



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public
Clerk: A Ross

Meeting

Commenced: 7:56pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs DG Herald, MD Lloyd and N Schofield.

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.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2014.

Approval proposed by Councillor S Joseph, seconded by Councillor F Keegan and carried

4. To make a decision regarding CCTV visit.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would like to visit the CCTV control room before making a decision on funding and will try to confirm a date in August when at least a few of them are available.

5. Cllr Williamson to report on the transfer of the Royal Charter from the Lord of Alderley.

Cllr Williamson reported that there was a small ceremony to mark the occasion and the Parish Council now holds the royal charter right to hold a market in Alderley Edge. He wanted to thank Cllr Lloyd for organising the transfer.

Cllr Connor raised the issue of managing future markets and wants to develop an application form that asks very specific questions. It is important that everyone is treated fairly and that any markets do not damage local trade. There will be no markets until 2015 except for this years Christmas market and the Parish Council confirmed they have no intention of interfering with the Wilmslow market.

It was confirmed that the Christmas lights switch on will be held on Thursday 20th November.

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

Cllr Williamson reported that the Vodafone lease is now ready to be signed and it may fall to Cllr Keegan and one other to do this as he is going on holiday.

The sub-committee are having a meeting with Arcus and Emersons this week and will report the outcome back to the Parish Council.

The NHSE solicitor who has been dealing with the medical centre project has now retired and been replaced by someone who has also been involved in the project. It is hoped that things can be moved forward regarding signing the lease.

Cllr Keegan reported that interim rent valuation figures have now been received from the District Valuer. She has asked for 22 parking spaces out of the 35 available. The sub-committee are meeting the doctors to discuss any issues this week.

7. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Joseph reported that she has met with the PCSO and Sgt Andy Miller to discuss various issues. They are having a blitz of illegal parking on Congleton road. Official notices regarding double yellow lines in this area have gone up and the council need to ask CEC when they are planning to do the work.

There was a discussion about a proposal from Sgt Miller to have a different PCSO job share with Jim Newns in Alderley Edge. Cllr Joseph was surprised to hear that the new PCSO had already been into the Festival Hall as it was presented to her as a proposal to be discussed and not something that had already been agreed. The Parish Council are not convinced this arrangement would provide a consistent service and don't want the Police allocating resources where it suits them, Cllr Maczkowiak pointed out that the Parish Council have a SLA and can object to the proposal. Cllr Joseph agreed to arrange a meeting with Sgt Miller to discuss all the points raised and will circulate the date to all councillors.

Cllr Joseph attended a meeting with Claire Steele from Everybody to discuss activities for young people and the idea of a youth club. She also attended the June LAP meeting but was unable to attend the Community Hub event at Wilmslow High School.

Cllr Maczkowiak asked for the Parish Council to confirm they are happy for Diane Smith to be consulted on the Christmas Market. She was asked to provide the Clerk with an estimate of how many hours she thinks Diane will need to commit to the event.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported that the footpath on Chorley Hall Lane playing field is completely overgrown but someone has started to cut it back. The Clerk will report it to Marianne Hodgkinson at CEC.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported that she has received complaints of dog fouling on the bowling green in the park and asked for signs to be put up. The Clerk will also report this to Marianne and will liaise with Cllr Maczkowiak on the wording.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported that the Christmas tree site in the parade needs to be moved as the old site is too near the new Waitrose entrance. Diane Smith suggested moving the Parish Council notice board and moving the electrics to put it there. Cllr Williamson suggested asking Waitrose for a contribution or possibly asking them to take on the responsibility of the Christmas tree altogether.

Cllr Williamson suggested the Parish Council review the Christmas lights at the end of August and consider asking local businesses to make a contribution again.

Cllr Maczkowiak believes the contractors Cheshire East are using to repair the potholes are either doing a very poor job or are not doing the repairs at all, yet they are reporting to Cheshire East that they have been done. Cllr Williamson agreed to ask Lynne Nixon for specific information of pothole repairs in the village so they can be checked.

Cllr Connor reported that there are overhanging trees on Ryleys Lane hanging right onto the road. She will give the addresses to the Clerk for 'good neighbour' letters to be sent. She also reported that she is having a meeting with Waitrose to discuss the Incredible Edible programme and will also discuss the car park.

Cllr Keegan reported that CEC will shortly announce a £900K budget surplus which community groups will be able to bid for in the form of grants. He also thinks the Parish Council should write to Sue Mills formally thanking her for her work and wishing her well in her new post.

Anne Ross
Clerk to Alderley Edge Parish Council

Meeting Closed: 9.00pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Keegan and Clerk	Write to CEC and ask when work on Congleton Road will start	As soon as practical
Cllr Joseph	Arrange a meeting with Sgt Miller	As soon as possible
Cllr Maczkowiak	Provide Clerk with estimate of hours Diane Smith will need to work on the Christmas Market	As soon as practical
Cllr Maczkowiak and Clerk	Report overgrown footpath on CHL and problems with dog fouling/signs to CEC	As soon as practical
Cllr Williamson	Contact Lynne Nixon about poor pothole repairs	As soon as practical
Cllr Connor	Provide addresses for overhanging trees on Ryleys Lane to the Clerk	As soon as practical

Clr Keegan and Clerk	Write letter to Sue Mills	Clr Keegan and Clerk
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Councillor MH Williamson
CHAIRMAN