



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th September 2022

Before the meeting commenced there was a minute's silence to mark the passing of the Queen. Cllr Chapman then gave the proclamation of the accession of HM King Charles III.

Present: Cllr B Chapman (Chairman), C Browne, V Fogharty, M Garbett, R Grantham, L Marshall, K Robinson.
Clerk, Deputy Clerk
Public 7

Meeting Commenced: 7:37pm

Part 1

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs M Dudley-Jones, S Greenwood.

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 8th August 2022.

Approval proposed by Councillor C Browne seconded by Councillor V Fogharty and carried.

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 8th August 2022.

Approval proposed by Councillor V Fogharty seconded by Councillor R Grantham and carried.

6. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr Grantham gave a summary of the latest position and the report was noted.

7. To review the PCSO and CCTV reports.

Cllr Fogharty reviewed the details and the reports were noted.

8. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £21,502.31

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

9. To agree contractor for Heyes Lane waterway clearing and agree spend of up to £2150.

The Clerk reported that 3 quotes had been sought but only 2 had been received. After discussion it was agreed to go with the lower quote from LCS Landscapes.

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

10. To agree spend of £160 to close the pathway alongside Heyes Lane allotments for 5 days so the fence can be replaced.

It was explained that Heyes Lane has secured funding to replace the fence alongside the allotment and this requires the closure of the pathway.

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

11. To discuss storage of gas canisters at CHL allotment shed.

The item was deferred as it was agreed further information from the insurance company was required before a decision could be made.

12. To discuss the issues raised by the internal auditor with the proposed follow up action.

The Clerk explained the issues raised and action taken. Fidelity insurance has been increased to £500,000.

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

13. To approve the signed annual return from the external auditors and discuss matters arising with the proposed follow up action.

The Clerk reported there were no matters arising.

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

14. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Grantham reported that Heyes Lane had secured funding for pruning and management of boundary trees on the allotment site. Cllrs Greenwood, Grantham, Chapman and Browne have previously walked the site and were happy with the proposed works but she wanted to check that all councillors were happy for it to go ahead. All were agreed to the proposed works.

Cllr Fogharty reported that the lights switch on has been agreed for Saturday 19th November at 7pm. There will be activities on stage for an hour before and an hour after the switch on. There will be a market down London Road and the road will be closed from 2pm-9pm. He plans to speak with the PCSO about the problem of cars parking on the pavement.

Cllr Browne reported that:

The library is due to re-open on Saturdays from 1st October

The PC has received an email from CEC highways confirming that all of the necessary preparatory work has been undertaken to include those roads which the Parish Council has chosen to fund within the gritting network and they will write with an update in January.

He has received the draft designs for the 20mph zone, he doesn't think the proposed gradient on the speed tables is high enough to have any impact and has asked for this to be reviewed.

He has been advised that although there is no requirement to postpone the Civic Service, the majority of Town and Parish Councils have chosen to do so. After discussion it was agreed a decision would be made after taking advice from Reverend Pye.

Meeting Closed: 8:05pm

PART 11

Meeting Commenced: 9.23pm

15. To approve signing of contract with Barclays Bank for hire of hall space.

Cllr Fogharty offered to have a contracts lawyer review the contract and all were agreed the contract could be signed subject to no issues being raised.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor B Chapman and carried.

Meeting Closed: 9.27pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
CT	Write to HL re tree works	As soon as possible

Councillor B Chapman
CHAIRMAN