



# ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 12th March 2018

**Present:** Cllr R Grantham (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, G Hall, M Taylorson  
Clerk: A Ross  
Press 1, Public 2

### Meeting

**Commenced:** 7:30pm

#### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr I Higham, C Munro, R Norbury.

#### 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.

A representative from Streetklean, a company, born out of a group of environmental chemists/engineers, gave a presentation on the benefits of using dog DNA registration alongside Public Space Protection Orders to successfully tackle the growing problem of dog fouling. Councillors were agreed it was an idea that would be worth exploring further.

#### 4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 12th February 2018.

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

#### 5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 12th February 2018.

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

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

Noted.

#### 7. To receive a report from the Hall Manager.

Cllr Grantham reported that going forward the Hall Manager would only attend meetings when it was thought she specifically needed to be there. She will continue to circulate a monthly report and be available to answer any question councillors may have.

#### 8. To approve accounts for payment.

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

#### 9. Resolution – To retrospectively approve the signing of the lease with Cedric's Pharmacy in relation to the Medical Centre.

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

**10. Resolution - To approve spend of £380 plus VAT to pay for the Good Friday procession road closure.**

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor M Taylorson and carried.

**11. Resolution - To agree the appointment of an independent firm to act as the Council's Data Protection Officer (DPO) to satisfy the latest changes in the General data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which come into effect in May 2018.**

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

**12. To receive a report regarding the CCTV visit.**

Cllr Browne reported that a few councillors visited the control room on 21st February. Unfortunately the latest incident of vandalism was not caught by the cameras and Cllr Browne urged anyone who witnesses an incident to either phone 101 and report it to the police or to email [controroom@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:controroom@cheshireeast.gov.uk). This email is monitored 24/7 and helps inform the controllers of which areas to watch.

It was noted that the cameras have been successfully used regarding vehicle theft in the village and the existing cameras will be upgraded with high definition resolution. A request has been made for a temporary camera to be placed in the park over the summer months.

The CCTV manager has been invited to the April meeting to explain more about the benefits of CCTV and the Parish Council will continue to monitor the cost effectiveness of the system over the next 12 months.

**13. To discuss staff matters.**

This item will be considered in Part II of the meeting in the absence of any public/press representatives owing to the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

**14. Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Browne reported that he has received positive feedback regarding the new Parish Council notice board.

The resurfacing of Wilmslow Road at Brook Lane junction is finished.

On Thursday 8th March, he chaired a meeting of the Wilmslow Area Highways Partnership. The group allocates around £22,000 each year to various small-scale projects across Wilmslow, Alderley Edge & Handforth. The group has agreed to fund the introduction of a one-way restriction on West Street. The rationale for this, is to improve the safety of the blind junction of South Street and West Street, where vehicles turning into South Street can regularly be seen mounting the footpath.

The original plan had been to use residual S106 funds to pay for this scheme. A by-product of the scheme being funded by the Area Highways Group, is that the S106 funds (about £50,000) can now be wholly used to improve pedestrian safety on Chorley Hall Lane bridge.

As a consequence, traffic lights, rather than a one-way system have now been added to the list of capital schemes, for consideration. It is important to recognise that such a scheme will still need further investment from the highways capital budget and that this is not yet guaranteed.

The resident's survey run last year, showed that 82% of respondents agreed that the footpath over the railway bridge is dangerous for pedestrians and people with wheelchairs/pushchairs; however, only 62% felt that a one-way system was the correct response to this. The plan is to repeat this survey over the coming days, but with traffic lights as the proposed solution.

Cheshire East Council has recently published its proposed new opening times for Alderley Edge Library, these are: Monday (closed), Tuesday (9.30-1.30), Wednesday (9.30-1.30), Thursday (2.00-6.30), Friday (9.30-1.30) and Saturday (9.00-1.00). The consultation is open until 3rd April and all residents are encouraged to have their say on the proposed new times, preferably by going to the library and completing one of the feedback forms.

Cheshire East Council is also consulting on whether to introduce charges for new and replacement waste bins. The council currently spends £360,000 per year on providing new and replacement bins, which it says is unsustainable. It is proposing to introduce charges as follows: £30 for green and silver recycling bins and £35 for standard black bins. They are also proposing to put addresses on the bins, to help discourage theft. The consultation can be completed online from tomorrow morning (<https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/Bins18/>).

Cllr Grantham reported that she attended a meeting with Select Property Group about their plans to re-design their headquarters at Horshoe Farm. The feedback from those present was mostly positive.

They are holding a public consultation in the Festival Hall on Tuesday 13th March 4-7.30pm.

**Meeting Closed: 8.36pm**

## PART 11

This part of the meeting was held at the end of the evening, once the public and press representatives had left.

**Meeting Commenced:** 8.55pm

### 13. To discuss staff matters.

The councillors discussed staff matters.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.07pm

### ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

**Councillor R Grantham**  
**CHAIRMAN**