As there were no other nominations, James Bushell was elected as Chair.<br><br><b>Election of Vice-Chair:</b> Philippa Pennington was nominated by Richard Abbott, seconded by James Bushell. As there were no other nominations, Philippa Pennington was elected as Vice-Chair.   |
| 4                                    | <b>Action item updates and additional information</b><br>The attached action log provides detailed information on new, ongoing and completed actions. Ongoing actions from previous meeting:<br><br><u>Defibrillator</u> – PL informed the meeting that St Johns can provide a defibrillator for £1,500 including half day training for 12 people. JB proposed to move to St Johns supplying the equipment and associated training. Seconded by CR.<br><br><b>New Action: CR to contact St Johns to arrange the details</b> |
| 5                                    | <b>Dunham Massey planning applications</b><br>No applications were received.  |
| 6                                    | <b>AOB</b><br>Newly elected councillors, Michael and Mussadak, were welcomed to the meeting. Michael is keen to meet people in Dunham Massey to be brought up to speed with local issues and priorities. Mussadak lives in Hale and visits the village regularly. He is wanting to work and assist the Parish Council where he can.   |
| <b>Date and time of next meeting</b> |   |



**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall Dunham Massey**

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

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 8pm  
Held at Dunham Massey Village Hall and remotely**

The meeting was attended by 7 electors remotely.

**Chair's report**

Richard Abbott 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 the collaboration with Warburton Parish Council on the proposed housing development on the Dunham border.

Even though we are blessed with local councillors, and thank you to Karen, Sean and Claire, there is a realization that Trafford Borough Council does not value this Parish Council. The closure of Oldfield Lane without consulting our residents is a case in point. Richard thanked the community for taking on local issue such as the litter pickers.

The Parish Council accounts are in credit and the Parish Council did not levy a precept. Grants were made to the community. It is important to hold a reserve to meet the needs of its operations and ensure the financial security of the Parish Council.

**Guest Speakers:**

**Dunham Tennis Club: 100 years Sue Baily**

Sue spoke passionately about the history of the Lawn Tennis Club. The Club's Pavilion has a display which tells the story of the club including photographs.

**News from the National Trust Kirsten Warren**

Kirsten thanked the whole community for their help and tolerance in the way we all dealt with the vast increase in the volume of visitors to the Hall. The National Trust through the Green Recovery Challenge Fund will plant trees and lay hedges to create wildlife habits. Further developments involve improving accessibility on the perimeter walks.

**Report from Trafford Councillor Karen Barclay**

Karen spoke of how the pandemic shaped the work of the Council:

- Public Health- Track and Trace
- Protection of the vulnerable
- Business support

This impacted the level of services provided locally such as maintaining the roads and drains.

There are outstanding issues:

- The bus service re-route
- The bridge at Paddock Lane needing repair
- Flooding at Orchard View
- The closure of Oldfield Lane

Karen urged people to write separately to the council as they are interested in the numbers of people that register an issue or complaint. As an example, the Parish Council will only count as 1 complaint.



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

Zoe, Najma and Fiona raised their frustration caused by the diversion of the bus route. They believe that Dunham is undervalued and that our voices go unheard. Children can't get to school; residents can't get to the shops. People are totally reliant on having a car not always available to children, the elderly or disabled. Warrington Buses receive a subsidy to provide a service through Dunham despite this route now being closed. This equates to £ 66,000 annually with further monies provided by Warrington Borough Council. This funding could be used for alternative provision such as a community bus scheme.

The Parish Council and Councillor Barkley on our behalf have raised this issue. It is complicated as it involves, Peel, the Trafford Council and the bus company.

**New Action: KB to write to Andrew Hague to invite Andrew Hague to a PC meeting and to ask if funding used to subsidise the non-existent bus service, could be put towards a dedicated community bus service to meet the needs of local residents and whether the PC could make their own representation to the Traffic Commissioner.**

**Closing remarks**

James as new Chair thanked the speakers for their contribution. He thanked Richard for holding us together during the pandemic when there were struggles coping with online meetings. He thanked the electors for attending the Assembly and for their input. He urged people to come forward to debate the issues that matter to people like they did tonight. Moving forward we are hoping for a better year and have invested in new technology for people to attend meeting remotely.

Finally, James thanked Philippa for her support as Vice Chair.