



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**Present:** Cllr MD Lloyd (Chairman), Cllrs MJ Connor, DG Herald, F Keegan, MW Maczkowiak, N Schofield and MH Williamson.

**In attendance:** 2 representatives from the press  
4 members of the public  
Hall Manager  
Clerk: A Ross

#### Meeting

**Commenced:** 7:57pm

#### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs JD Bergin and S Joseph.

#### 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

Approval was proposed by Councillor MJ Connor, seconded by Councillor DG Herald and carried.

#### 4. Proposal to distribute the telephone numbers of the PCSO and traffic wardens to all councillors.

Cllr Williamson wanted all councillors to have a list of numbers they could ring to report parking problems in the village. After discussion it was agreed that the number for the PCSO would be distributed, but for specific incidents it is better to ring the non emergency number 101 to report them.

#### 5. To discuss parking issues on Lynton Lane and the need for road markings.

Cllr Maczkowiak has received complaints from the residents of Lynton Lane that they are not getting their bins collected because access is being restricted by cars parked there by commuters. The problem was first highlighted in 1985 but there has been no progress made. She believes the solution is not necessarily double yellow lines but they need some protection to prevent commuters parking there all day.

It was resolved that Cllr Keegan will raise the issue with the Chief Executive of Cheshire East when he meets him next week. They will take a walk around the village and discuss this as well as other issues affecting the village.

#### 6. To discuss the training and equipment needs for the Lengthsman.

Cllr Maczkowiak would like the lengthsman to be able to do more jobs around the village but at the moment he has neither the tools nor the training to do this.

It was resolved the Clerk will find out about training and equipment required and liaise with Cllr Maczkowiak when she has done this.

#### 7. To discuss the possibility of planting living Christmas Trees for next year and investigation of land sites.

Cllr Herald has been liaising with the Town Centre Manager about the possibility of planting live Christmas trees. Two sites have been identified as suitable; these are Wood Gardens and Ryleys Lane.

It was resolved that the Parish Council will purchase two live trees and plant them at the above mentioned sites.

**8. To discuss the Highways response regarding the by-pass closure to cut the grass and the removal of redundant diversion signs.**

The Parish Council have requested the Economic impact assessment of closing the by-pass to do grass cutting on a number of occasions and have so far had no response. The Clerk will forward previous emails to Cllr Keegan who agreed to send another query.

Cllr Schofield reported that diversion signs are being left in place after work is completed causing confusion for drivers. Cllr Williamson believes it is up to Cheshire East highways inspectors to report them to the contractors and have them removed.

**9. Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Schofield has received a complaint about the pavement on Eaton Drive being dangerously slippery. He will forward the details to the Clerk who will pass them on to highways. He also asked about the legality of advertising signs in fields. Cllr Williamson agreed to find out if they are legal.

Cllr Connor reported that one of the stone troughs at the front of the Cenotaph has been taken.

It was resolved the Parish Council will purchase two new troughs for the front and move the old one to the back. Cllr Connor agreed to look into the replacements and would like to purchase them ready planted to save time.

Cllr Maczkowiak would like the Parish Council to ask Cheshire East to get the Cenotaph ready for Remembrance Day. Cllr Lloyd agreed to do this.

Cllrs Maczkowiak and Keegan confirmed that they have successfully completed the 'General Power of Competence' training along with the Clerk.

Cllr Williamson gave an update on the meeting himself and Cllr Keegan had with the Parish Council solicitors regarding the allotments. Legally, the Parish Council are in a position to change the contractual arrangement that currently exist and give the Heyes Lane allotment holders notice to quit. The Parish Council need to decide how they want to move forward and get the Lydiat Lane issue resolved.

Cllr Keegan reported on the Local Plan consultation. There is concern that Cheshire East have not identified where the 2,500 new houses will be built in local centres and this will not be decided until after the public enquiry. It is important the Parish Council remain vigilant on this matter. There is also concern that Cheshire East had a meeting with landowners who want to develop greenbelt between Alderley Edge and Wilmslow. It was agreed that Cllr Lloyd will try and arrange a meeting with Wilmslow Town Council to discuss this.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.02pm

**ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>
Clerk	PCSO no. 07948522130	
Cllr Keegan	Discuss parking and other issues with chief exec	Next week
Clerk	Investigate training and equipment needs for lengthsman	As soon as practical
Cllr Keegan	Follow up economic impact assessment of by-pass closure	As soon as practical
Cllr Scofield	Forward details of Eaton Drive to the clerk	As soon as practical
Cllr Connor	Look into the replacement troughs for the Cenotaph	As soon as practical
Cllr Lloyd	Ask CE to tidy up the Cenotaph	As soon as practical
Cllr Lloyd	Arrange meeting with Wilmslow TC to discuss the development of greenbelt land between AE and Wilmslow.	As soon as practical

**Councillor MD Lloyd**  
**CHAIRMAN**