



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 14th November 2016

Present: Cllr G Hall (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, R Grantham,
C Munro, M Taylorson
Clerk: A Ross
Public 3

Meeting

Commenced: 7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs I Higham and 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).

Cllrs G Hall and C Munro declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 and left the room for that part of the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Grantham would chair this item.

3. Public Participation – A period of not more than twenty minutes will be made available for the public to ask questions or submit comments.

Paul Marshal representing the May Fair committee let the councillors know he was willing to answer any questions they had regarding item 11 and had a copy of the May Fair accounts if any councillors wanted to see them.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10th October 2016.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 10th October 2016.

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

6. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 28th October 2016.

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

7. To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk was asked to add a further item in her report regarding income/expenditure and budget. She agreed to work out the best way for reporting the figures on a monthly basis.

The Parish Council agreed to offer the concert tickets to volunteers of the Royal British Legion. The Clerk will arrange this. Cllr Browne reported that a further assessment regarding a zebra crossing on Ryleys Lane took place last week. He doesn't know the outcome yet.

Cllr Hall confirmed he is attending the Mobberley Civic Service.

Cllr Browne will update councillors on the CEC pre-budget consultation when he has further information.

8. To approve accounts for payment.

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

9. Resolution: To agree to pay the cost of the road closure for the Christmas lights switch on event up to £500.

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

10. Resolution: To agree to pay £90 for poppies for London Road for Remembrance Sunday.

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

11. Resolution: To consider a request from the May Fair committee to contribute the following funds towards the Parade at the 2017 annual May Fair event: £560 for road closure management, £400 for the carriage and horses for the May Queen and her attendants and £70 for the Town Crier who leads the Parade, making £1,030 in total.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will cover the items requested by the May Fair, up to a maximum of the amount requested for each item. The PC will pay the suppliers directly against invoice.

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

12. The Friends of the Festival Hall have applied for and won an award of £47,146 from WREN to contribute to the total cost of £49,645 to finish the staircase at the back of the Hall, install new toilets on the first floor, refurbish the room over the bar and a further room. In order to access these funds the PC needs to contribute £7,567.20 made up as follows: £2,499 towards the building costs and £5,068.20 in third party funding to WREN.

Resolution: To approve Council expenditure of £7,567.20 towards total project costs of £49,645. This will give the PC access to £47,146 of outside funding.

After discussion it was agreed that there would be a virement of £7567.20 from the 'PCSO' budget line to the Festival Hall 'Building & Refurbishment Costs' budget line

Approval proposed by Councillor G Hall seconded by Councillor C Munro and carried.

13. To discuss the possibility of training councillors for future road closure.

Cllr Munro has spoken with one of the Bollington councillors, they went on a training course and now do their own road closures. The costs she were given for the course were £300 for the trainer, £32 per person attending and £20 for the equipment giving a total of £416 for three people to attend.

After discussion it was agreed that she would confirm the costs and find out the maximum number of people able to attend any one course. If the costs were acceptable the Council would then like to invite member of the community to volunteer.

14. To approve the appointment of Arcus to oversee works to the second floor of the Medical Centre. These works will divide the space into three separate suites.

Cllr Hall confirmed he had received a quote of £1240 from Arcus to do the work.

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

15. To approve works to be carried out by Jones Contracts to divide the second floor of the Medical Centre into three suites.

Cllr Hall explained that PE Jones Ltd have quoted £22,000 for the work, which includes £10,000 to separate the heating systems. It is hoped, but not guaranteed, that this price can be negotiated down.

After discussion it was agreed that the work needs to be done as the rental income is crucial to the project and there are three tenants lined up.

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

16. To confirm the latest Assessment of Risks and current level of Insurance Provision.

The risk assessment for the year 2016-17 had been circulated with the agenda for prior review before councillors attended the meeting.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would make some amendments and circulate the new document to all councillors.

17. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Browne gave an update on a number of items:

- the TRO on Trafford Road (top section) will be carried out on 30th November (there will be a road closure whilst this work is carried out)
- the dead tree outside Beauty Works was taken down yesterday. I have asked about getting a replacement, but this is something that we might need to consider funding
- the gully emptying programme for Alderley Edge was due to have been carried out at the end of October, but has been delayed slightly. It will now begin on Wednesday and should be carried out over a five-day period.
- the additional parking spaces on South St, West St, Stevens St & London Rd should be in place before the end of December, which is great news.
- the consultation process for the one-way system on West St, South St & West St will begin in January and should be implemented by the end of June next year.
- due to the way the S106 agreement is structured, this work has to be complete before the consultation on widening the footpath on Chorley Hall Lane can begin
- the second stage assessment for the roundabout at the top of Brook Lane has been completed. I expect the report by the end of November, but understand will be favourable to the introduction of mini roundabout
- dropped kerbs should be introduced at various locations to make the village more accessible, starting with Clifton St, Stevens St, West St & South St before Christmas
- CEC will be launching a "Call for Sites" as part of Local Plan (Stage 2) early in the New Year; this will involve landowners, developers and town & parish councils.
- subject to the inspector accepting the evidence put forward by CEC at the recent hearings (held at Macclesfield Town Hall in early October):
- the inclusion of "windfall sites" (e.g. Alderley Park & the Stobart Site at Chelford), plus existing approvals at Harden Park should mean that our allocation as a Local Service Centre will be less than 100 new homes.
- the land at Ryleys Farm is confirmed as "making a significant contribution to the green belt" in the Local Plan, which means that it and other areas of green belt surrounding the village should not be developed within the Plan period (2017-2030).
- I have argued that where any development does take place, this should be determined through our emerging Neighbourhood Plan, putting local people in charge of the development they do and don't want to see.
- my next Community Surgery will be held on Saturday 26th November at 10am and will be a joint surgery with our PCSO, Sarah Stanley.

Cllr Grantham reported that the Youth Parish Council met last week and the Time Out group is their nominated charity for 2017. She also reported that the children's park equipment has been done and they are hoping to have the official opening at 3pm on Saturday 26th November.

She is unable to do the 'Christmas tree in the church' event this year and asked for a volunteer, Cllr Munro agreed to do it.

Meeting Closed: 8.52pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Clerk	Look at reporting figures monthly	As soon as possible
Clerk	Arrange for concert tickets to go to RBL	As soon as possible
Clerk	Amend the risk assessment	As soon as possible

Councillor G Hall
CHAIRMAN