



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023

Present: Cllr R Grantham (Chairman), C Browne, B Chapman, M Garbett, K Robinson.
Clerk, Assistant Clerk, PCSO

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Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs M Dudley-Jones, V Fogharty, 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.

The PCSO was in attendance and gave a summary of her report, there have been a couple of burglaries, in one case the suspect has been caught. There have been some issues on Clifton St that she is dealing with.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 16th January 2023.

Approval proposed by Councillor B Chapman seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 16th January 2023.

Approval proposed by Councillor B Chapman seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

6. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 16th January 2023.

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

7. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr Chapman reported that there is an issue with parking at the hall, she plans to follow this up with the practice manager of the Medical Centre and report back. The report was noted.

8. To review the PCSO and CCTV reports.

The reports were noted.

9. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £63,221.48

Approval proposed by Councillor B Chapman seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

10. To consider any grant applications received.

Application from Alderley Edge Primary School for £370 to purchase two road safety figurines.

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

Application from Chorley Hall Lane Allotment Association for £1150 for funding to replace boundary fence at the main entrance to the allotments.

After discussion all councillors were agreed they would prefer the boundary to be some sort of hedging instead of fencing. They asked the assistant Clerk to write to the association explaining this and to encourage them to apply for saplings.

11. To approve the updated festival Hall price list.

Cllr Grantham explained the prices needed to be reviewed in light of cost of living increases and new fire regulations/staffing requirements. She proposed the new prices will come into effect from September for classes and immediately for new bookings.

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

12. To confirm the latest assessment of risks.

The latest Risk Assessment had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting.

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

13. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Chapman reported she had attended a Christmas lights switch on meeting to look at dates and discuss issues. They plan to get a tick list together to streamline the process. The proposed date is Saturday 18th November 2023, she will come to the March meeting with costings and timings.

Cllr Robinson has reported the poor condition of the footpath on Devonshire drive to CEC. Cllr Browne confirmed it is a public right of way but not an adopted highway so he thought it unlikely that CEC would deal with it. The Parish Council could use the highways top up service to fund repair if thought appropriate.

Cllr Garbett reported he had met with the station volunteer group to discuss their plans to adopt the out-building on the Crewe bound platform and turn it into a community asset. They may make an application to the Parish Council for a grant to pay for architect fees.

Cllr Grantham has reported the poor condition of the road outside the Post Office to CEC. Some councillors have been working with resident groups regarding flooding issues, as a result the Parish Council paid for the culvert on Heyes Lane allotments to be cleared. All councillors were agreed that the council has done all it can and that the Clerk writes to both parties advising this. Cllr Browne is happy to ask CEC legal to write to both parties advising them of their responsibilities, but there is no role for either council beyond that. Cllr Grantham reminded everyone that the deadline for articles is Friday, she asked councillors to advise of any groups they'd like to invite to the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Browne suggested Probus Club as they are looking to recruit younger members. They may also like to have a small article in the newsletter. Cllr Grantham has been in contact with younger residents regarding the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and how they can achieve their volunteering hours, she has put them in touch with other volunteer groups. She asked if any councillors could attend the Ukraine Support network event on 20th February.

Cllr Grantham went through the list of village enhancement ideas Cllr Greenwood raised. Most of them would involve using CEC highways top up service, Cllr Browne asked for them to be added to his top up service request.

Cllr Browne reported:

Work on the 20mph zone has started, London Road is more or less complete, two areas of red, textures surface to be added. Ryleys Lane will start next week, then lastly signage.

There has been patching works on Moss Lane and Marlborough Avenue. He has chased an update on the park equipment.

South St shared space scheme has come back with no objections from the consultation.

The resident survey on Arderne Place is closed, they were all agreed they want something done but there was no agreement on what that is.

CEC to vote on 23/24 budget next week. It will include a proposal to reduce opening times at all libraries (by 1.5 days) to 3.5 days per week, plus Saturdays; however, as Alderley Edge library is currently only open three days per week (plus Saturdays), the proposal will equate to a half-day increase in opening times at Alderley Edge library.”

Meeting Closed: 8:18pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Clerk/assistant Clerk	Reply to grant applicants re outcome	As soon as possible
Clerk	Contact ANSA re gate on CHL	As soon as possible
Clerk/Cllr Browne	Compile highways top up service request	As soon as practical

Councillor R Grantham
CHAIRMAN