



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr R Grantham (Chairman), 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.

Cllr A Bates.

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 9th October 2023.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee meeting of 9th October 2023.

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

6. To ratify the Finance Committee meeting of 9th October 2023.

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor V Fogharty and carried.

7. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £29,828.40

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

8. To review the PCSO and CCTV reports.

No CCTV report had been received. Cllrs Fogharty and Booth are visiting the CCTV control room on Thursday.

Cllr Fogharty reported there has been an increase in shoplifting, he is meeting with the PCSO at her surgery to discuss, he will also be attending the Crime Commissioner's talk. The PCSO report was noted.

9. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

The report was noted.

10. To consider any grant applications received.

After discussion all were agreed to refuse the application on the grounds that the school has enough cash reserves to cover the expenditure themselves.

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

11. To agree a formal response to Cheshire East Green Space consultation.

Cllr Browne suggested the response should be focused on the roundabout at the bottom of Macclesfield Road as that is the only space in Alderley Edge currently maintained by Cheshire East that they are proposing to stop maintaining.

All were agreed to the following response:

The Parish Council would like to agree a licence between themselves and Cheshire East regarding the maintenance of the flower beds in the roundabout at the bottom of Macclesfield Road. In addition, we would welcome a further discussion regarding the other green spaces in the village.

Approval proposed by Councillor C Browne seconded by Councillor S Raja and carried.

12. To agree to increase budget for CommuniTEA initiative for remaining financial year to £400.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor K Hulme and carried.

13. To agree CCTV contributions for 2024 onwards.

After discussion all were agreed to defer the decision until the December meeting as councillors have a CCTV visit planned.

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

14. To agree free days of parking for the period 1/11/23 to 31/10/24.

After discussion all were agreed to ask for Saturday 2nd December and Saturday 27th January and ask the businesses for their input regarding the other two dates. Cllr Browne requested that the dates were advertised on social media.

Approval proposed by Councillor V Fogharty seconded by Councillor S Raja and carried.

15. To agree AEAGS request to remove two poplar trees on the site.

All were agreed to approve the request subject to the condition that 2 replacement trees were planted.

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

16. To agree staff salaries for 2024/25 financial year.

All were agreed to move this item Part 11 of the meeting.

17. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Raja reported she had hosted a successful Halloween event and wanted to thank Cllr Bates for her help. She has held the first YPC meeting and is planning for these to be held monthly.

Cllr Garbett reported that the Christmas tree at the bottom of Macclesfield Road is at an angle due to high winds. The Clerk will ask the lengthsman to check it.

Cllr Fogharty reported he had attended the Community Rail Partnership meeting and was made aware of funding sources for children that may be of interest to the YPC.

He also attended the Enhanced Bus Partnership meeting and found it informative. He is working on getting some changes to the 130-route implemented that will enhance the service.

He is promoting small business Saturday on 2nd December.

Cllr Hulme reported they had had another successful CommuniTEA session and asked for more volunteers. Cllr Grantham suggested having a rota drawn up.

Cllr Chapman reported that the Village News had gone out and the last speed watch for the year will be on 17th November. She reported the Remembrance Service had gone well but there needs to be a discussion about organisation for next year as the current volunteer is stepping down. The Christmas lights switch on is all in hand and she thanked the Assistant Clerk for her help.

Cllr Browne reported:

ANSA are starting work on the bowling hut in the park meaning the footway from Redesmsere Drive will be closed.

He has had complaints regarding blocked gullies. After inspection, 51 gullies on Moss Lane and Trafford Road were identified as needing work.

The parking consultation has closed.

The County Hotle has had the bat licence granted meaning demolition work should commence.

The cycle shelter for the corner of South Street car park has been ordered and should be in place within the next 6-8 weeks.

Chorley Hall Lane will have a road closure between South Grove and London Road at the end of January to enable United Utilities to carry out works to their sewer system.

Cllr Grantham reported she has received complaints from residents regarding the condition of the streets after the fireworks event at the Cricket Club. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the club requesting that they consider adding signs next year asking attendees to be mindful of the neighbours.

Meeting Closed: 8:41pm

PART 11

Meeting Commenced: 9.50pm

16. To agree staff salaries for 2024/25 financial year.

Staff salaries were agreed.

Meeting Closed: 10.02pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Clerk	Write to cricket club	As soon as possible

Councillor R Grantham
CHAIRMAN