



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th November 2012

Present: Cllr MH Williamson (Chairman), Cllrs JD Bergin, F Keegan, S Joseph, DG Herald, MJ Connor, MD Lloyd and MW Maczkowiak.

In attendance: 2 representatives from the press
Approx. 10 members of the public.

Meeting

Commenced: 7:33pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

None

2. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

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.

3 members of the public spoke.

Geoff Hall – At the last meeting Mr Hall requested the Parish Council clarify its position in relation to the May Fair Committee's rights and obligations when organising the event in the park. He asked that it was formally recorded in the minutes that the Parish Council agreed with the May Fair Committee position. Cllr Williamson agreed and a copy of the letter regarding this will be put with the minutes.

Christine Munro – Mrs Munro complained that the Parish Council holds the view she has been running the May Fair for personal profit and insisted this was not the case. She also wanted it noted that she has never purchased computer equipment and charged it to the May Fair and that all accounts from the May Fair are available on request. She is shocked at the behaviour of the Parish Council and would like them to publicly set the record straight. Cllr Williamson apologised for his mistake regarding the computer purchase and will respond to the other matters on behalf of the Parish Council in due course.

Dave Lomas – Mr Lomas confirmed he has copies of the accounts for the May Fair confirming that Mrs Munro has not had any unwarranted expenses and stated he thought Mrs Munro had been treated unfairly by the Parish Council. At this point Cllr Maczkowiak volunteered to work with the May Fair Committee to try and improve relations and this offer was accepted.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 15th October 2012

Approval proposed by Councillor DJ Connor, seconded by Councillor F Keegan and carried

5. Matters arising.

None

6. To ratify the General Purposes Committee minutes of 15th October 2012.

Approval proposed by Councillor S Joseph, seconded by Councillor JD Bergin and carried

7. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 15th October 2012.

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor JD Bergin and carried

8. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 15th October 2012.

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

9. Notices and Correspondence.

- a) Copy of Cheshire Community Action newsletter – noted.
- b) Information leaflet on The A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road – noted, to be passed to Cllr Schofield.
- c) Letter from the Emerson Group requesting to meet with the Parish Council regarding the planning application – Beech Lawns, Brook Lane, Alderley Edge – Deferred to the plans meeting.
- d) Email from ChALC regarding Dispensations and setting the precept – Cllr Williamson highlighted the main points of the email which stated it is NALC's view that all councillors have a 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interest' when meeting to set the council's precept and should request a dispensation. It was also highlighted that not all Monitoring Officers share this view and it is the 'informal view' of DCLG that members of a parish council at a meeting which sets the precept do not hold a pecuniary interest. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would follow the DCLG view. It was also agreed that any dispensation requests should be made in writing to the Clerk on a dispensation request form not less than two clear days before the meeting. The council can then consider the request and vote on it.
- e) Letter from Cheshire Police Authority regarding Police & Crime Commissioner changes – noted.
- f) Letter from Edenhouse Estates regarding application for 3 apartments at Cherrydene, Macclesfield Road – Deferred to the plans meeting.

Meeting Closed: 7:56pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Williamson	Respond to Mrs Munro	As soon as practical

Councillor M Williamson
CHAIRMAN