



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Present:** Cllr MH Williamson (Chairman), Cllrs F Keegan, DG Herald and S Joseph

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

#### Meeting

**Commenced:** 7:42pm

#### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr JD Bergin, MJ Connor, MD Lloyd, MW Maczkowiak 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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

#### 4. To make a decision on the future of the Parish Council Surgeries.

Cllr Williamson will ask Cllr Lloyd if he wishes to continue with them, possibly on a quarterly basis. It is thought they were not well attended and perhaps need to be better advertised. The library was approached about holding them there but it is believed this was not an option.

#### 5. To make a decision regarding CCTV contribution.

Cllr Williamson read out the 'contributions' letter' and asked the PCSO for comment. After discussion it was agreed the Clerk would contact Jan Griffiths and ask if it would be possible to arrange for the councillors to visit the CCTV control room in Macclesfield. This would give them a better understanding of what they are being asked to pay for and allow them to make a final decision in the July meeting.

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

Cllr Williamson reported on the meeting the projects sub-committee had with the Parish Council lawyer:

Lease with medical centre – it is still not signed and this will probably not happen before the end of July but as the deadline for the grant has been put back to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 this relieves some of the pressure on the timings.

Force Majeure re £500K – Negotiations are still taking place regarding this as the Parish Council would like to protect the £500K in the event of any unavoidable incidents which caused the project to miss the grant deadline. A solution would be the creation of an escrow account and this is currently being discussed.

There are some Parish Council decisions that need to be taken:

1. Preliminary contracts have been issued to Arcus and Emersons and at some point (hopefully the July meeting) these will need to be agreed and signed off by the Parish Council.
2. Lawyers have finally agreed terms for the new lease with Vodafone and Cllr Williamson asked for the approval of the Parish Council to sign the new lease between now and the July meeting.

Approval was proposed by Cllr S Joseph, seconded by Cllr DG Herald and carried.

RESOLVED THAT:

Cllr Williamson can sign the new lease between the Parish Council and Vodafone.

Stephen Lintott has had a meeting with the Pharmacy and will start negotiations on the lease.

Cllr Keegan gave an update on the allotments. There is a question over whether or not they are statutory and there was a discussion about the county archive maps dated 1947 and 1952. Stephen Lintott has sent both maps to DCLG to get clarity on the allotment status. If an approach is needed to DCLG regarding the Heyes Lane allotment then Cheshire East will make that approach and support the idea of a move. The Clerk was asked to type up the Tenancy Agreements for the allotments as the original versions are difficult to read. There was a discussion about the allotment charge and how the rate of 12p per sq. metre has not changed since 1976. The rental income is no longer covering the water bills for the allotments. The Royal Borough of Greenwich is currently charging £1.60 per sq. metre.

There was a discussion about the De Trafford Covenant and the fact that it has already been breached as the back of the site has been given over to housing and the Scouts have bought back their part of the covenant. Cllr Keegan reported that the Parish Council have an agreement in principle with the girl's school regarding Lydiat Lane.

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

Cllr Herald reported that the Cenotaph has been cleaned by Cheshire East, himself and Cllr Connor would like to get it planted up. He asked if the Parish Council would pay for the flowers and it was agreed he will look into it and email approximate costs to all councillors once he has the information.

Cllr Herald reported that the community payback team have done a good job cleaning some of the benches in the cemetery. However, the service is being re-organised and they may not be able to finish them all.

Cllr Joseph reported on her meeting with the PCSO. The main issue in Alderley Edge is parking. It is believed the Traffic Wardens are having their shifts changed and may be able to provide more enforcement in the evenings. They also discussed the SK9 project and the possibility of liaising with the youth workers in Handforth to resurrect the youth club in Alderley Edge. At this point the neighbourhood watch money was mentioned; the Clerk confirmed this has still not been received from HSBC. Cllr Williamson agreed to chase it up.

Cllr Joseph also reported on a meeting she attended with the traders whose major concern was lack of parking. The Parish Council were asked why the temporary car park on Chorley Hall Lane was turned down and if the decision could be appealed. The traders were advised to contact the Cheshire East officers directly regarding this. They were also asked why they hadn't planned in advance for the closure of the parade car park but Diane Smith confirmed that Cheshire East were only advised of the closure 3 weeks before it happened.

Cllr Keegan reported on a meeting he had with Steph Cordon to address the trader's issues with parking. They wanted to get the message out that all traders are entitled to a £1000 rates rebate but they need to apply for it to Cheshire East (this was something the Chancellor put in his autumn budget statement). A discretionary relief fund is also being set up and Steph Cordon agreed there would be a village wide solution to address the closure of the Parade car park.

When Heyes Lane becomes a car park, this will allow South St car park to be moved to a short stay, which would free up 50 spaces in the village. Longer term, when the Wilmslow Road site becomes football fields there could be parking on there during the week.

Cllr Williamson reported that the Lord of Alderley has offered to transfer the royal charter right to hold a market from himself to the Parish Council. Cllr Williamson is proposing to arrange a small ceremony prior to the plans meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. He will confirm the time at a later date.

**Anne Ross**  
**Clerk to Alderley Edge Parish Council**

**Meeting Closed:** 8.40pm

**ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>
Clerk	Contact Jan Griffiths regarding CCTV visit	asap
Clerk	Type up Tenancy Agreements for allotments	As soon as practical
Cllr Williamson	Chase neighbourhood watch money	As soon as practical

**Councillor MH Williamson**  
**CHAIRMAN**