



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 11th February 2013

Present: Cllr F Keegan (Chairman), Cllrs JD Bergin, MJ Connor, N Schofield,
and MW Maczkowiak

In attendance: 2 representatives from the press
8 members of the public
Clerk: A Ross

Meeting

Commenced: 7:45pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs MH Williamson, S Joseph and MD Lloyd

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

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2013.

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

4. Matters Arising.

None

5. To discuss provision of Hanging Baskets and Tubs.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported that the hanging baskets and planters in the village are a terrible mess. Cllr Connor responded that we are awaiting a quote from a company to replace them all. Cllr Connor agreed to give feedback to Macclesfield Community Garden Centre and ensure a proper sign off of their work.

6. Update on allotments.

Cllr Keegan reported that the Parish Council has now signed leases for the three allotment sites. He also summarised a letter which is going out to all allotment tenants and all those on the waiting list (copy of letter attached to the minutes) outlining the Parish Councils intentions. The letter asks all current tenants if they wish to remain tenants and asks people on the waiting list if they wish to continue on the waiting list. They are also being asked to vote on whether or not they support a new site at Lydiat Lane. The letter also states that the Parish Council intends to apply to DCLG for permission to change the Heyes Lane site into a grasscrete car-park.

The Parish Council proposes to run the allotments themselves and will deal with each site independently.

7. Request to ask Cheshire East to carry out feasibility studies on London Road regarding new pavement near Heyes Lane and chevron parking in the village centre.

Cllr Keegan has made initial enquiries to find out how much Cheshire East would charge for this service as he would like to know the charge before proceeding any further. Cheshire East indicated that it is probably a

matter for the local LAP, however it was announced that the new Chief Executive is planning to abolish LAPs and introduce Operating Officers.

8. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Connor reported on the state of the roads and potholes and is not convinced the online reporting system is being actioned. She is worried Sandbach and Crew are getting preferential treatment and asked Cllr Keegan to raise this with Cheshire East. Cllr Connor thought that in places whole stretches of road need to be redone rather than individual potholes but Cllr Keegan thinks this is being done as it is still cheaper to keep repairing the potholes than the whole stretch of road.

Cllr Connor reported that the Friends of the Cemetery group will be having their first meeting soon.

Cllr Connor reported on anti-social parking by construction vehicles on Blackshaw Lane. She agreed to ask the PCSO to make regular visits and encourage residents to phone 101 to report it as it is a matter for the police.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported on a meeting she had with Sgt Andy Miller and the PCSO about illegal parking in the village. As a result of the meeting it was agreed that the PCSO will talk to restaurants, etc to highlight the problem and the police will monitor the village in the evenings on a regular basis until the message gets through. They also discussed Congleton Road and the police are requesting Cheshire East extends the double yellow lines up the road.

Cllr Bergin reported that the street light on Davey Lane had finally been fixed. He also reported that Panacea have an overnight security system which emits an incredibly loud warning when the sensor is activated. This has happened in the middle of the night and is anti-social noise pollution. The Parish Council agreed to write to Environmental Health/Planning to ask them to look into it.

Cllr Keegan received a letter from Peter Hartwell regarding CCTV. The Parish Council contributed to the service initially being set up but are now being asked to contribute towards operating costs. He is not happy with the request and has not yet responded.

Meeting Closed: 8.35pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Connor	Follow up on quote for baskets and planters	As soon as practical
Cllr Keegan	Follow up with CE on cost for feasibility study	As soon as practical
Cllr Keegan	Raise issue of money being spent in AE regarding state of roads	As soon as practical

Councillor F Keegan
CHAIRMAN