



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 7th April 2014

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

In attendance:
Approx. 10 members of the public
Hall Manager, PCSO
Clerk: A Ross

Meeting

Commenced: 7:55pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr JD Bergin

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.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2014.

Approval proposed by Councillor MW Maczkowiak, seconded by Councillor MJ Connor and carried.

5. To discuss what to do about the triangle of land by the railway and adjacent to Waitrose.

Cllr Connor reported that the whole of the railway end is full of rubbish and looks appalling, this is partly because Cheshire East is not maintaining the hedging along the park as they believe Network Rail own it. There was a discussion about whether or not it is something the community payback team or the lengthsman could tackle but there are safety issues to consider. The clerk was asked to contact Network Rail and Waitrose but reported that this had already been done, a letter regarding the rubbish was sent to Waitrose after the last Parish Council meeting and in previous communications with Network Rail they confirmed they do not own this land.

Cllr Williamson suggested replicating the project Wilmslow had to improve the train station and asked Cllr Joseph to ask the LAP group if they could help.

6. Update from the 'Projects sub-committee'.

Cllr Keegan gave an update:

Wilmslow Road – A decision has been taken by Cheshire East to give the land to AESG and the football club by way of a fifty year lease. This allows the school to free up Lydiat Lane to the Parish Council which allows the Parish Council to offer the minister another statutory allotment site. Cheshire East is moving forward with the variation on the lease for Heyes Lane and will support the application to the DCLG however the Parish Council will need to pay Cheshire East's legal costs for the variation of the lease.

There was further discussion about the specification for the NHSE lease which needs to be agreed before the District Valuer can recommend a rental figure. This work will be authorised by Emersons who have sub-contracted it to a specialist firm. The Parish Council will pay the specialists directly and will need to vire money from other lines in the budget and make a retrospective approval of spend at the next Finance meeting. This spend will go into the 'capital projects' line in the accounts.

Cllr Williamson gave an update:

The Parish Council need to submit two planning applications

1. For the change of use of Lydiat Lane to allotments
2. To create a new side entrance for the hall.

Emersons have produced a set of drawings and the council need to arrange a meeting to approve them so Emersons can move forward with the planning application. Cllr Lloyd agreed to arrange a meeting to review the plans.

Cllr Williamson also reported on the meeting the sub-committee had with the Allotment Society. There was an exchange of views, the society doesn't accept what the Parish Council have done and have written a letter challenging the notice to quit. The Parish Council legal advisors have since confirmed that the notice to quit is legal.

Cllr Williamson explained that the council want a building compound on the allotment site to reduce disruption to residents of Stamford and Talbot Road during the building work. If a compound cannot be created there may be a need to have parking on Stamford Road suspended. If the project is delayed the doctors could lose there £500,000 grant from NHSE as it needs to be spent by the end of this financial year. Cllr Herald raised the fact AESG will have to pay £10,000 per year to lease the land at Wilmslow Road, and asked if they will want anything in return from the Parish Council for Lydiat Lane. Cllr Keegan replied that the detail of that will need to be worked out at a future date. There was a discussion about vehicular access to Lydiat Lane, Cllr Williamson replied that the tenancy agreement would be decided by the council and this would be taken into consideration.

7. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Herald reported that the community payback team will be cleaning the benches in the cemetery.

Cllr Connor reported that she is still working with the schools and retailers on a 'keep the village clean' initiative and will update the council further.

Cllr Maczkowiak asked about progress on highways issues, she would like Oakfield Close added to the list of works. Cllr Keegan will give her the contact details to have it raised as a maintenance issue.

Cllr Lloyd reported that he met the Edge Association and updated them on Parish Council matters.

Anne Ross
Clerk to Alderley Edge Parish Council

Meeting Closed: 8.35pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Joseph/Williamson	Liaise with LAP group regarding rubbish along the railway	As soon as practical
Cllr Lloyd	Arrange meeting to reviews Emersons plans for the hall	As soon as practical
		As soon as practical
		As soon as possible

Councillor MD Lloyd
CHAIRMAN