

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Alderley Edge Parish held at 7.30pm on Monday 29th April 2019 in the Festival Hall.

Present

Chairman: Cllr R Grantham
Ward Cllr: C Browne
32 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 2018/19.

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.

No questions were raised.

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

These included:

Alison Lees/ Alderley Edge Music & Drama Festival - It is a charity manned by volunteers and she wanted to emphasise that the ethos of the Festival is about Enthusiasm, Enjoyment & Encouragement. It is for all ages and abilities, with a finale on the Saturday night and tickets are available.

The AE Guides – Gave a summary of events they participated in throughout the year. They have planted tubs for the In Bloom group and are also helping plant the tubs in the village.

Anne Bale/ Luncheon Club - Gave a report on the challenges faced due to declining numbers which is in part due to difficulties with travel that members are experiencing.

Mandy Parr/ History group and Heritage Centre – Gave a report on a busy year for the group which is continuing to flourish with 130 members and 50 regulars attending the bi monthly meetings. They continue to meet at the Methodist School Rooms for four meetings and the rest at the Heritage Centre in St Philips & St James Church. They are always looking for new members and anyone interested should look on their website www.alderleyhistorygroup.com

Paul Marshall/ May Fair – This is being held on the 3rd weekend of May and this year's theme is space to recognise the 50th anniversary of the moon landings.

Lesley Marsh/ Poetry Group – The first session will be on 14th May at 2pm for one hour. The format is that people will bring a poem they like, read, listen and discuss. There are seats for 12 people and she encourages anyone interested to attend.

Peter Binder/ ABF Soldier's Charity – The charity is to support veterans and their families in times of need and they have various fundraising events throughout the year to support this. He is hoping to publicise these more through the Parish Council.

Steve Taggart/ Royal British Legion – He reported that the three key activities of the charity were branch activities, poppy appeal and Period of Remembrance. The Parish Council has taken over the administrative role of the Remembrance Parade.

Sarah Greenwood / Neighbourhood Plan Group – The Neighbourhood Plan sits alongside Cheshire East’s Local Plan, it can help shape the character of the Local Plan but can’t contradict it. It is written by local residents and does have statutory weight. She joined the group in June 2017 and admits it is a long process but is hopeful there will be a full village referendum on it within the next twelve months. Anyone interested can look on the website www.alderleynp.com

Bev Chapman/ AE In Bloom – Gave a presentation on their activities throughout the year. They are a group of volunteers and their aim is to grow pride in the village. The 4 areas of their 2018/19 projects are:

The allotment at Chorley Hall Lane, Litter Picking, Improving Green Spaces and Summer Planting.

Alan Jones/ Edge Association – Gave a presentation on their activities throughout the year. They are a pressure group formed many years ago to help preserve the Conservation Area, their role has since extended to include all of Alderley Edge. They give support to residents who think there are grounds for refusal of an application, monitor planning applications and register objections when appropriate. New members are required and anyone interested can email admin.secretary@edgeassociation.com

Helen Hall/ AE Symphony Orchestra – Reported that there are 4 concerts a year and they meet every Thursday in the Scout Hut to rehearse. The next concert is on 18th May in the Festival Hall and details are on their website <http://www.aeso.org.uk/>

Sue Mills/ St Philips & St James Church – Reported that the Church is supporting families with their food bank and they are receiving and distributing food locally from the Church. They are hoping to help with the problems of social isolation, bereavement and dementia and are looking at increasing use of the Church grounds for community use.

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

The Annual Parish Meeting concluded at 8.54pm

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING