



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr R Grantham (Chairman), C Browne, B Chapman, M Dudley-Jones, V Fogharty, M Garbett, S Greenwood.
Clerk, Assistant Clerk

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Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs L Marshall, K Robinson.

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 13th February 2023.

Approval proposed by Councillor C Browne seconded by Councillor B Chapman and carried.

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 13th February 2023.

Approval proposed by Councillor B Chapman seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

6. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

The report was noted. Councillors are pleased with the progress and thanked the Festival Hall team.

7. To review the PCSO and CCTV reports.

The PCSO report was noted. Cllr Browne was asked to chase up the service being provided by the CCTV room and the lack of reports being provided.

8. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £13,218.49

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

9. To consider any grant applications received.

None.

10. To review the findings of the interim audit.

The clerk explained the issues raised. The report was noted and councillors were happy the issues had been addressed.

11. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Greenwood reported she had met with Heyes Lane Allotment group (AEAGS Ltd), they are proposing to spend the remainder of their lottery grant on improving the pathways on site and they are considering having bee hives on site. It was suggested that the Medical Centre and local neighbours be informed in case they have concerns. She also had a meeting with the Allotment Liaison Committee which includes all three sites, it was a productive meeting with no major actions. She reminded councillors that the future chair of the committee would continue to be the parish councillor tasked with allotments.

She asked about the correspondence she received raising concerns about Heyes Lane tennis club installing floodlights. Cllr Browne explained the club wanted to have a meeting about installing new lights and he suggested they conduct an informal consultation with residents to take their concerns into account before proceeding. He thinks one of the residents mistakenly thinks it is a planning application and he asked the assistant clerk to respond explaining that this is not the case. Cllr Browne also thinks the tennis club should invite councillors to the open meeting they are planning.

Cllr Greenwood reported that the Parish Council's refusal of the Chorley Hall Lane Allotment Association grant application has initiated a number of email exchanges. The assistant clerk was asked to respond to them explaining that having taken advice from NSALG legal department the Parish Council don't intend making any changes to the way they manage the allotments.

She gave an update on the drainage issues near Heyes Lane allotment site, all were agreed the Parish Council has done everything they can and the matter is now in the hands of Cheshire East.

There was a discussion about a new gate in Chorley Hall Lane playing fields, the clerk was asked to look into costings for a self-closing swing gate.

Cllr Dudley-Jones gave an update on the jubilee gates, he is hoping the painting will be completed on 6th April. The clerk was asked to let the lengthsman know the proposed date.

He has been in correspondence with ANSA about the poor condition of the 2nd tennis court in the park and is of the opinion that it would be an ideal space to turn into a 5-aside MUGA. Councillors were agreed it warrants further discussion.

He proposes changing the way the front garden competition is judged and would like to tie it more closely to the village show. He will follow up further.

Cllr Chapman is pulling together the costs for the Christmas lights switch on and will report back at a later date.

Cllr Browne reported the 20mph zone is complete. He's had a few queries regarding signage, no more signage is available as part of this project but it could be possible to invest in further textured road surface either from his ward councillor fund or Parish Council funds.

Arriva has withdrawn from the borough, a number of alternative providers have expressed an interest in some of the routes but services may be affected. A new service has been launched between Wilmslow station and Handforth Dean which connects up nicely with the 130 service.

He asked the lengthsman to move some grit bits from Chorley Hall Lane to Davey Lane and Wood Gardens in response to demand.

He is meeting with ANSA to discuss location of the new gym equipment in the park, installation will likely happen sometime in May. He will raise the idea of a MUGA and also agreed to ask about an accessible swing.

Cllr Grantham reported she has received a lot of compliments about the newsletter. She reminded councillors that purdah starts on Thursday and that the Annual Parish Meeting is on 27th March.

Meeting Closed: 8:11pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Browne	Look into CCTV service	As soon as possible
Assistant Clerk	Reply to resident re HL tennis club	As soon as possible
Assistant Clerk	Write to CHL allotments re NSALG advice	As soon as practical
Clerk	Look into gate for CHL fields	As soon as practical
Clerk	Contact lengthsman re jubilee gates	As soon as practical

Councillor R Grantham
CHAIRMAN