

# **ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 9th May 2011**

**Present:** Councillor M H Williamson (Chairman), Cllrs M W Maczkowiak, D G Herald  
M J Connor, J D Bergin

2 members of the press (alderleyedge.com and Wilmslow Express)  
1 member of the public

### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Received from Cllrs S Joseph and M D Lloyd and Jim News (PCSO).

### **2. Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of 10th May 2010.**

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Councillor A Jones, seconded by Councillor M D Lloyd and carried (at the Parish Council meeting held 14th June 2010).

### **3. Parish Council Chairman's Report.**

Councillor M H Williamson delivered his Annual Report including the Annual Report of the General Purposes Committee (copy attached).

Adoption of the report was proposed by Councillor M W Maczkowiak, seconded by Councillor D G Herald and carried.

### **4. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council Finance Committee.**

In Councillor F Keegan's absence, his report on the financial activities of the council during the year ended 31st March (copy attached) was presented by Councillor M H Williamson.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Councillor M H Williamson, seconded by Councillor M W Maczkowiak and carried.

### **5. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council Plans Committee.**

As Councillor A Jones could not be present, his report on the Plans Committee's work during the past year (copy attached) was delivered by Councillor M H Williamson.

Adoption of the formal report was proposed by Councillor M H Williamson, seconded by Councillor M W Maczkowiak and carried.

### **6. The Alderley Edge Institute Trust Report.**

Councillor M H Williamson provided a brief summary of the Trust's work over the past year.

He explained that the investments administered by the Trust remained in a healthy state owing to the skill of the Investment Managers and the recovery in the Stock Market.

Two grants given during the year merited particular mention.

Firstly, a sum had been provided to enable a local professor to publish a second volume of information related to the Alderley Landscape Project. This should be available later this year and following the very technical first volume is aimed more at the casual reader interested in the local area.

Secondly, a sum has been granted to the Alderley Edge Hockey Club to part fund a new all weather facility on the Ryleys Playing Field. It is hoped that work will start/be completed later this year. As part of the arrangement, the club is to undertake to allow local community use at certain times and hopefully be able to provide coaching thus widening the appeal of the game.

#### **7. School Governor's Report.**

Paul Tomlinson, who had not stood for re-election and could not attend this meeting had sent a short report which was read out by Councillor M H Williamson and is detailed below:

- The school continues to receive excellent academic reports from official and independent sources.
- The biggest long term issue being stored up for the future is the school building itself. As you are all aware, although of architectural merit, the layout does not sit well with modern school requirements.
- The finances of the school are particularly tight, with an anomaly in Cheshire East Council funding meaning the difference of 1 child head can mean a difference of £40,000 less in funding. Without a significant parental contribution (several tens of thousands of pounds) the school would have run a deficit last year, and it is the residue of this donation that keeps the school in the black for the next two years. Obviously the school cannot be run at a loss, hence without the donation, savings would have had to have been made. With everything else run so tight this would have inevitably have meant a reduction in teaching staff time leading to a possible reduction in academic standards.
- Current funding from Cheshire East Council is being done on a year by year basis, although this is caused by lack of Central Government plan. So future budgets are very much draft and can be subject to major change based on pupil numbers.

The Parish Council is to clarify with the school if it wishes to have a governor who is a member of the Parish Council.

#### **8. Reports from Cheshire East Council Councillors.**

In Councillor F Keegan's absence, no report was given.

#### **9. Contributions from other persons present.**

No contributions were received.

**Councillor M H Williamson**  
**CHAIRMAN**