



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Present:** Cllr MH Williamson (Chairman), Cllrs JD Bergin, F Keegan, DG Herald, S Joseph, MJ Connor, MD Lloyd and MW Maczkowiak

**In attendance:** 2 representatives from the press  
Aprox. 10 members of the public

**Meeting**

**Commenced:** 7:56pm

**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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012.**

Approval was proposed by Councillor S Joseph, seconded by Councillor JD Bergin and carried

**4. Matters Arising.**

None

**5. Upkeep of the path by the railway.**

Cllr Connor requested that the Parish Council ask Cheshire East to cut back the hedge and improve the general upkeep of the path. It was reported that two lights were faulty, one of which has already been fixed and the other is in hand.

**6. Update on dog fouling.**

This relates to item 5 on the agenda as the path is one of the worst places for dog fouling. It was reported that there is a bin for dog mess but it is not being emptied. It was agreed that the Parish Council would email the Dog Warden and request a meeting, however Cllr Williamson did state that similar requests in the past had been unsuccessful as the warden has a very large area to cover. Cllr Keegan agreed to find out how much Cheshire East are spending on this and insist that Alderley Edge receive their fair share of the spend.

**7. To report on an email from Cheshire East regarding parking Strategy in the village.**

Cllr Williamson spoke about the report by Paul Burns circulated in 2011. Cheshire East have acted on the residential parking schemes on Lydiatt Lane, Carlisle Street and Clifton Street and put double yellow lines on Congleton Road outside the De Trafford Arms. The next stage is to renew the painting on the road for the parking spaces, renew the one way signs and implement the changes that were agreed with regard to restrictions on parking spaces. Cheshire East has advised that this is in progress and Cllr Williamson has asked when the work will be done and how they will manage the disruption. He is awaiting a response.

Cllr Williamson has also requested a meeting with the Highways Officer to review the hazardous parking situation on Congleton Road as the addition of double yellow lines has just moved the problem further up Congleton Road. The PCSO has been issuing penalty notices and it is thought that only the police can enforce this as it is an offence under the Road Traffic Act.

Following a request from Mrs Melrose Cllr Williamson contacted Cheshire East about the junction of Heyes Lane and London Road. He was told that accident statistics show there is no problem with this junction. Cllr Williamson has responded and will continue to pursue the matter.

There was a discussion about parking enforcement in the evenings and the need for additional parking space. The Parish Council are frustrated that there is no enforcement in the evenings and the police are not interested. It was agreed that an invitation would be sent asking Rod Menlove to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

## **8. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Joseph reported on the latest work being done in the cemetery. The frontage of the gate house will have planters put in front of it and the Parish Council was asked to contribute to the cost. It is also hoped that some of the stones will be raised and this will depend on the workload of the caretaker. The cemetery and upkeep is now an item on the LAP agenda. There are still complaints that it is impossible to get down Ryleys Lane with a wheelchair or pram and the Parish Council will raise this with Cheshire East. It is hoped that when the majority of the repairs are done a 'Friends of the Cemetery' group can be established to help maintain it. It was also reported that the War Memorial looked much better this year.

Cllr Herald made a suggestion for a Jubilee Memorial. He suggested a chain saw sculpture in oak costing between £1200 and £1500 and asked for feedback. He also reported that Cheshire East has produced a voluntary no smoking policy and park development staff have put up one sign in the children's play area in the park.

Cllr Herald raised the possibility of getting solar lighting in the park. Costs vary and he asked the Parish Council if they are interested in this. Cllr Williamson asked to be sent the information.

Cllr Herald asked the Parish Council if they would like him to approach highways about a feasibility study of chevron parking on London Road. Cllr Keegan asked to see the plan on paper and would like him to check costs first.

Cllr Connor reported that she was not happy with the quality of the Christmas tree delivered to Wood Gardens. The Clerk agreed to contact Cheshire East and ask for it to be replaced.

There was a discussion about the lights switch on event. Cllr Maczkowiak was told that Imagine FM had announced there will be free parking in Alderley Edge. Nobody knew anything about this.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported that she had received complaints from residents on Lynton Lane on Sunday evening regarding noise coming from Aldeli caused by music and entertainment outside. This is a breach of their planning and licence and Cllr Keegan has been in touch with licensing. He also asked that the clerk is kept informed of all complaints.

It was reported that two restaurants in the village have still not removed their decking despite the fact Cheshire East issued them with a 30 day removal notice over five months ago. After a complaint from the Parish Council, Cheshire East responded that they are waiting until they finalise their alfresco policy before taking enforcement action. As there is no DDA access, Cllr Keegan finds this stance outrageous and Cllrs Williamson and Keegan agreed to pursue the matter with Cheshire East.

Cllr Lloyd reported on the Town and Parish Council meeting he attended. Topics discussed were 'a shared vision' and 'devolution and shared service delivery'. It was reported at the meeting that a large number of pot holes have been filled this year and Cllr Lloyd was asked to find out the location of those filled pot holes.

Cllr Bergin reported on parking problems on Davey Lane caused by traders at the Farmer's Market. Cllr Bergin will ask the PCSO to monitor it.

Cllr Keegan reported on the future challenges facing Cheshire East regarding budget and spending. As a result of these challenges more costs will be handed down to Town and Parish Councils and he wants to ensure that Alderley Edge receive their fair share of the spend. LAP groups are being given money to manage projects and the Parish Council need to make sure their voice is heard.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.11pm

## **ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>
Clerk	Email dog warden and request a meeting	As soon as practical
Clerk	Invite Rod Menlove to a meeting	As soon as practical
Cllr Keegan	Find out how much CE spend on dog warden, etc	As soon as practical
Clerk	Contact CE about Christmas tree	As soon as practical
Cllr Williamson & Keegan	Pursue the removal of decking	As soon as practical
Cllr Lloyd	Find out location of filled pot holes	As soon as practical
Cllr Bergin	Contact PCSO about parking at Farmer's Market	As soon as practical

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