



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 13th May 2019

Present: Cllr M Dudley-Jones (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, M Garbett, R Grantham, S Greenwood, G Hall,
L Marshall, M Taylorson.
Clerk: A Ross
Public: 0

Meeting

Commenced: 7:20pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr B Chapman

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).

Cllrs C Browne, R Grantham and G Hall declared an interest in item 11 as they attend meetings of the In-Bloom Group. They took no part in the discussion.

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 Parish Council meeting of 8th April 2019.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 8th April 2019.

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

6. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 8th April 2019.

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

7. To receive a report from the Clerk.

Noted.

8. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr Hall gave an update on the Festival Hall and the report was noted.

9. To agree an additional spend of £1360 on the Boundary Signs to allow extra signs to be added.

Cllr Dudley-Jones explained the reasons why the additional spend was needed.

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

10. To consider the grant application from the In Bloom Group.

Councillors were all agreed that as the grant was for their website it would be an annual requirement and therefore does not meet the requirements of the Parish Council's Grants Policy.

The Clerk was asked to email the decision to the applicants.

11. To agree distribution of the Community Clean-up grant.

Cllr Browne explained there is specific criteria on how it is spent. After discussion it was agreed that further input is required and Cllr Browne agreed to put an article on his blog to encourage input from community groups. He will bring suggestions back to the June meeting.

12. To approve accounts for payment in the total amount of £32685.81

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

13. To approve Section 1 (Annual governance statement 2018/19) of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019.

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

14. To approve Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019.

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

15. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Grantham reported that the latest report from the PCSO has been circulated and as she is now the councillor responsible for police liaison she asked other councillors to let her know of issues they would like her to raise. There was a discussion about speeding in the village and what could be done. She is meeting with Cllr Marshall to discuss the Christmas lights and how they can progress things and meeting with the local organiser to discuss remembrance.

Cllrs C Browne and M Dudley-Jones agreed to arrange a meeting with the Churches to discuss the Civic Service. This years' service is due to be held at the Methodist Church on Sunday 7th July.

Cllr Taylorson discussed getting the TRO's on Lydiat Lane amended and will liaise with Cllr Browne and Highways.

Cllr Marshall reported that things are under way for the May Fair but they still need marshals for the road closure and a first aider.

Cllr Greenwood reported the Neighbourhood Plan steering group are meeting to discuss the issue of rubbish on the by-pass. The final draft of the SADPD is due at the end of June and will be put out to consultation in the summer.

Cllr Browne gave the following report:

Following the recent election and transfer of Cheshire East Council to No Overall Control, negotiations and discussions have been taking place between the Independent Group and members of the Labour and Conservative Groups.

It quickly became clear that our preferred option, of an all-party agreement, would not be possible because of the refusal of the two main parties to work together.

Following a ballot on Saturday, the Independent Group has therefore decided to enter into a transition cabinet with the Labour Group, for a time limited period of twelve months, pending the Council's transfer from a cabinet system to a committee-based system from May 2020.

As part of the agreement, we have insisted that the Conservative Group (being the main opposition) must be allocated the four Chairs of Scrutiny Committees and that all other committee chairs must be allocated proportionately. This was a principle we argued for before the election.

Being the Leader of the Independent Group, as part of this agreement I will become Deputy Leader of Cheshire East Council from the Annual Meeting on 22nd May, as well as Chairman of Northern Planning Committee.
A motion will be brought forward to the Annual Meeting on 22nd May.

His next surgery is on Saturday 25th May at 10am in the library.

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllrs Grantham/Marshall	Christmas lights	As soon as possible
Cllrs Browne/Dudley- Jones	Civic Service	As soon as possible
Cllr Bowne	Community clean up grant	As soon as possible

Councillor M Dudley-Jones
CHAIRMAN