



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023

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

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Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs V Fogharty, S Raja.

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 November 2023.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee meeting of 13th November 2023.

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

6. To ratify the Plans Committee meeting of 27th November 2023.

Approval proposed by Councillor A Bates seconded by Councillor B Chapman and carried.

7. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £42,237.28

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

8. To review the PCSO and CCTV reports.

No CCTV report had been received. After discussion all were agreed it would be useful to have a statistical analysis of the crime figures and that this could be discussed with the Police & Crime Commissioner.

9. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

The report was noted.

10. To consider any grant applications received.

None.

11. To approve the proposal to sign up to the three-year CCTV agreement with Cheshire East.

Approval proposed by Councillor L Booth seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

12. To confirm the latest assessment of risks and confirm all councillors have received the ‘Managing the risk of procurement fraud’ document.

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

13. To discuss and agree the Budget Proposals for 2024-25.

The draft budget had been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Grantham invited comments.

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

14. To set the precept for the next Financial Year 2024-25.

After discussion the proposal to reduce the precept to £175,000 was agreed.

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

15. To agree the following Ear-Marked Reserve movements from General Reserves.

312 EMR Roof/Boiler contingency – increase from £16,000 to £51,000

313 EMR sinking fund (floor/toilets, etc) – increase from £13,000 to £26,000

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor A Bates and carried.

16. To approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Youth Parish Council and Child Protection Policy.

The draft policies had been circulated to all councillors.

After discussion it was agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference with one minor amendment, ‘to represent the views of Alderley Edge youth’ and to adopt the child Protection Policy.

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

17. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Booth reported that the lease issues with the Birth Co. are ongoing.

Cllr Bates reported that the Communita and coffee events were going well and they have a good band of helpers. It will stop for 2 weeks over Christmas and they will judge how long to carry it on for.

Cllr Hulme reported she has a business liaison meeting on 17th January and the group are working on a plan to help promote the businesses. She also reported that the link between Communita and the Luncheon Club is going well.

Cllr Browne reported that the column light outside Tesco is not working and asked the Clerk to follow up. He also reported the SID on Congleton Road is still not working despite the batteries being changed, Clerk to follow up with lengthsman.

He reported that Chorley Hall Lane is scheduled for closure in January, access to Lydiat Lane will be retained at all times. Oakfield Road, from Heywood Road to Crescent Road is also due for closure due to works from 12th-16th February.

He has met with the road safety officer to discuss extension of the 20mph zone up Macclesfield Road and additional traffic calming on Ryleys Lane and Congleton Road. These will go to consultation.

He is using his ward members budget to pay to extend the footway at the end of Chorley Hall Lane. Cllr Grantham asked about Davey Lane and requested that this is discussed further.

Meeting Closed: 8:04pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

Councillor R Grantham
CHAIRMAN