



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th August 2024

Present: Cllr A Bates (Chair), C Browne, B Chapman, V Fogharty, M Garbett, R Grantham,
K Hulme,
Clerk, Assistant Clerk
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Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs L Booth, 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 8th July 2024.

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

5. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 8th July 2024.

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

6. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 8th July 2024.

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

7. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

The report was noted.

8. To review the PCSO and CCTV reports.

No CCTV report had been received, the PCSO report was noted.

9. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £45,891.11

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

10. To consider any grant applications received.

None.

11. To discuss and agree the Disciplinary Policy.

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

12. To agree spend for Community skip in October.

At a cost of £360 plus VAT

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

13. To discuss and agree future of Alderley Edge library.

The Clerk had circulated the draft response to Cheshire East and asked councillors to confirm they were happy with it. Cllr Browne suggested an additional line to confirm the session we would consider funding is a Tuesday morning.

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

Cllr Browne further requested permission to arrange a petition at the library on Saturday morning, similar to the one being run in Handforth, to canvas opinion.

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

14. To agree costs regarding removal of Christmas lights from 2 trees on London Road.

The CCTV team at Cheshire East has requested that the lights are temporarily removed to allow Highways to cut back the trees. The quote received from LITE is £3,750 plus VAT.

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

15. To discuss the issues raised by the internal auditor with the proposed follow up action.

The fidelity cover of £500k does not cover the cash balances – Councillors were agreed they were satisfied with the internal controls in place and the current level of cover. Steps are being taken to reduce the cash balances

The Chair should be copied into emails to the payroll agent notifying them of changes to pay rates – this has been implemented.

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

16. To approve the signed annual return from the external auditors and discuss matters arising with the proposed follow up action.

There were no other matters arising.

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

17. To agree new Parish Council bank accounts.

It was agreed money would be moved into a fixed term account.

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

18. To agree spend on additional day per week of village ranger type activities.

Item deferred as more information needed.

19. To discuss ChALC membership.

All councillors were agreed that the Parish Council should join.

Approval proposed by Councillor B Chapman seconded by Councillor K Hulme and carried.

13. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Chapman reported that St Philips will add an article on the library to their next newsletter if it goes out on time.

Cllr Hulme reported she has done an audit of hedges with Cllr Chapman.

Cllr Browne reported the TRO for Arderne Place has been postponed. Lining works on George St. are also due to be done.

Cllr Fogharty reported he is meeting with the market people next week to discuss the Christmas event. He will know costs by the September meeting. He is struggling to find volunteers for the official volunteer RBL role. He will add to the next newsletter and socials. He has meetings with the train companies scheduled.

Cllr Bates reported that the cigarette bins are working, communitia is going well and she wanted to thank the helpers on the community skip day.

Meeting Closed: 8:16pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

Councillor A Bates

CHAIR