

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Alderley Edge Parish held at 7.30pm on Monday 30th April 2018 in the Festival Hall.**

### Present

Chairman: Cllr R Grantham  
Ward Cllr: C Browne  
44 Alderley Edge residents (signing in list with the Clerk)  
Clerk: A. Ross

#### **1. Welcome**

Cllr Grantham welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7.30pm

#### **2. To receive an Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council 2017/18.**

Councillor R Grantham delivered her Annual Report (copy attached).

#### **3. To receive a report from the Cheshire East Council ward councillor.**

Councillor C Browne delivered his report (copy attached).

#### **4. To consider any questions relating to Parish Council matters.**

A question was asked about ensuring contractors abide by the hours of work as outlined in the relevant planning application. Cllr Browne responded that this is the job of CEC enforcement officers and if he is made aware of any issues he will raise it with them.

A question was asked about what can be done to tackle the problem of cars speeding through the village. Cllr Grantham responded that this has been recently raised with the new PCSO who advised that all incidents should be reported to the police on the non-emergency 101 number. This creates an incident number and will make police aware of the scale of the problem. Cllr Browne added that the Parish Council has done everything within its power to tackle the problem and although CEC no longer install speed humps he has asked about the possibility of having a pedestrian island added in the centre of Congleton Road.

There was further discussion about drivers ignoring the one way system on Stevens Street.

#### **5. To invite any Alderley Edge groups present to report on their activities during the year.**

These included:

Judy Povey and AE Guides – Gave a summary of events they participated in throughout the year

Anne Bale – Luncheon Club – Gave a report on the challenges faced due to CEC withdrawing funding and declining numbers as cost of transport remains a barrier to people joining.

Sarah Greenwood – Neighbourhood Plan – The plan is supported by the Parish Council but driven and developed by residents, gives the people of Alderley Edge direct power to affect the future direction of our village.

It builds policies around a shared vision for the village based on evidence and requiring resident approval in a referendum.

5 Working groups:

Housing

Transport and infrastructure Group

Local economy Group

Community and well-being

Heritage and character

Anyone interested in helping can email at AlderleyNP@gmail.com

Bev Chapman – Alderley in Bloom – Read a report on activities in 2017 and plans for 2018. They are reaching out to other groups in the village and always looking for new volunteers.

Sarah Shorland – Edge Association – An independent community organization who are committed to uphold and protect the charm and beauty of the area. They always welcome new members and work with the Parish Council and other groups in the village.

Keith Lowe – Music Festival – Gave a summary of the history of the festival. Funding is a challenge as the festival costs around £30,000 a year to run and they are always looking for new volunteers.

Mitch Gilbert – AETAG – Gave a summary of history to date. They are thinking of new ideas to improve the ambience of the village and will continue working with other groups.

Many Parr – History group and Heritage Centre – Gave a report on a busy year for the group which is homed in the newly formed Alderley Heritage Centre in an area at the back of St Philip & St James known as the West End. They have a website & facebook page and will be adding a digital archive on google cloud for members to access. They can show archives on Wednesdays or by arrangement and will be holding a dementia coffee group in the near future.

Robin Pye – St Philips/Church together – He talked about the new West Ened room and asked for ideas on how to use the space. He highlighted groups that use the church.

Margret Bilsborough – Speed Watch – Gave a summary on the work the group are doing. They now have 12 volunteers and do at least one session a month and would like to increase this to two sessions depending on volunteer availability. They have 6/7 locations including Congleton Road, Ryley's Lane and Macclesfield Road which they regularly target.

Karen Robinson – Union Club – The next Beer Festival is on 23rd June and they are asking for donations for the bottle tombola. All funds raised will go to the Luncheon Club.

Paul Marshall – Mayfair – Gave a summary of events planned for the next May Fair. They are looking to contact former Rose/May Queens and asked that they get in touch. More information can be found on their website at alderleyedgefair.com.

Emma Mason – LoveAlderley – A new traders group whose aim is to bring businesses of all types together, along with community groups and the council to support each other and start working together. New members welcome.

Cllr Grantham closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their input.

**The Annual Parish Meeting concluded at 8.44pm**

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING**