



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 11th July 2016

Present: Cllr G Hall (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, M Garbett, R Grantham, and C Munro
Clerk: A Ross

Meeting

Commenced: 7:30pm

PART 1

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs M Dudley-Jones, I Higham, R Norbury and M Taylorson

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.

None

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th June 2016.

Deferred.

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 13th June 2016.

These were ratified in the extra plans meeting held on 20th June
Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett, seconded by Councillor I Higham and carried.

6. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 20th June 2016.

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor G Hall and carried.

7. To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk's report was noted and a number of actions were agreed:

Cllr Hall will request that Cllr Dudley-Jones raises the issue of the Parish Council Facebook page at the Communications Working Party.

One of the councillors, either Cllr Grantham, Garbett or Munro will attend the Town and Parish Council conference.

Cllr Browne confirmed that he will attend the Poynton Civic Service.

Cllr Garbett or Munro will respond to the consultation launched by the new Police & Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Grantham and Browne agreed to arrange another meeting with Waitrose to discuss the notice board and Christmas tree.

8. To approve accounts for payment.

All were agreed that this item be deferred to the Finance meeting.

9. To discuss the Parish Council bank balance and measures to protect money. The Financial Compensation Scheme has reduced from £85,000 to £75,000 and there is a large balance in the current account at present.

After discussion it was agreed that multiple bank accounts was not a realistic solution. One option is to look at the possibility of reducing the bank balance by paying back part of the PWLB loan early. It was agreed that the clerk and Cllr Garbett would assess this.

10. Resolution: To agree new tenancy agreements with AEAGS.

Cllr Browne reported that the draft agreements had been received from the Parish Council's solicitors and circulated to all councillors. He proposed that they are agreed in principle but he would like to discuss them with the Allotment Society before bringing them back to the next meeting for formal approval.

Cllr Browne proposed, Cllr Hall seconded and all were agreed.

11. Resolution: To agree the nominated person to consider appeal cases at Stage 1 of the Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure (IDRP).

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would be the nominated person.

Cllr Hall proposed, Cllr Munro seconded and all were agreed.

12. To discuss and agree the appointment of a new Hall Manager.

This item will be considered in Part II of the meeting in the absence of any public/press representatives owing to the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

13. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Browne reported that he now has a blog and his next surgery is on Saturday 30th July, 10am at Aldeli. He also gave an update on Highways work:

'Talbot Road has been resurfaced over the last couple of weeks. I am now just waiting for the Highways Officers to get back to me on the date for installing the waiting restriction plates on the lampposts; once this has been done, waiting on the western side of Talbot Road (the opposite side to the Medical Centre and Scout hut) will be restricted to 30 minutes (Monday to Friday). The purpose of this is to try and guarantee convenient, short-stay parking for people visiting the Medical Centre.

Residents of Moss Road/Duke St may also have noticed that the footpath at the junction of these two roads (just past the telephone box) has been repaired and resurfaced. Similar footpath repairs are planned for Oakfield Road (where some of the grass verges are going to be removed) later in the year. More immediately, the roundabouts at each end of Beech Road are going to be filled with fresh soil and have the grass re-seeded, as well as the addition of white marker posts to try and protect them from being driven over in future. This work is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 20th July.

The current gully emptying programme, which has been taking place across the village over the last two Wednesdays, will continue later this week in the village centre, with no parking in West St. I do understand the frustrations of some residents, but I have continued to report blocked gullies to Cheshire East Highways and of course, a group of volunteers helped out with a "blocked drain survey" last year, so I am delighted that this work, which is long overdue, is finally being carried out. Having said this, I would ask residents to continue to work with us and to let us know if there are any gullies that have been missed out.

Finally, Level II patching work (similar to that recently carried out in Talbot St) is scheduled for Macclesfield Road, both on the approach to the top of the hill and on the section outside the property known as "Broomfield". I'm pleased to report that this work should be carried out on 14th July (i.e. this Thursday), although there will of course be some disruption to traffic travelling along Macclesfield Road as a result. Once this work has been carried out, a new traffic regulation order will be introduced along the section of Macclesfield Road from Norwood Rise, to the property known as "Sienna Lodge". This work is expected to be done before the end of July and is in response to residents' concerns about pedestrian footpath access along this section of road'.

Cllr Munro reported that she has asked for a stall at the primary school summer fair this Saturday 2-5pm to promote the Neighbourhood Plan and encourage younger people to get involved. Cllr Grantham also suggested emailing schools and Cllr Munro agreed to follow this up.

Cllr Hall reported that the lease for the Pharmacy is still being finalised and there will be a final snagging meeting for the building on 19th July.

Cllr Grantham reported that Ansa have agreed to update the fenced play area at a cost of £48,000 funded by S106 money and the plans have been sent to the Youth Parish Council for consultation. The YPC agreed they would like table tennis tables in the park and CEC have agreed to pay for and install these by the end of August.

Meeting Closed: 8:20pm

PART 11

This part of the meeting was held at the end of the evening, once the public and press representatives had left.

Meeting Commenced: 8.20pm

12. To discuss and agree the appointment of a new Hall Manager.

Cllr Hall confirmed that a job offer had been made and accepted. Subject to suitable references and medical report the new Hall Manager will be starting on 1st August.

Meeting Closed: 8.28pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

Councillor G Hall
CHAIRMAN



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PART II

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12. To discuss and agree the appointment of a new Hall Manager.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council offer the position to Catherine Jones subject to satisfactory references and medical report.

**Councillor G Hall
CHAIRMAN**