

ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 15th October 2012

Present: Cllr MH Williamson (Chairman), Cllrs JD Bergin, F Keegan, DG Herald, S Joseph, MJ Connor, MD Lloyd and N Schofield.

In attendance: 2 representatives from the press
Aprox. 10 members of the public, Hall Manager, PCSO

Meeting

Commenced: 8:21pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr MW Maczkowiak

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 10th September 2012.

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

4. Matters Arising.

None

5. Civic Fund – Update on account management issues

Cllr Williamson reported that Barclays have agreed to refund the charges and measures have been put in place to stop the same thing happening next year.

6. Christmas lights switch on event.

Cllr Connor reported that the traders are organising the event and subject to Cheshire East approval London Road will be closed from 4-10pm on 22nd November. A local radio station will be in attendance and many of the shops are expected to stay open, whilst bars and restaurants will be offering special Christmas treats. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would order three Christmas Trees from Cheshire East as their quote was the most competitive. Cllr Bergin pointed out that the Christmas budget was only £1000 and he would prefer to stay within that. However, it was proposed that the Parish Council incur the extra cost.

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor MJ Connor and carried.

Cllr Keegan will ask Cheshire East how much they are charging different Town and Parish Councils and the Parish Council will continue to look for an alternative provider for next year.

7. To present the business plan for hiring an apprentice.

Cllr Joseph presented the business plan for hiring an apprentice. There was a long discussion about the pros and cons, the financial implications and the need for an apprentice. Cllr Lloyd wanted more specific details of what course they would be doing at college and Cllr Keegan wanted to see a case made financially, outlining how much they would save in the hall.

A proposal was made that the Parish Council would be prepared to take on an apprentice.

Approval proposed by Councillor S Joseph, seconded by Councillor DG Herald and carried by 4 votes to 3 with 1 abstention.

8. Cllr Keegan to report on PCN (Penalty Charge Notice) income raised in Alderley Edge.

Cllr Keegan reiterated that it is important the Parish Council monitor the spending of Cheshire East and ensure Alderley Edge are getting their fair share .One aspect of this is PCN's and he reported that he is currently doing an analysis of the costs received from Cheshire East and has asked them to justify the percentages charged.

Cllr Lloyd feels there is a real need for parking enforcement in the evenings and asked Cllr Keegan to raise the issue with Cheshire East. Cllr Williamson replied that it has been raised before and Cheshire East does not seem interested in addressing the issue of illegal parking in the evenings but he would raise it again and report back next month. Cllr Keegan has previously suggested that they should charge for car parking in the evening as it would be a good source of extra income.

9. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Schofield asked about the latest parking problems on Congleton Road and the PCSO reported that it is in hand.

Cllr Herald reported that there have been some improvements made to the boarding round the Bowling Green and the large pothole in the car park has been filled in.

Cllr Connor reported that there are still a lot of pot-holes that have not been repaired. Cllr Williamson agreed to contact highways.

Meeting Closed: 9.09pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Williamson	Contact CE about parking enforcement in the evenings	As soon as practicle
Cllr Williamson	Contact CE about pot holes	As soon as practicle
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Councillor MH Williamson
CHAIRMAN