



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Present:** Cllr DG Herald (Chairman), Cllrs MJ Connor, S Joseph, F Keegan and N Schofield.

**In attendance:** 1 representative from the press  
2 members of the public.  
Hall Manager  
Clerk: A. Ross

**Meeting**

**Commenced:** 7:32pm

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr JD Bergin, MD Lloyd, MW Maczkowiak and MH Williamson.

**2. To receive Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary interest (DPI).**

None

**3. Public Participation – A period of not more than twenty minutes will be made available for the public to ask questions or submit comments.**

A member of the public read out a letter he had written regarding item 8 on the Parish Council agenda ‘The Parish Council is delegating the responsibility for setting the precept to the Finance Committee Meeting’. As only full council may issue a precept he believed that the proposed delegation is illegal. The Chairman explained that as the full council are members of all committees it is still in fact a full council meeting even though it is classed as the ‘Finance Committee Meeting’ and the council were agreed that the proposal was acceptable although the phrasing of the item should have read ‘The Parish Council is deferring the responsibility for setting the precept to the Finance Committee Meeting’.

The new Chairman of the allotment society reiterated that he would like to have a meeting with the Parish Council as soon as possible to agree a way forward.

**4. To ratify the Parish Council meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013.**

Approval proposed by Councillor MJ Connor, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried.

**5. To ratify the General Purposes Committee minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013.**

Approval proposed by Councillor MJ Connor, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried.

**6. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013.**

Approval proposed by Councillor MJ Connor, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried.

**7. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.**

Approval proposed by Councillor MJ Connor, seconded by Councillor F Keegan and carried.

**8. The Parish Council is delegating the responsibility for setting the precept to the Finance Committee Meeting.**

It was noted that the phrasing of the item should have read ‘The Parish Council is deferring the responsibility for setting the precept to the ‘Finance Committee Meeting’ and as all councillors are on the Finance Committee this was acceptable.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council is deferring the responsibility for setting the precept to the ‘Finance Committee Meeting’

**9. To ratify the Review of Effectiveness of the Council’s Internal Audit System.**

The review was carried out by Councillor F Keegan who summarised the document and it was carried that the review be formally accepted.

**10. To affirm the Parish Council’s eligibility to start using 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 has recently passes the CiLCA qualification, 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.

The Parish Council needs to make a new resolution at every ‘relevant; annual meeting of the council (i.e. the annual meeting after the ordinary election that normally takes place every four years) to confirm that it still meets the criteria.

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

**11. Notices and Correspondence.**

- a) Connecting Cheshire – drop in briefing event on 22<sup>nd</sup> January between 4-8pm at the Festival Hall – noted.
- b) Manchester Airport Community Outreach 2014 programme – noted.
- c) CCTV Review – this is taking place at Wilmslow Police Station on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm.

**Meeting Closed:** 7:44pm

**ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>

**Councillor DG Herald**  
**CHAIRMAN**