



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 13th January 2020

**Present:** Cllr M Dudley-Jones (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, B Chapman, M Garbett, R Grantham  
S Greenwood, G Hall, L Marshall, M Taylorson.

Clerk: A Ross  
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#### Meeting

**Commenced:** 7:30pm

#### 1. Apologies for Absence.

None

#### 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

#### 3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9th December 2019.

Approval proposed by Councillor M Taylorson seconded by Councillor S Greenwood and carried.

#### 4. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 9th December 2019.

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor S Greenwood and carried.

#### 5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 18th December 2019.

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor S Greenwood and carried.

#### 6. To receive a report from the Clerk.

Noted.

#### 7. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr Hall gave an update and the report was noted.

They are looking for a gap in the schedule to re-decorate but there's a chance the hall may have to officially close to allow this.

The Ceilidh event has been cancelled due to slow ticket sales but the team are looking into the possibility of holding a tribute night in October and they will involve Love Alderley in the planning of this.

**8. To receive the PCSO monthly report.**

Noted. Cllr Browne has arranged to meet the new PCSO on Saturday 1st February at 10.30am in the library. He invited any interested councillors to join him.

**9. To approve accounts for payment.**

It was agreed this item to be deferred to the Finance meeting.

**10. To set the precept for the next Financial Year 2019-20.**

It was agreed this item to be deferred to the Finance meeting.

**11. To approve revised wording on the Parish Council Grant Awarding Policy.**

Cllr Hall suggested that clause 4 should now read:

Requests should only be considered from local organisations or local branches of national organisations where evidence of local involvement can be provided (except in exceptional circumstances). For the purposes of this policy 'local' should be taken to mean having a significant presence within Alderley Edge Parish, either through the organisation's activities or its membership, or preferably both.

Approval proposed by Councillor G Hall seconded by Councillor M Taylorson and carried.

**12. To review the Parish Council website.**

Cllr Grantham summarised the position regarding the website and the problems the Clerk is having moving her emails to a new computer. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would look at alternative providers.

**13. Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Browne reported that the CEC cycling champion has arranged to do a cycling safari round the village to assess cycle routes and connectivity among other things and he invited interested councillors to meet with her. There will also be a cycling conference in March at Crewe Alexandra FC.

The park masterplan has been publicised with a request for feedback. He has also written to Matt Smith the ANSA manager about it.

Cllr Browne also reported that D&G have registered to deliver the 130 bus service Monday-Friday and CEC has stepped in to provide a subsidy to allow an hourly Saturday service to be delivered.

Cllr Chapman reported that she and Cllr Grantham have met to discuss social media accounts for the Parish Council. They were agreed that a twitter account would be useful.

Cllr Chapman reported that the first meeting of the May Fair committee was planned for that week. She also has plans to start preparations for next year's Christmas event and will advertise for new committee members.

Cllr Taylorson reported he had met with the Chorley Hall Lane allotment committee and had circulated an explanatory email to all councillors. There are still problems with cars parking over the pavements and Orme Street and he will continue to liaise with the PCSO on this.

Cllr Greenwood reported that the Neighbourhood plan is still progressing. CEC have done the Strategic Environmental Assessment on behalf of the Parish Council and have confirmed a full SEA report is not required. The consultation will take place for 6 weeks from 27th January till 9th March during which there will be a drop in session at the library on 8th February. It was agreed there would be a neighbourhood plan leaflet produced to outline the next stages to residents.

Cllr Hall reported that there has been a rethink of the role required to offer support to the Parish Council and hall. During discussions it was agreed that a hybrid role of Assistant clerk/hall administrator would be the best way forward.

Cllr Dudley-Jones reported he has emailed notes of the last informal meeting to all councillors and asked that they review the notes and get together with colleagues to formulate a plan for each of the focus areas they have been nominated for. The next informal meeting is on 27th January.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.36pm

**ACTION SUMMARY**

| <b>Undertaken By</b> | <b>Detail</b> | <b>When For</b> |
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**Councillor M Dudley-Jones**  
**CHAIRMAN**