



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 13th May 2019

Present: Councillor R Grantham, Cllrs C Browne, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, S Greenwood, G Hall, L Marshall and M Taylorson.
Clerk: A Ross

In Attendance: 0 members of the public, 0 member of the press.

Meeting Commenced: 7.09pm

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

Councillor R Grantham proposed that Councillor M Dudley-Jones be Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the new Chairman, accepting the role for the year.

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

Councillor G Hall proposed that Councillor R Grantham be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor M Taylorson and carried.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the new Vice Chairman, accepting the role for the year.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr B Chapman.

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 the Council insurance policy and discuss/decide on alterations.

The documents had been circulated to all councillors before the meeting and it was agreed to renew the insurance at the present fidelity cover of £250,000. It was felt that the increase in premium of £242.54 to increase the fidelity cover was expensive and the internal controls currently in place are sufficient to minimise the risks. Also, the bank balance will continue to fall.

7. That the That the Parish Council adopt the new CEC Code of Conduct as outlined in CEC Constitution Chapter 4 Part 1 (pages 280-289) as adopted by CEC.

RESOLVED: Unanimously

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

(a) Plans

Councillor G Hall proposed that Councillor M Garbett be Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor M Taylorson and carried.

Councillor R Grantham proposed that Councillor M Taylorson be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

(b) Finance

Councillor G Hall proposed that Councillor M Garbett be Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor M Taylorson and carried.

Councillor R Grantham proposed that Councillor G Hall be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

9. Appointment of Lead Councillors:

a) Institute Trust

Cllr Dudley Jones will continue and the other nomination is to be decided.

b) Civic Fund

It was agreed that Cllrs C Browne and M Dudley-Jones will continue in the role.

10. 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

11. 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 and finance matters to the Finance Committee of the Parish Council.

12. Finance Report

The report on the financial activities of the council during the year ended 31st March had been emailed to all councillors prior to the meeting and was noted. (copy attached).

13. Report from the Chairman of the Plans Committee

Cllr Garbett gave a brief report on the planning applications throughout the year. The report was noted.

Meeting closed: 7.20pm

**Cllr M Dudley-Jones
Chairman**