



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Present:** Cllr MD Lloyd (Chairman), Cllrs JD Bergin, MJ Connor, DG Herald, F Keegan  
MW Maczkowiak, N Schofield and MH Williamson

**In attendance:** 1 representative from the press  
2 members of the public  
Hall Manager  
Clerk: A Ross

#### **Meeting**

**Commenced:** 7:44pm

#### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr S Joseph.

#### **2. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

None.

#### **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013.**

Approval was proposed by Councillor MW Maczkowiak, seconded by Councillor N Schofield and carried.

#### **4. Matters Arising.**

None.

#### **5. To discuss use of the 'General Power of Competence' and training requirements.**

Cllr Keegan briefly explained the meaning and application of the General Power of Competence (GPOC). The eligibility criteria to use the power requires the Clerk to be CiLCA trained and it was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the costs of this. The Clerk was also asked to contact the Clerk at Handforth to arrange a meeting.

There is a ChALC course covering this in September and the Clerk will email the details to all councillors as it was agreed it would be a good idea for some councillors to attend as well as the Clerk.

#### **6. Proposal to hold public Parish Council surgeries. Frequency and location to be discussed and agreed.**

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will hold a surgery on the first Saturday of every month for a trial period. Cllr Lloyd will do a rota so there will be two councillors for each session and will liaise with the library about holding them there. He will also ask Cheshire East for guidelines about topics that can and cannot be discussed.

Approval was proposed by Councillor MH Williamson, seconded by Councillor MJ Connor and carried.

#### **7. Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Schofield raised the issue of the closure of the Alderley Edge bypass for grass cutting. He is waiting on a response from Cheshire East about the impact of these decisions. He also praised the organisers of the Village Fete.

Cllr Connor reported on the latest resurfacing work on the village roads and wasn't sure if it had been finished as it was of such a poor standard. Cllr Keegan agreed to find out the status of the Chorley Hall Lane resurfacing. Cllr Connor reported on the meeting with the Trader's Association regarding the date for the Christmas lights switch on and suggestions for additional trees and lights, it was agreed that the traders would need to secure funding for any additions. It was confirmed that Diane Smith is organising the Christmas trees but Cllr Connor agreed to look into permanent, growing trees as an alternative.

It was reported that the footpath between Davey Lane and Heyes Lane is full of dog mess and overgrown, the Clerk was asked to contact the Dog Warden to arrange a meeting and ask Cheshire East to cut back overgrown hedges. The Clerk was also asked to arrange for the Lengthsman to clean the village signs.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported on complaints she received about the noise from the Castle Rock Studio concert and the fact that Environmental Health were not available to contact at the weekend. Cllr Lloyd agreed to speak to Castle Rock about the concerns of residents and discuss suggestions to lower the impact of the noise at any future events.

Cllr Maczkowiak raised concerns about the volume of taxis in the village and the fact that a large number of them seem to be out of town taxis that are not licensed by Cheshire East. She agreed to liaise with the Cheshire East licensing officer and the PCSO to address the issue. She will also ask the PCSO about 'taxi safety advice cards' that can be distributed.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.52pm

#### **ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>
Clerk	Email details of GPOC course to all councillors	As soon as possible
Clerk	Contact Handforth clerk to arrange a meeting	As soon as practical
Cllr Lloyd	Contact library and CEC about PA surgeries	As soon as practical
Cllr Keegan	Establish status of Chorley Hall Lane resurfacing works	As soon as practical
Cllr Connor	Look into permanent, growing Christmas trees	As soon as practical
Clerk	Contact the Dog Warden	As soon as practical
Clerk	Arrange for Lengthsman to clean village signs	As soon as practical
Cllr Lloyd	Speak to Castle Rock about noise from concert	As soon as practical
Cllr Maczkowiak	Liaise with PCSO and Cheshire East licensing re taxis	As soon as practical

**Councillor MD Lloyd**  
**CHAIRMAN**