



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 18th May 2015

Present: Councillor G Hall (Chairman from point 1 onwards), Cllrs C Browne, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, R Grantham, I Higham, C Munro, R Norbury and M Taylorson.
Clerk: A Ross
Hall Manager, PCSO
23 members of the public

In Attendance: 1 member of the press, 23 members of the public.

Cllr Munro proposed that Cllr Hall be the meeting Chairman, seconded by Cllr Dudley-Jones and carried.

1. To elect the Chairman of the Council and to receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor C Munro proposed that Councillor G Hall be Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor Dudley-Jones and carried.

Councillor G Hall took the chair.

2. To elect the Vice Chairman and to receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

See attached Nomination Sheet

3. To receive apologies for absence

None

4. To receive any declarations of interest from Members

None

5. To appoint an Internal Auditor.

The Clerk reported that she is happy to continue with JDH Business Services Ltd as the internal auditor.

All were agreed that JDH Business Services Ltd be appointed as internal auditor.

6. To review Committee Structures and to appoint members to serve on the under mentioned Committees:

- (a) General Purposes
- (b) Plans
- (c) Finance
- (d) General Purposes 'Projects sub-committee'

See attached Nomination Sheet

7. To appoint representatives on the under mentioned bodies as required:

- a) The Alderley Edge Institute Trust
- b) Alderley Edge Civic Fund Trustees

See attached Nomination Sheet

12. Appointment of Lead Councillors:

- a) Youth
- b) Transport
- c) Communications
- d) Parks and Open Spaces
- e) Road and Pavements

See attached Nomination Sheet

13. To review the Council asset register

Noted

14. To affirm the Parish Council's eligibility to use the General Power of Competence (namely that the number of Councillors elected at the last ordinary election, or at a subsequent by-election, must equal or exceed two thirds of its total number of councillors, and that the Clerk is suitably qualified).

Given that the number of Councillors elected at the last ordinary election was equal to or exceeded two thirds of its total number of Councillors, and that the Clerk is CiLCA qualified, the Parish Council satisfied the criteria for eligibility for the General Power of Competence. This is a wide ranging power of first resort, and effectively grants the Council the same powers as those granted to an individual.

RESOLVED: That this Council meets the criteria for eligibility for the purposes of the General Power of Competence

15. Delegation of Powers:

To approve delegation of the Parish Council's power in respect of the relevant Committees.

All were agreed and it was carried to approve the delegation of the Parish Council's power in respect of planning matters to the Plans Committee of the Parish Council, finance matters to the Finance Committee of the Parish Council, general purpose matters to the General Purpose Committee of the Parish Council and matters relating to the medical centre project, allotments and refurbishment of the Festival Hall to the Projects sub-committee of the Parish Council.

It was also agreed that the Projects sub-committee would write terms of reference as soon as practical.

16. Finance Report

The Clerk delivered the report on the financial activities of the council during the year ended 31st March (copy attached).

17. Report from the Chairman of the Plans Committee

Cllr Browne read out the report prepared by the outgoing Chairman of plans, Councillor MH Williamson (copy attached).

**Cllr G Hall
Chairman**