



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

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

**In attendance:** 1 member of the press  
4 members of the public  
Hall Manager  
Clerk: A Ross

#### **Meeting**

**Commenced:** 7:55pm

#### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs JD Bergin and MH Williamson

#### **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> July 2014.**

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried

#### **4. To agree the payment for CCTV provision.**

Cllr Joseph reported on her visit to the CCTV control room with Cllrs Keegan and Williamson. She was very impressed with the cameras and was of the opinion that the Parish Council should agree to pay the contribution toward funding them. After discussion the proposal was made and all were in agreement.

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried

#### **5. To discuss the Christmas Lights and make a decision on the request from Lynne Nixon (Highways) to have the lights temporarily removed to allow pruning works on the trees.**

The Parish Council agreed that the work needs to be done and asked the Clerk to liaise with Cllr Keegan to get an accurate costing.

#### **6. To discuss and agree on the ordering of Christmas Trees.**

Cllr Connor is addressing the issue of having the Parish Council notice board and the electrics moved so that the Christmas tree in the Parade car park can be moved back from the Waitrose entrance. It was agreed that three trees would be ordered from Cheshire East but that the Parish Council would stress to Diane Smith that they needed to be of a much higher quality than the ones provided last year. For next year the Parish Council will look into the possibility of not having a tree at Ryleys Lane and instead put lights in the trees already there.

7. **MOTION: to agree that by 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 revised rents will be issued to the Allotment Society for the qualifying sites.**

**RESOLVED: That by 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 the Parish Council will increase the rents for the qualifying allotment sites and advise the Allotment Society of the increase.**

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor MW Maczkowiak and carried

8. **MOTION: that Alderley Edge Parish Council cancel the involvement of AEAGS in the management of the Allotment sites from September 2015. The management of the sites will be undertaken by AEPC.**

**RESOLVED: That Alderley Edge Parish Council cancel the involvement of AEAGS in the management of the Allotment sites from September 2015 and the management of the sites will be undertaken by AEPC.**

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor MW Maczkowiak and carried

9. **Action on the Notice to Quit Heyes Lane.**

Cllr Keegan reported that the Notice to Quit, issued over 3 months ago, will be enforced from the end of September as the growing season has now ended. He also reported it is anticipated that before the end of September 2014, AEPC will have convened a special meeting of the Parish Council and approved a resolution to change the status of Heyes Lane allotment from Statutory to Non Statutory.

10. **Update from the 'Projects sub-committee'.**

Allotments – need Heyes Lane allotment site free and are working towards this.

Lease with the Doctors – very close to being signed.

Contract with Emersons re the Medical Centre – this will be subject to discussion and presented back to the Parish Council for signature.

The committee have given approval that enabling work can be started. Hopefully this work will commence in October 2014 with completion anticipated to be September 2015.

11. **To agree and sign the Arcus contract.**

This has been sent to all councillors and approval has been given to Pannone to get the Arcus contract agreed.

12. **To discuss the upkeep of public benches. Including painting, re-sealing and full audit.**

Cllr Connor gave a summary of the street furniture in the village and what she thinks needs to be done. There was a discussion about who should take responsibility for the upkeep of the furniture and it was agreed the council would invite the portfolio holder, Cllr Topping to attend the next council meeting. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

Gareth Hind from Waitrose offered to provide the labour to sand, clean and re-stain the 3 benches in the village if the Parish Council provided the materials. This was agreed.

Cllr Keegan agreed to speak to Mary Slinn about the cemetery as there is so much that needs to be addressed.

13. **To discuss the Parish Council website.**

Cllr Connor asked all councillors to write something for the website on a regular basis to put more information on it and make it more interesting.

14. **To agree that the Parish Council adopt the 18 point plan for the Alderley Edge Park as a Parish Council policy.**

Cllr Herald reported that he is not suggesting the Parish Council spend money on the park, as they don't own it, but wants them to make a list of what they want for the park and present it to Cheshire East and ask them to do it. Cllr Keegan suggested that the Parish Council engage with the parks department to look at their schedule and ensure they are doing the work they are supposed to be doing. It was agreed that Cllr Herald

will put together a list of what CEC should be doing and contact them to agree a suitable maintenance plan for the park. He will also put together a trimmed down list of what the Parish Council want for the park.

- 15. To agree that the Parish Council undertake to arrange and pay for the removal of vegetation from a) the steps leading down from London Road into the park b) intruding onto the pavement along London Road and opposite Heyes Lane and c) CCTV cameras in Alderley Edge.**

It was agreed the village needs a general trimming down of foliage, etc and the Parish Council will send out ‘good neighbour’ letters to home owners asking them to cut back any overgrown hedges. The lengthsman will be asked to make a list of the areas he feels need to be dealt with.

- 16. Agree that the Parish Council undertakes to set up a committee of at least three councillors to work on improvements to the Alderley Edge Cemetery and that other bodies e.g. the British Legion be co-opted onto this committee.**

Cllr Herald received an email from CEC proposing to turn a piece of land next to the cemetery into a memorial garden. He was asked to find out more about the email. It was reported that the Friends of the Cemetery group seems to be no longer active and there was a discussion about the best way forward for making improvements to the cemetery.

**17. Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Schofield suggested that there is money put in the budget next year to cover the cost of van hire for the lengthsman. He also asked that something is done about the double yellow lines on Macclesfield Road which have been painted over quite deep pot holes.

It was reported that Tesco seem to be breaching their agreement regarding delivery times and the Clerk was asked to send a letter highlighting this.

Cllr Joseph reported on the latest LAP meeting she attended. She also reported on the meeting with Sgt Andy Miller regarding the PCSO situation. It was confirmed that Jim Newns is moving to a different area and Alderley Edge will be getting a new PCSO called Sarah Stanley. Cllr Maczkowiak wanted the Parish Council to formally thank Jim and it was agreed something would be arranged.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported she has received complaints about the parking on Congleton Road and the re-surfacing of Elmfield Road, the new tarmac is nearly as high as the kerb and she requested that CEC are asked to come back and look at it. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Maczkowiak on wording for the email to be sent to Lynne Nixon.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported that she had met with Penelope Keith to discuss Alderley Edge which will feature in the programme ‘Vanishing Villages’.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.15pm

**ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>
Cllr Connor	Addressing the issue of the Parade notice board	As soon as practical
Clerk	Invite Cllr Topping to PC meeting	As soon as practical
Clerk	Report highways issues	As soon as practical
Clerk	Send letter to Tesco regarding deliveries	As soon as practical

**Councillor MJ Connor**  
**CHAIRMAN**