MELLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MELLING PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10 APRIL 2012 AT MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present: Cllrs Lee(Chair), Baker, Karran, Kyle, Brown, Jarvis, Beaumont, Clatworthy and Harrison. Ward Councillor Marion Atkinson also attended and Bill Esterton MP was present for the first few items.

1307 Apologies: Received from Cllr Carr

1308 Minutes of meeting held on 13 March 2012: were approved

1309 Matters arising from the minutes: There were no matters arising.

1310 Police Report: No report had been received.

1311 Public Participation: Seven members of the public attended. Mr P Harper addressed the meeting on behalf of the residents, all of whom live in Marc Avenue. There followed an extended discussion about the problems caused by the open access at the end of Marc Avenue and means of resolving the issues. Mr Harper's assertion was that Sefton Council had undertaken to erect a fence and gate to restrict access but that a third party would need to take full on responsibility for insurance in respect of the barrier he asked if the Parish Council would take this on. It was explained that whilst the Parish Council members share the residents' concerns they would not be in a position to make such a commitment at this meeting. However, it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain fuller details and report to the next meeting so that a decisioncan be made. The Chairman added that it would be helpful if those present attend the next Police Forum to detail the specific instances of anti-social behaviour they are experiencing.

The Chairman called upon local MP Bill Esterton to address the meeting at this point. Mr Esterton presented a short address in which he referred to several issues of national concern but with particular interest locally, in particular risk to the Green Belt and of overdevelopment.

1312 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Karran declared an interest in item 1313.

1313 St Thomas Parade: Mrs Sandra Luckett attended and presented a request for financial support for the planned parade on 30 June 2012. It was proposed Cllr Kyle and seconded by Cllr Baker that a grant of £550 be awarded. This was agreed unanimously. Cllr Karran did not take part in the voting.

1314 Correspondence:

DATE	FROM	SUBJECT	DECISION
26 Mar	BDO	Annual Audit notification	Noted
5 Apr	Steph Prewett	Waddicar Lane and Satinwood Crescent – update on progress to full adoption	Noted

1315 Report of Actions by Chairman and Clerk: No actions to report that are not otherwise referred to in these minutes.

1316 Youth Club: The Chairman had reported in the Annual Assembly but was pleased to inform the Parish Council that the Youth Club would be starting again on 11 April with two new volunteer helpers.

1317 Rainbow Park: The Clerk reported on further progress towards improvement of Rainbow Park and asked that members take a supply of leaflets in respect of the proposed "Friends of" group for distribution around homes close to the park.

1318 Parish Councils: At the Chairman's request the Parish Council considered whether a response should be made to an anonymous and critical article in the local press. It was agreed that, as a suitable response has already appeared, no action be taken.

1319 Planning Matters:

Appcn	15 Birchtree Drive	Erection of single storey extension at rear of dwellinghouse	Noted
Appcn	Wadacre Farm, Chapel Lane	Prior notification procedure for erection of detached agricultural building	Further details to be circulated to members
Appcn	Melling Hall Farm	Erection of additional 300mm dish on existing communications mast	Noted

1320 Reports of Meetings: Cllr Baker reported on the recent Area Management Committee and Melling in Bloom meetings. He also reported on the meeting held in respect of Youth Club provision. Cllr Harrison reported in respect of the Rights of Way Sub Committee meeting and advised that the next Merseyside Association of Local Councils meeting would be held at the Tithebarn on 2 May at 7.30pm, in this respect it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the hire of the Hall and cost of refreshments.

1321 Accounts for payment: The following accounts were approved for payment,

PAYEE	SUBJECT	CHQ No.	AMOUNT
Clerk	Salary	101223	£472.00
Clerk	Expenses	101224	£15.30
MBCP	P.O.P.S Grant 2012	101225	£350.00
Sefton Council	Wheeler Drive Field Tenancy	101226	£5.00
Brown Communications	Design, supply & install Delph Sign	101227	£942.00
NALC	LCR Subscription	101228	£15.50
G Harrison	Expenses	101229	£13.05

1322 Any Other Business: i) Hayes Drive/Beech Avenue – reported but unattended water leak – Clerk to report formally. ii) Car Wash/Tyre depot sign on Spencers Lane thought to be larger than permitted – Sefton to be requested to advise.

Date of next ordinary meeting: 8 May 2012 Website: www.mellingparish.org