

ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 14th May 2012

Present: Councillor M H Williamson (Chairman), Cllrs M W Maczkowiak, D G Herald
M J Connor, F Keegan, S Joseph, M D Lloyd

2 members of the press (alderleyedge.com and Wilmslow Express)
Approx 20 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence.

Received from Cllr N Schofield and JD Bergin who arrived at point 5 on the agenda and Jim News (PCSO).

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of 9th May 2011

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Councillor Herald, seconded by Councillor Connor and carried (at the Parish Council meeting held 13th June 2011).

3. Parish Council Chairman's Report.

Councillor M H Williamson delivered his Annual Report (copy attached).

Adoption of the report was proposed by Councillor Keegan, seconded by Councillor Connor and carried.

4. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council Finance Committee.

In Councillor Bergin's absence, his report on the financial activities of the council during the year ended 31st March (copy attached) was presented by Councillor Keegan.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Councillor Lloyd, seconded by Councillor Herald and carried.

5. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council Plans Committee.

Councillor Keegan delivered his report on the Plans Committee's work during the past year (copy attached).

He highlighted a problem with the way plans are being notified to the Parish Council and requested an item be added to the June agenda of the plans committee meeting. He also requested an agenda item be added to consider licensing protocol.

Adoption of the formal report was proposed by Councillor Herald, seconded by Councillor Joseph and carried.

6. The Alderley Edge Institute Trust Report.

Councillor Keegan provided a brief summary of the Trust's work over the past year.

He explained that the investments administered by the Trust remained in a healthy state owing to the skill of the Investment Managers.

7. School Governor's Report.

Nothing reported as there is presently no School Governor from the Parish Council.
The Parish Council is to clarify with the school if it wishes to have a governor who is a member of the Parish Council.

8. Reports from Cheshire East Council Councillor.

Councillor F Keegan provided a brief summary. Cheshire East is entering its third year and services are under financial pressure. A new leadership has been appointed and he is hopeful there will be a switch in direction to generate other revenues as councils can no longer just rely on government grants and Council Tax for income generation.

9. Contributions from other persons present.

2 members of the public spoke:-

Ms MacLeod challenged an item in the Chairman's report that suggested it was 'a small but vocal group of Heyes Lane allotment holders, some of whom don't live in the village' who are opposed to the plans for the allotments. She has spoken to over 100 villagers who have all expressed concerns about the plans. She would like an opportunity for the public to express their opinion at every meeting and requested a consultation regarding the allotments.

There was a show of hands in favour of her suggestions.

Mr Tomlinson put forward a resolution for the Standing Orders to be changed allowing public speaking at all meetings (copy attached).

There was a show of hands in favour of the motion.

Councillor M H Williamson
CHAIRMAN