



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025

Present: Cllr A Bates (Chair), P Bell, L Booth, C Browne, B Chapman, V Fogharty, R Grantham, K Hulme.
Clerk, Assistant Clerk
Public 2

Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr M Garbett.

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.

A member of Heyes Lane tennis club gave councillors a briefing on their planning application for floodlights at the club.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9th December 2024.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 9th December 2024.

Approval proposed by Councillor B Chapman seconded by Councillor L Booth and carried.

6. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr K Hulme gave an update and the report was noted.

7. To review the PCSO and CCTV reports.

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

8. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £64,138.81

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

9. To consider any grant applications received.

None.

10. To agree the Budget setting timetable.

The draft timetable had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

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

11. To agree Parish Council response to latest supercar event.

Cllr L Booth reported she had received a formal complaint regarding the police action. She read the email she proposes to send to the Chief Constable and Chief and Crime Commissioner. All councillors were agreed that the email be sent and suggested there is an article in the next Parish Council newsletter with an update.

12. To discuss draft Library Funding Agreement.

The Clerk confirmed that she had still not received a response from Cheshire East to the email sent on 10th December asking for clarification of some matters. It was agreed that Cllr Browne would follow up.

13. Reports from councillors.

Cllr Bates reported she is planning a meeting with LITE to discuss issues with the Christmas lights. They have said the electrical infrastructure in the columns is old and needs to be replaced, they have quoted £4,700 for this work.

She asked all councillors to look at the information sent out regarding equipment for Beech Road park so that some decisions can be made.

She has met with In Bloom and they are happy to meet with interested councillors and do a plan. Cllrs Browne and Garbett would like to be involved.

Herself and Cllr Chapman are meeting with Great Grounds to discuss enhancing the Parish council planters.

Cllr Booth has met with a supplier to discuss a slide in the main park. Initial enquiries indicate a 'slide in mound' would be double the cost of a normal slide. She is also trying to get someone to do a safety report on the zip wire to see if it can be refurbished and brought back into use. She also reported that Heyes Lane Allotments would like a social building 16ft by 8ft in size located at the side next to Oak Park.

Cllr Bell reported she is working on school and youth engagement.

Cllr Hulme reported she is meeting with Cllr Browne, ANSA and Woodbrook Road residents to discuss issues with bin collections.

Cllr Fogharty reported he is working with Cllr B Chapman to resurrect the Emergency Plan. He gave an update on the closure of the Manchester to Crew line. He is attending the Best Kept Station awards and will represent the PC at the Holocaust Memorial in Macclesfield. He would like to agree the date and time for the Christmas 25 event in the February meeting.

Cllr Chapman is starting work on the next newsletter and would like all articles by mid-February.

Cllr Browne reported he has had a number of complaints about the winter gritting. He is trying to get the message out that (partly because the PC are funding additional gritting) only one route has been lost as a result of the review and that is Trafford Road. He has put in a request for all grit bins to be re-filled.

He is still trying to organise a meeting with highways to discuss expanding the 20mph zone.

He has seen reports on social media that CEC has agreed to increase the council tax by 10%, this is not true.

CEC has however sought permission from the MHCLG for this to be considered as part of a package of exceptional financial support. Any increase will need to be agreed in the budget council meeting in February.

Meeting Closed: 8:28pm

PART 11

Meeting Commenced: 8.31pm

14. To discuss and agree actions relating to Medical Centre tenants.

The issues and actions were discussed and agreed.

Meeting Closed: 8:40pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Clerk	Send email to Chief Const and PCC	asap
Cllr Browne	Follow up re library agreement	asap
PC	Look at options for Beech Road park	As soon as practical

Councillor A Bates

CHAIR