



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Present:** Cllr MD Lloyd (Chairman), Cllrs MW Maczkowiak, S Joseph, DG Herald  
N Schofield and MH Williamson.

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

#### **Meeting**

**Commenced:** 7:46pm

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

Cllr JD Bergin, MJ Connor and F Keegan.

#### **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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

Approval was proposed by Councillor DG Herald, seconded by Councillor MW Maczkowiak and carried.

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

At the last meeting the Clerk was asked to contact Lynne Nixon to request a list of road repairs. Cllr Lloyd has since received information from Don Stockton about the priority of road repairs.. Cllr Lloyd believes it is important that the Parish Council become more involved in the LAP mechanism as some of the consultation on road repairs is done through them.

#### **5. To discuss asking Cheshire East to replace the bench on Chorley Hall Lane.**

It was acknowledged that the bench is no longer fit for purpose and after discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council need to confirm that Cheshire East supplied the bench initially. If that is the case they can then be asked to replace it.

Cllr Herald also requested that the Parish Council pay for a new metal bench in the park, to replace the one that was vandalised, at approximately £800 plus installation costs.

A vote was taken: Cllr Joseph proposed, Cllr Herald seconded and the motion was passed.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council would apply to the Institute Trust and ask them to fund half the cost.

#### **6. To agree the updated quote for the Christmas lights and proposed payment structure.**

All councillors had received an email copy of the quote and payment structure prior to the meeting. The Clerk summarised the details.

A vote was taken: Cllr Williamson proposed, Cllr Schofield seconded and the motion was passed to accept the quote and payment structure.

#### **7. To discuss the LAP youth forum.**

Cllr Joseph reported that she is attending a meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June regarding the Youth forum. The plan is to find and train a group of young people to manage a fund contributed from local Parish Councils and other partners. The funds provide budgets for young people to decide how money should be spent on the priorities identified by them to enable positive activities and youth facilities in their area.

Wilmslow Town Council has committed £25,000 and Handforth Parish Council has committed £10,000 to the fund, the LAP is asking Alderley Edge for a contribution.

Cllr Williamson pointed out that Alderley edge already has the Institute Trust and any youth group could apply to them for funding. Cllr Joseph will report back with more details after the meeting.

## 8. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Herald reported that the 'Friends of the Cemetery' group now officially exists and has had its first meeting; he also reported that the park is to receive one additional bin from Cheshire East. A quote of £1825 has been received for the refurbishment of the downstairs office. After discussion a vote was taken on whether to accept the quote and start the work.

Cllr Lloyd proposed, Cllr Herald seconded and the vote was passed with only Cllr Maczkowiak voting against the proposal.

Cllr Schofield reported that an overgrown hedge on Macclesfield Road is causing an obstruction to pedestrians and requested that a letter is sent asking the owners to cut it back; the Clerk will try and find out the address. He also reported a 'House for Sale' sign causing an obstruction. Cllr Williamson agreed to look at the sign and talk to a planning officer.

Cllr Maczkowiak commented that she was impressed with the press release from Cllr Keegan and asked for it to go in the Parish Council newsletter 'Alderley Matters'. She requested that the Parish Council invest in equipment for the village to enable the Lengthsman to deal with weed-spraying, road sweeping, etc. There was a discussion about public liability and training requirements if the Lengthsman took on these additional roles.

Cllr Williamson believes it is up to the Parish Council to force Cheshire East to carry out their statutory roles and will arrange a meeting with whoever is responsible for the Service Level Agreements. He also requested that the Clerk chase up the weed-spraying as he believes it should have been done by now.

Cllr Williamson reported that he is having a meeting with Cllr Keegan, Rev Ben Clowes and Rev Jane Parry to discuss the arrangements for the Civic Service on 7<sup>th</sup> July. He also reported that he has written to Cheshire East about their alfresco policy and when they are going to implement it, who is responsible for enforcement and how it will impact on existing decking. He has also highlighted some planning issues.

Cllr Williamson reported on a problem with Barclays bank shutting the No. 2 Parish Plan account. The Parish Council now have to apply to retrieve the funds. He would like to look at changing the banking arrangements of the Parish Council in the future.

Cllr Lloyd reported that he is attending a LAP meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July. There was a discussion about the closure of the public convenience on West St car park and it was mentioned that Wilmslow Town Council have printed stickers for traders to advertise the free use of their facilities to the public.

Cllr Lloyd reported on a meeting he attended (along with Cllrs Keegan, Williamson and Herald) with NHS England to discuss the Medical Centre, there were also representatives for the doctors there. Everyone is still supportive of the project but because of the demise of the PCT the doctors need to re-apply for funding. A decision is due in a few weeks. The specification of the Medical Centre needs to be re-addressed to make sure it meets the requirements of the doctors.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.38pm

### ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Clerk	Chase up weed spraying	As soon as practical
Cllr Williamson	Check on 'house for sale sign'	As soon as practical
Cllr Williamson	Arrange meeting to discuss Service Level Agreements	As soon as practical

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