



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023

Present: Cllr R Grantham (Chairman), A Bates, B Chapman, L Booth, C Browne, V Fogharty, M Garbett, K Hulme, S Raja.
Clerk, Assistant Clerk

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Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

None

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 11th September 2023.

Approval proposed by Councillor V Fogharty seconded by Councillor K Hulme and carried.

5. To ratify the Plans Committee meeting of 11th September 2023.

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

6. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £75,846.47

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

7. To review the PCSO and CCTV reports.

Cllr Fogharty reported there has been an increase in petty crime and he is meeting with the PCSO to discuss. The report was noted.

8. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

The report was noted.

9. To agree a formal response to Cheshire East Car Parking consultation.

Cllr Browne gave a presentation. After discussion, some changes were made and all were agreed on the formal response.

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

10. To discuss and agree plans for cherry trees in the main park.

After discussion, all were agreed that 7 trees would be ordered to go down one side of the path.

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

11. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Fogharty reported that the CCTV proposal has been received. He has looked at alternatives but believes the best option for now is to renew the contract with Cheshire East. He suggested renewing on a year-by-year basis and all were agreed. He has concerns about the Botanist licensing application to remove the requirement for bar staff at the weekend and proposes the Parish Council write an objection, all were agreed.

Cllr Browne met with Highways officers to discuss replacement trees on London Road, they have identified possible locations. The tree outside the Village Café has dead branches, the clerk was asked to contact LITE to have the problem addressed. Highways have carried out some re-lining works. There is a meeting with Cheshire East 1st Bus Enhanced Partnership on Thursday 26th October, 11.30am-1.30pm, it is an opportunity to engage with bus operators and he thinks it would be useful to have a representative from the Parish Council attend.

Cllr Bates has met with the litter picking group, the next by-pass pick is on the 1st Sunday of November, it was suggested the PC post on social media to ask for volunteers. She has received the welcome pack from Waitrose for the community coffee sessions.

Cllr Hulme has been working on business liaison with Cllr Fogharty, they are working on re-launching Love Alderley.

Cllr Chapman reported the newsletter is in progress and the next meeting for the Christmas lights switch on is 6th November.

Cllr Grantham formally thanked Rev Pye for the Civic Service and raised the issue of funding for the Luncheon Club. She has met with Hope Central Charity and will liaise with the existing foodbank co-ordinators in Alderley Edge.

She has a positive allotment liaison meeting and a few points were raised:

Heyes Lane asked if the dog bin could be moved – CB will have a look and advise

Heyes Lane asked about compost being recycled by CEC – it is commercially available for purchase

Heyes Lane asked if the PC would fund a plot for a refugee family – all were agreed to support this

Heyes Lane asked about S106 funds from the County Hotel – CB advised the agreements were with CEC and were not available for community groups

Heyes Lane asked if they could remove 2 large Poplar trees from the site- all were agreed to support this on condition that 2 sapling trees were planted in their place.

Meeting Closed: 8:36pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Clerk	Contact LITE re tree lights	Immediately

Councillor R Grantham
CHAIRMAN