



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Present:** Cllr M Dudley-Jones (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, B Chapman, M Garbett, R Grantham, S Greenwood, M Taylorson

Clerk: A Ross  
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**Meeting Commenced:** 7:34pm

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr L Marshall

**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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.**

Approval proposed by Councillor C Browne seconded by Councillor B Chapman and carried.

**5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.**

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

**6. To consider and vote on the applicants for co-option.**

Cllr Dudley-Jones explained there had been two candidates for the position and both candidates had been interviewed. He was of the opinion that Bernard Pearce was the preferred candidate at this time as he was already involved in a number of community initiatives.

Cllr Dudley-Jones proposed, Cllr Grantham seconded, and all councillors were agreed that Bernard Pearce be co-opted

**7. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.**

Cllr Grantham summarised the report that had been circulated. The hall manager has returned from furlough and is taking a good number of enquiries for bookings. It is hoped events in August will be able to go ahead as planned

**8. To approve accounts for payment.**

Deferred to Finance meeting

**9. To formally adopt the updated Standing Orders.**

Approval proposed by Councillor S Greenwood seconded by Councillor R Grantham and carried.

Cllr Browne wanted it noted that he is against reducing the public participation period from 20 to 10 minutes.

10. To formally approve regulation 15 submission of the neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Greenwood gave an update. Regulation 15 will be submitted to Cheshire East for their consultation later this year.

Approval proposed by Councillor S Greenwood seconded by Councillor B Chapman and carried.

**11. To agree formal response to cycling consultation.**

Cllr Browne reported that Cllr Greenwood had prepared an excellent draft response and recommended it for approval.

Approval proposed by Councillor S Greenwood seconded by Councillor R Grantham and carried.

Cllr Browne abstained from the vote as the response will be going to him at Cheshire East.

**12. To provide an update on the allotments and agree way forward regarding tenancy agreements on both Chorley Hall Lane and Heyes Lane sites. To agree position regarding refunds for unused plots.**

Cllr Dudley-Jones summarised the latest position. Beech Close has now signed a lease agreement with the Parish Council. The lease agreement between the Parish Council and AE Allotment & Gardening Society (which represents the other two sites) remains unsigned as more amendments have been proposed and these are still awaiting comment from the Parish Council's solicitor. He acknowledges the Parish Council may appear to be not responding quickly enough over the past few weeks. The tenants on Chorley Hall Lane site have expressed a desire to manage their site themselves, similar to Beech Close and once the outcome of this is known the Parish Council can discuss further how to progress matters.

There was a discussion about the refund for unused plots in the amount of approximately £185

Approval proposed by Councillor C seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried that the money be refunded.

Cllr M Taylorson abstained from the vote.

**13. To discuss Traveller Encampment and potential target hardening.**

Cllr M Dudley-Jones reported that the Parish Council took measures deemed necessary to protect the park even though the park is owned by Cheshire East.

Cllr Browne reported that the portfolio holder is looking at all the sites that have had encampment in the borough (over 100 in a 12 month period) to determine appropriate long term target hardening measures. The Parish Council agreed the need to extend the lease of the current measures for another 3 months to allow Cheshire East time to put other measures in place. Cllr Browne welcomed the measures but stressed it is not failsafe against travellers determined to enter the site.

**14. To report a minor data breach and recommend that all councillors and staff (who have not already) attend General Data Protection Regulation training.**

The Clerk reported that a minor data breach had occurred and she has been in contact with a company to provide Data Protection training to councillors and staff.

**15. To discuss the Medical Centre tenants and agree further action**

This item was considered in Part II of the meeting in the absence of any public/press representatives owing to the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

**16. Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Greenwood reported that she had been contacted by a member of the 'Residents of Wilmslow' group regarding the problem of supercars in the area. She asked Cllr Browne for an update as she promised she would go back to him with any new information. Cllr Browne reported there had been a multi-agency meeting to receive the report Cheshire East highways had produced. A number of traffic calming measures have been suggested and consideration is being given to a 'Public Space protection Order' to compliment these. The police have said no crime other than speeding is being committed but Cllr Greenwood asked about noise levels. Cllr Browne reiterated that it was a police matter and the local authority are already taking all the steps they can to help tackle the issue.

Cllr Chapman reported she's received emails from residents regarding overgrown hedges and bushes. She intends to do a walk around and issue letters as appropriate. She was disappointed there has been no response from the newsletter regarding the call for volunteers for the 'friends of the park' group. She has met with Peaks & Plains to discuss Wood Gardens.

Cllr Grantham reported she had met with the AE Guides via zoom and they had a lot of interesting ideas that she was keen to explore further.

**Meeting Closed: 8:25pm**

This part of the meeting was held at the end of the evening, once the public and press representatives had left.

**Meeting Commenced: 9.36pm**

To discuss the Medical Centre tenants and agree further action.

The councillors discussed the tenants and agreed further action.

**Meeting Closed: 9.47pm**

**Action Summary**

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**Councillor M Dudley-Jones**  
**CHAIRMAN**