



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022

Present: Cllr M Dudley- Jones (Chairman), Cllrs B Chapman, C Browne, V Fogharty, M Garbett, R Grantham, K Robinson.

Clerk.

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Meeting Commenced: 7:30pm

Part 1

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr S Greenwood, 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 ten minutes will be made available for the public to ask questions or submit comments.

None

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 15th February 2022.

Approval proposed by Councillor B Chapman seconded by Councillor V Fogharty and carried.

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 15th February 2022.

Approval proposed by Councillor V Fogharty seconded by Councillor B Chapman and carried.

6. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr G gave a summary of the latest position, the team are working on the format of the monthly report to make it more informative. Cllr Grantham gave an update on an invoice received from 'UK Bride'.

7. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £12,448.45

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor M Dudley-Jones and carried.

8. To discuss issues raised on interim audit.

The clerk outlined the two issues raised:

The contract for the Christmas lights was not advertised on Contract Finder – all contracts over £25,000.00 will be advertised on Contract Finder

Contract must be awarded as per the Financial Regulations – all instances where an exception is to be relied on or financial regulations are to be suspended will be clearly stated in the minutes.

9. The council resolves to suspend its financial regulations for the following motions:

Approve spend of up to £4000 to hire large screen as part of the Jubilee event.

Approve spend of up to £4000 on local blacksmith to produce a commemorative wrought iron gate for the entrance to the park in Alderley Edge.

Cllr Dudley-Jones explained it had been difficult to secure three quotes for the screen hire as we were struggling to find a supplier that had availability for our requirements. There is a local company that are able to supply the screen.

Cllr Dudley-Jones explained it was felt appropriate to approach a local blacksmith with regard to the wrought iron gate and he was finding it difficult to obtain three quotes for the work.

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

10. To approve the Medical Centre service charge budget for the year 2022/2023.

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

11. To consider any grant applications received.

Beech Close Community Allotments in the amount of £400

Approval proposed by Councillor M Dudley-Jones seconded by Councillor R Grantham and carried.

Churches Together in Alderley in the amount of £465 plus VAT

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

12. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Garbett has been liaising with the station group, he thinks it would be worthwhile for the Parish Council to get involved in the strategy review the rail company are planning.

Cllr Grantham will work on a list of jobs for the lengthsman to carry out in the park.

Cllr Fogharty reported there is one licence application being considered in the village. He attended a ChALC training course and found it useful. He asked Cllr Browne to follow up with CEC about the 'Say hi to the High Street' campaign.

Cllr Dudley-Jones is meeting with some volunteers to discuss plans for the Jubilee celebrations. There was a discussion about the Civic Service and Annual Parish Meeting, further discussion needed. The History Group may put in a grant application for some history boards for the station and library.

Cllr Browne reported:

Consultation on the Edge Conservation Area Appraisal ends today. He has made a submission, along with the Parish Council and the Edge Association.

He has held a meeting with representatives from CE Property Team, ANSA and Remedy on the Park with a view to a long-term solution to noise complaints about his generator. We are investigating installing an external socket on the outside of the bowling hut.

Church Lane is to be closed for the installation of a dropped kerb outside the entrance to St Philips Church. These works were due to take place this week, but due to a Covid outbreak have been postponed until next Monday.

Pendleton Way is going to be closed (overnight only) between Friday 17th & Wednesday 23rd March for “texturing works” which basically means anti-skid surface dressing. This includes the whole stretch from the Merlin as far north as Handforth Dean.

There will be roadworks at the junction of Brook Lane and Knutsford Road between 21st and 25th March to enable drainage works to be carried out. You’ll be aware that there is a long-term problem with standing water just past the mini roundabout and these works are to address that.

Cheshire East Council has voted to invest an extra £19m in the highway’s capital programme over the next three years, funded through borrowing. There are some early wins for Alderley Edge, with South Street, Stevens Street, Eaton Drive & Church Lane added to the Level 2 programme.

From this week, the library will be open on Wednesday mornings from 09:30 to 12:00 (this is in addition to Tuesday mornings and the Tuesday afternoon volunteer-led sessions). The Council is recruiting to three new positions and applications closed on Friday 4th March.

Our new PCSO, Lisa Gamble is planning to hold some surgeries at the library and the first of these will be taking place tomorrow, between 4pm and 5pm.

Meeting Closed: 8:23pm

PART 11

13. To discuss staff matters.

Staff matters were discussed and agreed.

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For