



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024

Present: Cllr M Garbett (Chair), P Bell, L Booth, C Browne, B Chapman, K Hulme.
Clerk, Assistant Clerk
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Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs A Bates, V Fogharty, R Grantham.

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 November 2024.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 11th November 2024.

Approval proposed by Councillor B Chapman seconded by Councillor M Garbett 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 £32,261.51

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

9. To consider any grant applications received.

None.

10. To discuss and agree the Budget proposals for 2025-26

The budget had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. After discussion:

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor B Chapman and carried that the budget be approved.

11. To set the precept for the next Financial Year 2025-36

All councillors were agreed the precept would be reduced to £165,000

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

12. To review and approve the updated Festival Hall price List.

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

13. To discuss draft Library Funding Agreement.

After discussion it was agreed the Clerk would liaise with Cllr L Booth to draft a list of queries for Cheshire East.

It was further agreed that due to the issue being time sensitive and subject to a satisfactory response to the queries raised, the agreement could be signed by the Parish Council before the next council meeting in January.

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

14. To review the findings of the interim audit and proposed follow up actions.

The report had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting. There were 2 issues raised:

The council should review the financial regulations periodically – the clerk is working on this using the new NALC model regulations as a template.

A comprehensive formal budget timetable should be established annually – the clerk is drafting this and will bring to the next meeting for approval.

15. Reports from councillors.

Cllr Bell asked if the Parish Council needed to review councillor's roles & responsibilities as she wasn't sure what her responsibilities will be.

Cllr Hulme reported on behalf of Cllr Bates on the foodbanks in Alderley Edge. An article will be added to the next village newsletter.

Cllr Hulme is attending the Luncheon Club on behalf of the Parish Council and is helping the Church with their Manchester Airport grant application.

Cllr Booth reported The Birth Co. has given notice on the termination of their lease; our solicitor will ask if Newsom Health has vacated the premises. James Peakman's solicitor is still dealing with land registry.

Cllr Chapman reported there are ongoing problems with the Christmas lights, the contractor has been notified and that there will be a car event in the village on Saturday.

The Parish Council formally thanked Cllr Fogharty for all his work on the Christmas event.

Cllr Browne reported:

He is hosting drinks and mince pies in the library for the volunteers.

He has been contacted by a business in the village to express frustration about a van being parked wholly on the pavement and asked if the Parish Council would consider putting another planter there.

He has been notified about a flooding issue at Beech Road Park, highways have investigated, and the gulleys are clear so it may be a drainage issue. Utd Utilities have been informed.

He had a meeting with other relevant parties regarding acoustic cameras on the A34. He is hopeful that the project will be progressed, there's a possibility the Parish Council will be asked to contribute towards the cost.

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

The issues and actions were discussed and agreed.

Meeting Closed: 8:23pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Clerk/LB	Write to CEC re library	asap

Councillor M Garbett

CHAIR