



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 13th April 2015

Present: Cllr MH Williamson (Chairman), MJ Connor, DG Herald, F Keegan and N Schofield

In attendance: 5 members of the public
1 member of the press
Hall Manager
Clerk: A. Ross

Meeting

Commenced: 7.38pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs JD Bergin, S Joseph, MD Lloyd and MW Maczkowiak

2. 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. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2015.

Approval proposed by Councillor DG Herald, seconded by Councillor MJ Connor and carried.

4. To discuss funding for the PCSO.

Cllr Williamson wanted to raise the issue of visibility of the PCSO within the village. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would request a meeting with Sgt Andy Miller as there are concerns about the current mixed deployment arrangement and councillors would like confirmation that they are actually getting what is being paid for. It was agreed that payment of this year's invoice would be withheld until the meeting has taken place.

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

Cllr Williamson gave an update on the meeting last week with Emersons:-

Cllrs Williamson and Keegan had a meeting in January with CEC planning department which was a pre-planning application meeting related directly to turning Heyes Lane allotments into a car park and building the new entrance to the hall adjacent to the side entrance and toilet block. CEC highlighted some problems and it was agreed that some work would be done to overcome these, but it transpired at the meeting last week that none of this work had been done by either CEC or Emersons. Since that meeting things have started to move again and the builders have produced a quote for the renovations to the hall and the extension work. There will be another meeting with the project manager to discuss the quote and the committee is still awaiting a formal letter from CEC regarding the pre-planning application.

The Medical Centre is progressing well and the steel work should start to go up in the first week of May. Items still outstanding are signing the building contract, the liquidated damages figure is being discussed and it is hoped that will be finalised this week. Once the building contract has been signed it will be appended to the lease for the doctors which can then also be signed.

Cllr Schofield asked about parking arrangements for the Music Festival. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk would contact CEC to enquire about the possibility of using Chorley Hall Lane playing fields as a temporary car park on the week of the festival.

6. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Connor reported on the idea of updating the lodge at the cemetery and using it as a historical centre and meeting place, she has had a lot of positive feedback from community groups regarding this and hopes to follow it up with CEC after the election. She also reported that she thought the village was looking tatty and suggested a litter pick and some weeding. It was confirmed that the lengthsman is doing regular litter picks in the village. There was a discussion about tree pruning and road signs, Cllrs Williamson and Keegan are meeting with Lynne Nixon from highways and agreed to raise these issues with her.

Cllr Herald reported that Chess in the village have a policy whereby all their staff can contribute one day per week to community projects. He suggested using this resource to address some of the issues raised by Cllr Connor and agreed to follow this up. He also agreed to ask the Chairman of Great Warford PC who paid to replace their signs.

Cllr Herald gave an update on the park spring clean.

Cllr Scofield reported that Macclesfield Chamber of Commerce is renaming to North East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce and merging with Crewe chamber, this should result in a lot more support for the business community in the village and surrounding areas.

Cllr Williamson formally thanked Cllr Schofield for the work he did (through the Chamber of Commerce) on persuading CEC into changing the planned closure of the A34 by pass.

He also thanked Cllr Maczkowiak for her service over the years as she has worked tirelessly for the village and will be sadly missed.

There was a discussion about changing the cheque signatories and the possibility of changing banks. It was agreed that this would be done after the election but Cllr Williamson would make initial enquiries at Barclays about the process of changing the signatories.

Meeting Closed: 8.11pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Williamson	Liaise with Cllr Joseph and arrange a meeting with Sgt Andy Miller	As soon as practical
Clerk	Contact CEC about using CHL for temporary car parking for the music festival	As soon as practical
Cllr Herald	Liaise with Chess re community projects and contact Great Warford PC regarding new signs	As soon as practical
Cllr Williamson	Contact Barclays about changing signatories	As soon as practical

Councillor MH Williamson
CHAIRMAN