

ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th July 2012

Present: Cllr MD Lloyd (Chairman), Cllr JD Bergin, F Keegan, S Joseph, DG Herald, MJ Connor, MW Maczkowiak

In attendance: 2 representatives from the press
7 members of the public, Hall Manager

Meeting

Commenced: 7:33pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs N Schofield and MH Williamson

2. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

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.

4 members of the public spoke.

Resident Mr Tomlinson put three questions to the Parish Council

1. What steps have the Parish Council taken to clarify the way future Annual Parish Council meetings are run.
2. As the Parish Council increased the precept for the year 2012-13 to pay for work to the Festival Hall he asked if a business plan had been written.
3. He asked what progress had been made in re-writing the Standing Orders.

The Parish Council agreed to respond to the questions as soon as practical.

Resident Ms Munro requested a date to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the Christmas event – Cllr MJ Connor agreed to liaise with Ms Munro to arrange a date.

Mr Hall from the Mayfair committee asked when he would get a reply to a letter sent to Cllr MH Williamson regarding the next Mayfair event. – The Parish Council will follow this up as soon as practical.

Resident Ms Pitt asked for the Parish Council to take action to repair the cemetery – Cllr S Joseph responded that the Parish Council agree it is in an appalling condition and have repeatedly asked Cheshire East to take action. They hope to make progress when they take the matter to the next LAP meeting.

4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 11th June 2012

Approval proposed by Councillor DG Herald, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried.

5 Matters arising.

None

- 6 To ratify the General Purposes Committee minutes of 11th June 2012 with the following alteration: Pg2, item 7. Insert – Cllr Herald reminded councillors that agreement for the Parish Council to pay for the work on the embankment has been agreed previously and that the ownership of the land is still unknown.**

Not ratified with the change. There was a discussion about the proper procedure for requesting an amendment to the minutes.

- 7 To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 11th June 2012.**

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

- 8 To discuss accepting the CEC Code of Conduct – Localism Act 2011 and update Members Declaration of Interests. Cllr Keegan to update on future Standards regime**

Councillor F Keegan gave an update on the new Standards regime. The new Standards Board is recommending that all Town and Parish Councils accept the same Code of Conduct which came into effect on the 1st July; this will include a ‘Declaration of Pecuniary Interests’. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would pass the draft resolution to adopt CEC’s code under the new arrangements.

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor MJ Connor and carried.

- 9 Notices and Correspondence.**

a) Email from Cheshire East Highways regarding double yellow lines outside the De Trafford Arms – Cllr F Keegan will take the issue to the next Highways LAP meeting. He commented that the cones placed there during the By-pass closure were very successful and has asked that they are put back until a more permanent solution is approved.

Meeting Closed: 8:04pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Parish Council	To respond to questions asked by J Tomlinson	As soon as practical

**Councillor MD Lloyd
CHAIRMAN**