



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th October 2022

Present: Cllr M Dudley-Jones (Chairman), C Browne, B Chapman, M Garbett, R Grantham, S Greenwood, L Marshall, K Robinson.
Clerk, Deputy Clerk
Public 1

Meeting Commenced: 7:36pm

Part 1

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr V Fogharty.

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 12th September 2022.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 12th September 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.

The PCSO report was noted and it was suggested that the PCSO recommendations for staying safe are added to the Parish Council social media pages and the next newsletter.

8. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £75,276.86

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

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

Cllr S Greenwood explained the reason for the item and after discussion a vote was taken.

Approval of storage proposed by Councillor S Greenwood seconded by Councillor M Dudley-Jones.

It was agreed by 7 votes to 1 that the use storage of the canisters would be allowed.

10. To approve the draft service charge reconciliation for the Medical Centre.

There was a query about why there were '0' budget lines against Pest Control and Health & Safety. The clerk will check and report back. Councillors were happy to approve the draft on the proviso that the queries were resolved.

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

11. To report on the review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr S Greenwood read the report attached. Appendix 1

12. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Greenwood reported that The Limes is going to appeal and she has drafted some objections. She has suggested that food bank organisations in the area could have an article in the next newsletter and asked Cllrs to give her details of any they know of. She asked if the tree outside Skylar nails was being replaced, Cllr Browne doesn't believe there are any plans to replace it. She has requested 90 new free saplings for the Heyes Lane allotment boundary. She reported that they had a productive allotment liaison committee.

Cllr Robinson attended a Village Show meeting and reported that there will be a scaled down show next year, with plans to build it up again in the following years. The date is still to be decided.

Cllr Chapman reported that she attended the latest Christmas switch on meeting and will send the minutes to all councillors.

Cllr Browne gave the following reports:

The statutory consultation on South Street shared space scheme goes live on 13th November for 3 weeks.

The 3 octagonal planters in the park have been cleared, he will sort out the new planting.

He has been asked to look at a drainage issue on Beech Road and will consult with ANSA on it.

He has been asked if the Parish Council could put together a schedule of places people can go to stay warm in the winter months. He will pull something together for social media and asked councillors to let him know of any places they were aware of.

Cllr Grantham asked councillors if they thought it was still necessary for the Festival Hall strategic board to meet. After discussion it was agreed to put it on pause, she will let members know.

Cllr Dudley-Jones reported he has met with ANSA to discuss dates for having the end posts fitted. Once these are in place the gates can be erected. He asked councillors to think about how they would like to mark the official un-veiling.

Meeting Closed: 8:36pm

PART 11

Meeting Commenced: 8.37pm

13. To review banking arrangements.

It was agreed Cllr Browne would be added as a signatory and the clerk along with Cllr Garbett will look into opening a savings account.

Meeting Closed: 8.43pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
CT	Add PCSO recommendations to social media	As soon as possible

Councillor M Dudley-Jones
CHAIRMAN

Appendix 1

Alderley Edge Neighbourhood Plan Review, October 2022

It is good practice for Neighbourhood Plan Steering Groups to review their Plan annually or when relevant legislation is passed (in conjunction with the Council) to ensure the Plan is still fit for purpose or make amendments. In order to do this, the AENP SG met this month.

Overall, it was felt our Plan is used extensively by both PC in their planning considerations, and CEC planning officers, as well as inspectors at planning appeals.

Our plan is meeting current trends such as provision of co-working space, division of large units and the requirements of Planning White Paper Aug 2020.

Projects within the plan such as CHL playing fields and improvements to the station approach are on-going with community involvement in both.

Other plans such as the extension of the Ryleys park car parking provision are not deliverable.

However, the SG would like to assess how often the PC object on the grounds of a AENP policy and it is not upheld by the planning officers at CEC. To this end, would it be possible for the Asst Clerk to compare planning to which we object vs CEC approval? I can then look at our objections and make a judgement on whether the AENP is being afforded adequate weight. If it is found to be the case, we can approach CEC NP and Planning depts.

There is also some concern from the Local Economy working group regarding the saturation of certain use types in the village centre, something local residents were very clear about in consultations. The Use Classes Order allows so many changes of use without the need for planning permission that it was not possible to write this into a policy at the time of producing the Plan.

It should be noted that the business use survey done in 2019 identified only 14% of businesses that were A3/A5 use, this demonstrated that there were more retail/service sector premises than restaurant/bar/cafes in the village although this has probably increased since the survey was done.

It is intended that we write to Tom Evans at the NP team in CEC and express the concern that the increasing number of restaurants/cafes/bars in the village since the last business premises audit in 2019 may lead to a loss of village character and amenity for residents which was previously highlighted by a number of respondents in the AENDP consultations. We will ask whether this been an issue in other CE local service centres and is there a way of introducing a saturation policy that will limit the impact of these premises for residents?

We also discussed the forthcoming Compulsory Rental Auctions Bill, and although we will keep abreast of this proposal, we do not think it will be an issue in Alderley Edge.

Going forward, we plan our next review when CEC adopt the Local Plan part 2.