



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 14th January 2019

Present: Cllr R Grantham (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, B Chapman, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, S Greenwood, C Munro, M Taylorson.
Clerk: A Ross
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Meeting

Commenced: 7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr G Hall.

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. Public Participation – A period of not more than twenty minutes will be made available for the public to ask questions or submit comments.

None.

4. To approve the co-option of two Parish Councillors and accept their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Grantham reported that following the resignation of two councillors, the Notice of Vacancy was advertised on the Parish Council's website and notice board, followed by a Call for Nominations which was also advertised in both places. During this period four people expressed an interest, two of whom went on to make a formal application to join the Parish Council, these being Sarah Greenwood and Bev Chapman.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10th December 2018.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

6. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 10th December 2018.

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor R Grantham and carried.

7. To receive a report from the Clerk.

The report was noted. Cllr Browne was asked about the refund on the faulty SID. He reported that the dispute had been escalated to amicable collection since the last meeting and an update is expected on 21st January.

8. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr Grantham reported that December was a successful month and she is pleased with the bookings going forward. The hall staff are working on a new pricing structure and looking at how the profitability of events could be improved. Cllr Garbett asked if a comparison of last year v's this year could be done on occupancy rates and Cllr Grantham agreed to look into this.

9. To approve accounts for payment.

It was agreed this item would be deferred to the Finance Meeting.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

10. To set the precept for the next Financial Year 2018-19.

It was agreed this item would be deferred to the Finance Meeting.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

11. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Dudley-Jones reported that there are 4 consultation boards up and running in the village with people being asked their preference for the new boundary signs. Early indications are in favour of cream lettering on black - which would set us apart from Wilmslow whilst still being a traditional design, approximately 75:25 at the moment.

Cllrs Chapman and Munro reported that the Britain in Bloom group are in the process of planting 20,000 bulbs around the village areas.

Cllr Greenwood asked when it would be possible to confirm the appointment of Kirkwells as the Neighbourhood Plan consultants. It was agreed that this would be added as an agenda item to the next Plans meeting.

Cllr Grantham is intending to form a working party to discuss the Christmas Lights. She will be sending an email to all interested parties including traders and councillors to ask who would like to join the group.

Cllr Browne reported that the Library Volunteer Sessions have been successfully launched on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 till 5.30 and they are still looking for more volunteers. The Boundary Signs will be in the library so people can vote on what option they prefer. He wants to arrange badges/lanyards for the volunteers and Cllr Grantham agreed to do this.

He will be conducting a Speedwatch session on Thursday 24th January, 10.30am on Congleton Road. Cllr Grantham asked about weekend and evening sessions, he replied that the existing volunteers weren't keen and you need four people for a session.

His next surgery is on 26th January, 10-11am in the Library.

Meeting Closed: 7.58pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Grantham	Arrange working party for Christmas lights	As soon as possible
Cllr Grantham	Arrange badges/lanyards for library volunteers	

**Councillor R Grantham
CHAIRMAN**