



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr R Grantham (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, G Hall, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, C Munro, M Taylorson.
Clerk: A Ross
Public 8

Meeting

Commenced: 7:30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

None

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 Parish Council meeting of 8th October 2018.

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

5. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 8th October 2018.

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

6. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 8th October 2018.

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

7. To receive a report from the Clerk.

The report was noted. Cllr Grantham reported that the lengthsman's role would be reviewed as it's been a year since the appointment and asked for feedback to be passed to Cllrs Browne and Garbett.

8. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

The report had been circulated to all councillors. No queries were raised and the report was noted.

9. To approve accounts for payment in the total amount of £51570.34

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

10. To discuss feedback regarding the Boundary Signs consultation.

Cllr Dudley-Jones reported that the consultation was now closed and the responses examined. Option 1 was favoured by 80 votes to 20. All feedback has been noted and will be taken into consideration.

11. To formally accept the resignation of Cllr Higham.

The resignation was accepted.

12. To formally accept the resignation of Cllr Norbury.

The resignation was accepted. Cllr Grantham thanked both councillors for their time on the council, wished them well and confirmed that as these vacancies have arisen within 6 months of a scheduled election the PC may fill the vacancies by co-option. Notice of vacancies will be advertised until 29th November. This will be followed by a further call for nominations. During this time any interested residents are invited to put their name forward for consideration and should email the Clerk who will provide the guidelines on how to apply.

Any names put forward will be invited to meet with Cllrs Grantham and Hall prior to a meeting in December where the council will discuss and vote on the nominations received.

13. To agree expenditure for the Christmas event road closure as follow:

Design and produce auto cad drawing for road closure and diversion £75.00

Establish, maintain and remove road closure £380.00. (nett fixed and subject to VAT)

Cllr Grantham explained the reason for the expenditure. The organisers tried to reduce the road closure to make it safer and hence the need for new drawings.

Cllr Hall agreed to talk to the traffic management company regarding the quote for future events. Cllr Browne asked if the road closure had been submitted to Cheshire East for approval and agreed to follow this up.

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

14. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Munro reported on the Britain in Blooms success on receiving the Gold Award.

Cllr Garbett asked councillors to start thinking about any requests for next year's budget.

Cllr Hall reported that the Remembrance Day Parade was very well attended and he thought the Tommy figures and additional large poppies created a fitting tribute in the village.

Cllr Browne gave the following report:

Highways:

There have been some delays with the progress of some of our planned TROs as a result of the changeover to a new contract with Ringway Jacobs (the company that CE Highways use to deliver highways work). This has affected the progress of schemes on Meadow Brow, Redesmere Drive & Church Lane. A traffic survey had been carried out on West Street, which found that there are 1,200 vehicles a day turning out onto London Road and 600 vehicles a day turning into West Street from London Road. If anyone would like further details, please let me know and I will forward the full results by email.

Following the recent tragic accident on the bypass, I am repeating my call for the introduction of double white lines (prohibiting overtaking) and a reduction in the speed limit. Here is an excerpt from the email I received from a Senior Design Engineer at CE Highways following the previous fatal accident just over a year ago:

“The use of double white lines is strictly governed by national guidance as contravention is an endorsable offence. They must only be used where forward visibility is substandard for the speed of vehicles. The forward visibility on Melrose Way (A34) is in excess of the required level for their implementation and as such they cannot be introduced in this instance.”

Regarding the speed limit. At present we are liaising with Cheshire Constabulary and awaiting further details from their investigation in to the recent collision that resulted in fatalities. If through this investigation it is recommended that measures are

required, then we will work closely with Cheshire Constabulary to identify the most appropriate evidence led action, including possible speed limit reductions.”

Library:

Two training sessions for potential volunteers have been arranged and the first of these is due to take place tomorrow between 2pm and 4pm at the Library. The next session will take place at the same time next Tuesday. I have been very pleased with the number of people who have come forward to attend these sessions and help out and we look forward to being in a position to start opening the library for an additional session on a Tuesday afternoon, from January.

Surgery:

My drop in surgery this month will be on Saturday 24th at the library, starting at 10am. Our PCSO Anna Jenkinson will also be in attendance again.

Cllr Grantham gave the following report:

I have been invited to work with the AESG eco council in developing eco friendly initiatives for them to implement in school but also ways they can get involved in promoting these ideas in our community. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions please let me know. The Youth Council will also be working alongside the school on this project.

We have received our monthly report from Anna Jenkinson, our PCSO. The main issue highlighted is road traffic collisions and vehicle obstructions. We have spoken to CE to ask for more parking enforcement and were pleased the team leader for parking enforcement came out to the village on Saturday to support this. However she reminded us that if vehicles were parked where there are no double yellow lines and were causing an obstruction this would have to be dealt with by the police. I have picked this up with Anna

The Christmas Light Switch on will be on the 22.11 and the LoveAlderley late night shopping event will be on the 29.11.

Meeting Closed: 7.58pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

Councillor R Grantham
CHAIRMAN