



# ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 10th June 2019

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

Clerk: A Ross

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### Meeting

**Commenced:** 7:31pm

#### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr M Taylorson.

#### 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. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April 2019.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor G Hall and carried.

#### 5. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 13th May 2019.

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

#### 6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th May 2019.

Approval proposed by Councillor G Hall seconded by Councillor R Grantham and carried.

#### 7. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 24th April 2019.

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

#### 8. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 13th May 2019.

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

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

It was noted that the venue for the Civic Service has been changed to St Philp's & St James Church.

Cllr Browne reported that the lengthsman has been given a few extra tasks; clean planters, install additional bollard in the park, remove graffiti, weed treatment on some areas.

**10. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.**

Noted.

**11. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £12190.04**

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

**12. To resolve to have an emergency Parish Council standard operating procedure for dealing with the arrival of travellers on any open green spaces.**

Cllr Dudley-Jones has arranged to have a meeting with the traveller's team at Cheshire West & Chester. They will be able to provide information on recent changes in legislation and will help with the production of the policy.

Cllr Garbett suggested the Parish Council conduct a risk assessment of sites in the village and contact landowners to advice on securing their land. He also requested that they get an indication of the costs involved in issuing eviction notices so that a suitable sum can be added to the budget should the need ever arise.

Cllr Browne suggested the Parish Council should look at changing their appointed solicitors. The Clerk agreed to enquire as to what solicitors other local councils were using.

**13. To discuss Parish Council nomination to Institute Trust.**

Local resident, Bernard Pearce has been put forward as the council's nomination. The Clerk will forward details to the trust.

Approval proposed by Councillor G Hall seconded by Councillor M Dudley-Jones and carried.

**14. To resolve to purchase two replacement litter bins for the park at £368 (plus VAT) each – to be funded from the Community Clean-Up grant.**

Approval proposed by Councillor C Browne seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

**15. To resolve to accept liability for long term maintenance and repair of three new raised flower beds in the park (the initial cost and installation to be carried out by ANSA Park Services).**

Approval proposed by Councillor C Browne seconded by Councillor R Grantham and carried with one objection from Cllr Garbett.

**16. To resolve to hire a skip for Chorley Hall Lane allotments, to assist with site clearance at a cost of £210 (inc. VAT).**

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

**17. Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Grantham reported that she and Cllr Marshall are looking at the replacement of the Christmas lights and will be having meetings with suppliers over the coming months. The report from the PCSO has been circulated and there is a need to advertise the surgeries better. Cllr Browne suggested giving more notice of the dates and requested that the PCSO is asked to keep an eye on Ryleys Lane car park.

Cllr Dudley-Jones is preparing the next newsletter and this will include a number of articles from and about the various community groups in the village. There was also a discussion about the number of A boards in the village and what, if anything, could be done about it.

Cllr Browne gave the following report:

PARK

Following the recent traveller encampment in the park, I arranged a litter pick as part of the general clean-up operation lead by ANSA. 18 local residents came along to help and we collected 9 bin sacks of rubbish in one hour.

Since then, I've been in liaison with Stuart Hobson at the CCTV control room to revisit our request to have the system extended to the park. He has been trialling a new system using wireless technology and is prepared to install one of these cameras. I have brought along some paperwork we need to complete.

I've also been in discussion with ANSA (Parks Maintenance) in terms of improving boundary security around the perimeter of the park. A new bollard is to be installed at the Ryleys Lane entrance, which is considered to be of a higher strength than the existing one.

I have also tasked Paul (our lengthsman) to price up some additional wooden bollards, with a view to installing them around the boundary of the car park.

**PEAKS & PLAINS**

I have written to the Chief Executive to highlight the poor appearance of the grounds at Beresford Court (fronting onto Massey Street). He has acknowledged his embarrassment at the photographs I sent and promised to send his grounds maintenance team along before NWiB judges visit.

**HIGHWAYS**

I have an onsite meeting on Mottram Road planned for Weds 26th June, to discuss the details of the TRO that is being funded through the Area Highways Group. In response to residents' concerns, I am trying to find a way to switch the parking from the residential side to the cricket field side of the road.

Now that we have a new Portfolio Holder for Highways, I am having further discussions to see if we can amend Council policy so that some raised crossings can be installed on London Road, both to help make the main shopping area more pedestrian friendly, but also reduce vehicles speeds.

Details of this year's capital programme should be announced in July.

**LICENSING**

There has been an application from the Merlin to permit the playing of live or recorded music until midnight, seven days a week at "the cube". Out of respect for local residents of Harden Park & Wilmslow Road, I have called this application in to Licensing Committee and will let you know when I have a date.

**ANPR SYSTEM**

Mike Taylorson & I had a meeting with Alan Cunningham (resident of Over Peover) to listen to his proposals. He has developed a low-cost Average Speed Camera system, which he is willing to supply free of charge to us as part of a trial of the system.

The installation costs would need to be funded by us, with an ongoing maintenance cost of up to £2,000 pa. The system still relies on us to download the data (albeit remotely) and forward it to the police; however, it is treated in the same manner as data from the community speedwatch team.

Installing this system on Congleton Road would allow us to repurpose the SID that is currently placed there; however, I am not sure this is enough for me to recommend the expenditure, given that the system would not lead to any speeding fines being issued. There was a discussion about requesting Redeployable and Mobile CCTV in the park. It will be added to the July agenda for approval.

There has been a complaint from a resident about the placement of the SID machine on Congleton Road causing a visual nuisance. Cllrs Browne's response was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and after discussion it was agreed the Clerk would forward the response to the complainant with an additional paragraph that the Parish Council would investigate the possibility of adding a light guard to the right hand side of the SID if technically feasible.

Cllr Chapman gave an update on the activities of the In-Bloom Group.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.34pm

**ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>
		As soon as possible
		As soon as possible
		As soon as possible

**Councillor M Dudley-Jones**

**CHAIRMAN**