

ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 14th May 2012

Present: M Williamson (Chairman), MJ Connor, N Schofield, JD Bergin, MD Lloyd, F Keegan, MW Maczkowiak, DG Herald, S Joseph

In attendance: 2 representatives from the press
3 members of the public

Meeting

Commenced: 8:58pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

None

2. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2012.

Approval was proposed by Councillor MJ Connor, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried.

4. Matters Arising

War Memorial - Cllr Williamson has contacted the person responsible for assets and requested a review of how Cheshire East manage and maintain War Memorials.

Cllr Williamson and Maczkowiak are attending a Speed Networking event where they hope to discuss the War Memorial, cemetery and state of the roads.

5. Artwork for Diamond Jubilee.

Cllr Lloyd is still looking into the idea of holding a competition. Cllr Schofield will contact the Tourist Board to see if they can give any advice on how to progress things.

6. Ownership of the embankment land alongside the park.

Cllr Herald is still trying to establish who owns this piece of land and believes the Parish Council should apply for ownership if it is not owned.

7. Diamond Jubilee.

Cllr Connor had a meeting with Diane Smith to discuss shutting the road for the Jubilee. Highways have still not confirmed what the arrangements will be.

Cllr Connor reported that Mrs Munroe is also having problems with Highways regarding the May Day event. They have said that everyone exhibiting will need to both enter and exit via Ryleys Lane car park which will cause heavy congestion. The Parish Council are due to have a meeting with Mrs Munroe about the Christmas event and will discuss this with her at the same time. Cllr Connor expressed disappointment at the decision.

8. Town Centre Management.

The Parish Council have agreed to pay for these services and need to decide what level of support is required. They are still awaiting the final cost figures from Cheshire East.

9. Licensing

This was discussed in the Parish Council meeting.

10. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Schofield reported on the closure of the By-pass – he has received a reply from National Grid stating that they don't want to work at night because it is dangerous. He believes they want to close the by-pass as it is cheaper and more convenient and will continue to pursue the matter.

He reported that Alderley Edge village was well received on a visit by UK Trade and Industry.

Cllr Connor reported that the Nurse Hatton bench had been put in place.

She also reported a very narrow piece of pavement at the junction of Ryleys Lane/Chelford Road that is falling apart and requested that the Speed Indicator Device be placed there. Cllr Williamson will take a photo of the pavement and send it to Highways.

Cllr Connor commented on the pothole on Chorley Hall Lane which has now collapsed. Cllr Williamson will draft an email to Highways regarding potholes.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported on a piece of pavement that leads to the cemetery. Residents have already complained to Highways and been told there is no money to carry out any work.

Cllr Maczkowiak has had complaints from residents on Heyes Lane about the old allotment site that was flattened. There is an old Oak Tree that they want to put a Tree Preservation Order on but they were told by Cheshire East this was a Parish Council matter. Cllr Williamson stated that this was not the case.

Cllr Maczkowiak wanted the minutes to reflect that she was uncomfortable with what she felt was nasty, vindictive behaviour from the public in the earlier Annual Parish meeting.

Cllr Lloyd is still working on the Parish Council website and showed councillors a mock up.

Cllr Lloyd reported on the increase of decking on London Road. Cllr Keegan has asked enforcement officers to look into it.

Cllr Lloyd reported a possible ASBO breach and will discuss further with the PCSO.

Cllr Bergin reported an incident of antisocial behaviour.

Cllr Keegan reported on Traffic and Highways issues, including areas where there are no dropped kerbs, he has made it a LAP issue.

Cllr Keegan sent an email to Highways about the potholes on Chorley Hall Lane and they reported that it had been inspected in September and gets re-inspected every 4 months.

Meeting Closed: 9.50pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Williamson	Speak to K Melling about road closure	As soon as practicle
Cllr Williamson	Take photo of narrow pavement	As soon as practicle
Cllr Williamson	Draft an email to Highways about potholes	As soon as practicle

**Councillor M Williamson
CHAIRMAN**