



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 8th June 2015

Present: Cllr G Hall (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, R Grantham, C Munro, R Norbury and M Taylorson.
Clerk: A Ross
Hall Manager
7 members of the public
1 member of the press

Meeting

Commenced: 7.39pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

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2. 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).

Councillor G Hall has a partner with a minority interest in 16 Stevens Street (Item 5) the Alderley Edge Medical Practice.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2015.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Norbury, seconded by Councillor M Taylorson and carried.

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

Councillor R Norbury confirmed that the construction work on the new medical centre was continuing; and that the construction budget was confirmed at £2.162 million, however the Parish Council was likely to incur professional fees circa £100,000 thus leaving a funding gap of £262,000. With regards to the Festival Hall Councillor R Norbury stated that the aim was still to have the hall open for mid-October, there was also a slight funding gap which had not yet been resolved, however they were in the process of organising this. Councillor G Hall noted that the hall was to be completed in two phases, with phase one taking place to complete all the structural work and to make the hall good, to begin re-letting the building to generate income; whilst taking into account the structural works associated with phase two to ensure that when the council are in a position to carry out the phase two works, they won't have a major impact on the continued opening of the hall for any great length of time.

5. MOTION: AEPC resolves to ratify the decision of the projects sub-committee to sign the building contract with PE Jones Ltd for completion of a new medical centre and the Agreement for Lease with the Alderley Edge medical practice.

Motion proposed by Councillor M Dudley-Jones, seconded by Councillor M Taylorson and carried.

6. MOTION: to confirm that the new Parish Council is committed, in principle, to the Festival Hall refurbishment project as the existing plans stand; currently costed at £610,654.50.

Motion proposed by Councillor M Garbett, seconded by Councillor R Grantham and carried.

7. Reports from Councillors.

Councillor C Browne had spoken to Cheshire east Council regarding a number of parking issues in the village; these included – removal of three parking bays at the top of Trafford Road near Woodbrook Road when CEC has the available funds to complete. Introducing parking restrictions on Windermere Drive, Ryles Lane, Eaton Drive and Redesmere Drive, the restrictions would be to prevent double parking in these areas. Councillor C Brown also indicated that he would be attending a meeting with representatives from CEC on the 30th June to discuss these issues and putting 2 hour parking restrictions on Greystoke Drive and Davey Lane. He continued to state that the SID had been deployed on Congleton road (Southbound) between the 20th and 29th May, and it had recorded 16,933 vehicles with 11,720 of those exceeding the speed limit of 30mph, and that the highest recorded speed was 84mph, this information will be repeated to Cheshire east highways department. He also noted that Congleton road was due for resurfacing during July / August this year. Councillor C Browne then went on to add that he was awaiting details of the transfer of Alderley Edge Park to the parish council from CEC, he also took this opportunity to thank the Allotments society for helping clear the path down to the park from London road. Councillor C Browne noted two remaining items; he had received a letter from St Philips and St James church to ask for help with some general maintenance at the War Memorial, this would include sweeping and maintenance and some work to the planters; also he had had some feedback from residents regarding the potholes on the pavement along Ryles lane and the potholes in the car park in Alderley Edge park adjacent to Ryles lane.

Councillor R Grantham reported that she had begun to put together a youth Parish Council; Councillor C Browne had been in contact with local schools in this matter, also the Scout and Guide groups in Alderley Edge had been contacted and they were hopeful that they would be able to hold some youth PC elections shortly. Councillor R Grantham also noted that she had been made aware of the existence of the SK9 youth group based at Handforth youth centre and that the volunteers there had a pot of money to invest in suitable and appropriate youth activities. Councillor G Hall enquired as to how the youth Council would interface at Parish Council meetings, Councillor R Grantham suggested she would provide an update at the July meeting and that it would be put on the agenda for the September meeting. Councillor R Grantham also noted that she had been contacted by Phil McCann from the BBC who was interested in filming at a group meeting in September for an article on the TV programme Sunday Politics.

Councillor M Taylorson reported that he had met with James Howard and Louise Mitchell from CEC parking enforcement with regards parking issues in the village; it was just a matter of getting the process started and he will give further updates as things happen to identify levels of problems in the village; and identify what is required to take the project forward. He would also speak to AETAG and the local schools to determine their requirements in an effort to look for a balanced solution.

Councillor C Munro reported that M Gilbert chairman of AETAG was organising the Christmas lights switch on event for Thursday 19th November; it was noted in discussion that the Christmas lights were only a few years away from their last contracted maintenance date, which wouldn't be renewed by the company who provide the maintenance as the lights are already past their lifespan.

Councillor M Garbett reported that he had met with both the local PCSO's on Saturday, and that they had provided him with a monthly report, some of which is sensitive under the data protection act to put out into the public domain. Councillor M Garbett indicated that the PCSO's were keen to liaise with local schools regarding Child drop off/ pick up to alleviate traffic and parking problems. He also noted that the police were currently engaged in a blitz on the illegal late night parking of taxis in the village. The PCSO's had enquired as to how the building work was progressing at the Festival Hall as they have been interested in a secure office on the site after the refurbishment to allow them to access secure police data, therefore, being able to spend more time in Alderley Edge. Councillor M Taylorson, also commented that the same questions had been raised by parking enforcement, currently the enforcement officers had no "base" in Alderley Edge, with the Festival Hall being closed and were therefore currently spending less time in the village. Councillor M Taylorson also offered his thanks to Mr T Bowes for partly assisting at the Union Club by letting the enforcement officers use the facilities there when possible.

Councillor G Hall reported for the record, that the Parish Council would be moving offices from the Union Club at the end of June to the parish room at St Philips and St James church.

Meeting Closed: 8.06pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

Councillor G Hall
CHAIRMAN