



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 10th September 2018

Present: Cllr R Grantham (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, R Norbury
Clerk: A Ross
Public 40 plus

Meeting

Commenced: 7:33pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr G Hall, I Higham, C Munro, 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 Parish Council meeting of 13th August 2018.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 13th August 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 an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr Grantham reported:

the kitchen is being delivered and hopefully fitted this week, various new classes are starting next month, the Emerson suite will be painted by the end of the week, the hall's first wedding fair will be in March, there are various arts & crafts fairs, comedy nights booked in and birthday parties/weddings continue to be popular.

The Hall Manger is organising a third card terminal for the office upstairs, there was a discussion about the upstairs rooms and the best way to utilise the space.

8. To approve accounts for payment in the total amount of £15875.33

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

9. To approve spend of £300 to pay for the band at the Remembrance Parade.

Cllr Grantham reported that the resident who has previously organised the parade/poppy appeal wanted to step down and the Parish Council agreed to take on the responsibility. She has since been informed that the Union Club normally pays for the band and after discussion it was agreed the resolution be amended:

To approve spend of £300 to support Remembrance Parade.

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

10. To approve spend of up to £500 towards a feature flower bed in the park.

Cllr Browne reported that:

The Alderley in Bloom Group asked ANSA (Cheshire East Parks Maintenance) to clear the bed in front of the bandstand a few months ago. At the time, the Parish Council had been unaware of this, but shared the group's aim that its location meant that it should be a centrepiece flowerbed. Our initial thoughts were to purchase and plant rhododendron; however, ANSA were keen to retain an open vista in the park, to prevent any hidden spots encouraging anti-social behaviour.

ANSA have now provided us with a list of perennials that they are prepared for us to plant as part of a centrepiece flowerbed and have put us in touch with a reputable supplier (Lubbe & Sons, based in Lincolnshire). I have also been working with a local resident and horticultural expert, who has confirmed that the prices supplied by Lubbe & Sons are very reasonable and that the proposed plants (Coreopsis, Helenium, Monarda & Salvia) are appropriate. I have a further meeting with ANSA tomorrow to agree a timescale for ordering and planting and therefore seek approval for a sum of up to £500. The size of the bed is 50sq metres and the advised planting density is 10 plants per sq m.

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

11. To discuss proposal to sign up for the Barclaycard Government Procurement Card.

Cllr Grantham explained that the Parish Council has no facility to make card payments at present, this means that councillors are having to make payments on their own cards and claim the money back. It is proposed the card would only be used by the Clerk for small purchases and be subject to the same controls as all other payments. Cllr Garbett/Clerk will work on updating the Financial Regulations with the appropriate wording to ensure proper checks remain in place. This will be brought back to the October Finance meeting for approval.

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

12. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Dudley Jones gave a presentation on village signs. The various designs will be highlighted in the next newsletter so residents have an idea of what is being suggested and can have a say.

Cllr Browne reported that:

The railway bridge finally opened yesterday and he is sure everyone will want to join him in thanking the engineers from CE Highways, who worked all weekend (including Saturday in the rain) to get the job finished. The new railings have yet to be painted, but they are removable and will be taken away shortly to be sprayed in the workshop and then brought back.

Work on resurfacing Heyes Lane began this morning and as of tonight, the engineers had reached The Circuit. A small sink hole has been found outside No.93 Heyes Lane, but this is not expected to affect the timescale for completion, which is Friday.

Fortunately, the owner of the abandoned mini saw my post on social media and came to move it.

On Saturday morning, he will be presenting the Summer Reading Challenge Awards at the library. He has asked two local young residents (who collected the petition earlier this year in protest at plans to close the library) to help in presenting the awards. More residents are still needed to help staff the library on a Tuesday afternoon, as part of a volunteer-led session.

On Tuesday & Wednesday afternoon this week, he will be supporting the Community Speedwatch team at various locations around the village. They too are still looking for extra volunteers and if anyone is interested in helping out for an hour a month, please let him know. The new Speed Device has developed a technical fault and has been sent back to the manufacturer for repair. His Community Surgery this month will be on Saturday 29th Sept, starting at 10am at the library.

Cllr Grantham reported that:

Cheshire East are encouraging residents to give up 20 minutes of their time to take free suicide prevention training. The training is organised by Zero Suicide Alliance who are a partnership between several NHS trusts, businesses and individuals who are committed to suicide prevention in the UK. The training is free and accessible to all on the ZSA website or CE website and aims to enable people to identify when someone is presenting with suicidal thoughts and behaviour, to be able to speak out in a supportive manor and direct them to the correct services and or support. The website is www.zerosuicidealliance.com

Police report

The report has been circulated to all councillors. There has been an increase in theft in the village and this was brought up at last week's LoveAlderley meeting where a couple of the fashion businesses raised the concern. The issue seems to involve groups coming into the village and targeting specific items/shops. As a result Love Alderley have started a shop watch group.

Meeting Closed: 8.03pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

Councillor R Grantham
CHAIRMAN