



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 11th May 2020

Present: Cllrs C Browne, B Chapman, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, S Greenwood, L Marshall and M Taylorson.
Clerk: A Ross

In Attendance: 1 member of the public, 0 member of the press.

Meeting Commenced: 5.00pm

1. To elect the Chairman of the Council and to receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor B Chapman proposed that Councillor M Dudley-Jones be Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the new Chairman, accepting the role for the year.

2. To elect the Vice Chairman and to receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Councillor M Dudley-Jones proposed that Councillor S Greenwood be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the new Vice Chairman, accepting the role for the year.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr R Grantham.

Cllr Dudley-Jones reported he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Hall effective from 10th May and he made a short statement thanking Cllr Hall for his service over the years. He proposes to issue a longer statement in the next parish update.

4. To receive any declarations of interest from Members

None

5. To review Committee Structures and to appoint members to serve on the under mentioned Committees:

a) Plans

Councillor S Greenwood proposed that Councillor M Garbett be Chairman for the ensuing year with Cllr M Taylorson as Vice Chairman, seconded by Councillor M Taylorson and carried.

b) Finance

Councillor B Chapman proposed that Councillor M Garbett be Chairman for the ensuing year with Cllr M Taylorson as Vice Chairman, seconded by Councillor L Marshall and carried.

6. Appointment of Lead Councillors:

As per list – Councillor responsibilities 2020/21.

RESOLVED: All councillors were agreed that the appointment of lead councillors be approved as per the attached list.

7. To affirm the Parish Council's eligibility to use the General Power of Competence (namely that the number of Councillors elected at the last ordinary election, or at a subsequent by-election, must equal or exceed two thirds of its total number of councillors, and that the Clerk is suitably qualified).

Given that the number of Councillors elected at the last ordinary election was equal to or exceeded two thirds of its total number of Councillors, and that the Clerk is CiLCA qualified, the Parish Council satisfied the criteria for eligibility for the General Power of Competence. This is a wide-ranging power of first resort, and effectively grants the Council the same powers as those granted to an individual.

RESOLVED: That this Council meets the criteria for eligibility for the purposes of the General Power of Competence

8. Delegation of Powers:

To approve delegation of the Parish Council's power in respect of the relevant Committees.

All were agreed and it was carried to approve the delegation of the Parish Council's power in respect of planning matters to the Plans Committee of the Parish Council and finance matters to the Finance Committee of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed: 5.20pm

**Cllr M Dudley-Jones
Chairman**