



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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

#### Meeting

**Commenced:** 7:37pm

### PART 1

#### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr G Hall.

#### 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).

None

#### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

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

#### 4. Update from the Festival Hall/Medical Centre sub-committee.

Cllr Norbury read a summary report produced by Cllr Hall giving an update from the latest progress meeting he attended:

##### **Medical Centre & Festival Hall**

The Medical Centre is on schedule. The roof is now being completed and the building will be watertight by the end of this week (16 Oct).

Work will then switch to the interior and Jones will mock-up two of the first floor rooms for the doctors to review layout.

The scaffolding will come down by 23rd October to allow reopening of the FH, which is now scheduled for 9th November. By that time we shall have the hall interior completed, including the bar and toilets,

Between those dates Jones will be completing work to allow electrical cables to be routed from the rear to the front of the building and other measures such as exterior lighting to ensure that FH users can access and exit the building safely.

We shall be reassessing security arrangements for the site - including perimeter fence and gates to the sides of the building - in order to come up with a costed set of proposals, to be developed in conjunction with neighbouring property owners. We will then seek approval for these proposals from the Police/NHSE.

As already publicised we have made an application for planning approval for the 'Members Lounge' at the side of the FH. We are in the process of finalising costs for this work, as well as for other finishing work required at the back of the building.

You will already know that the original budget for the whole refurbishment of the FH (including building the Members Lounge) was £540,000. We quickly identified that this was a significant underestimate and increased this as far as we could from within our own resources.

We shall report on the expected additional spend required to complete the Members Lounge and other remaining works - together with our plans for funding this - at the November Parish Council meeting.

#### **5. Update on Youth Parish Council.**

Cllr Grantham reported that elections had been held last week and the first Youth Parish Council has been established. They are hoping to hold their first meeting in late October.

Cllr Browne wanted to inform everyone that a Youth Festival of Arts is being held in the Methodist Church on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of November and that Cllrs Grantham and Higham will be acting as judges.

#### **6. Update on Parking.**

Cllr Taylorson reported that he has been engaged in various discussions with CEC cabinet members and officers who are happy to support an amendment to South Street car park which will become maximum 3 hour stay. Further updates and survey information will be presented when available.

Cllr Dudley-Jones added that they have completed the survey and are surprised at how long the changes are taking. It has been six months so far and the Parish Council are powerless as they are in the hands of CEC.

#### **7. Update on Parks, Open Spaces and Allotments.**

Cllr Browne reported that negotiations regarding the new leases on the 3 allotment sites are ongoing. He is meeting with the Clerk to address his and hopes to update further at the November meeting.

He also reported that he has been attending meetings regarding the progress of the local plan and the main modifications that are being made. There will be an open public consultation in May/June 2016 and officers will come and speak to Parish Councils regarding the alterations to strategic sites. Adoption of the plan is anticipated for late 2016.

#### **8. Update on Police Liaison and PCSO's funding arrangements.**

It was RESOLVED that:

In accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act, the public be excluded from the meeting for part two of the meeting on the grounds that the discussion will include personal details.

#### **9. Update on Communications.**

Cllr Dudley-Jones reported that he is in the process of changing the website to make it more interactive. He hopes to update further in the November meeting.

#### **10. Update on Village Signs.**

Cllr Munro reported that she has a meeting next week with people who are interested in sponsoring the signage. Cllr Browne asked about the meeting with Wes Hutton regarding the new litter bins and what progress had been made. Cllr Munro confirmed that he is very busy but is dealing with it and agreed to follow it up.

Cllr Dudley-Jones reported that he has been asked about starting a Friends of AE signs group as he has spoken with a few people who would be happy to raise the money to fund the signs and he prefers that idea to sponsored signs. He agreed to put Cllr Munro in touch with them.

#### **11. Update on Christmas lights switch on.**

Cllr Munro confirmed that the switch on is the 19<sup>th</sup> November and she has arranged to do the road closure in house so it won't cost anything. She is meeting with AETAG next week to finalise the arrangements.

#### **12. Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Browne reported that his next community surgery is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10-11am in Aldeli.

**Meeting Closed:** 7.54pm

### **PART 11**

This part of the meeting was held at the end of the evening, once the public and press representatives had left.

**Meeting Commenced:** 9.18pm

**8. Update on Police Liaison and PCSO's funding arrangements.**

The councillors discussed Police Liaison and PCSO's funding arrangements.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.25pm

**ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>

**Councillor R Grantham.**  
**CHAIRMAN**