



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th February 2025

Present: Cllr A Bates (Chair), P Bell, L Booth, C Browne, B Chapman, V Fogharty, M Garbett, K Hulme.
Clerk, Assistant Clerk
Public: more than 30

Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

None.

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 resident asked what jurisdiction the Parish Council has over planning for Padel courts, Cllr Browne confirmed that the PC is a consultee in the process and not an arbitrator.

There were a number of members of the public who wished to speak on planning applications for Heyes Lane tennis club, 24/4944 and Alderley Edge Cricket Club 24/5182.

Heyes Lane - A resident spoke in favour of the tennis club and read a statement outlining the reasons for the application and the criteria they have met to help progress the application. There were a number of residents who raised objections on the grounds of access, parking, light pollution, noise and environmental concerns.

AE Cricket Club – A resident spoke in support of the application and highlighted the actions they have taken to help mitigate concerns over noise. Objections were raised by residents over noise, traffic, lack of need and how close the proposed courts would be to neighbouring houses.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th January 2025.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 13th January 2025.

Approval proposed by Councillor C Browne seconded by Councillor A Bates and carried.

6. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 13th January 2025.

Approval proposed by Councillor C Browne seconded by Councillor A Bates and carried.

7. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr B Chapman gave an update regarding the hall floor, staffing, deep clean and the ice machine. The report was noted.

8. To review the PCSO report and agree response to proposed CCTV changes.

The PCSO report was noted. Cheshire East are currently holding a consultation into the CCTV service and Cllr Fogharty proposed the Parish Council support the option that CEC are proposing; to retain the service with minor staff restructure.

Approval proposed by Councillor V Fogharty seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

9. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £49,929.24

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

10. To consider any grant applications received.

None.

11. To agree date and timings for Christmas 2025 Christmas lights switch on.

After discussion it was agreed that the event take place on Saturday 22nd November with a 2pm road closure. To include a market, with the lights switch on at 7pm.

Approval proposed by Councillor V Fogharty seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

12. To discuss the response from Cheshire police regarding the car meets and agree any further reply.

Cllr A Bates reported that the Parish Council had received 2 emails from the police in response to concerns raised. Cllr L Booth will respond to the resident who raised the concerns. The clerk was asked to check that the respondents would be happy for the PC to publish their responses on our website and newsletter.

13. To approve the following Ear Marked Reserves:

Festival Hall roof £35k

Festival Hall boiler £31k

Festival Hall floor £35k

Toilet refurbishment £10k

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

14. Reports from councillors.

Cllr Fogharty reported he had attended the Best Kept Station awards, Alderley Edge Railway Station won the Cheshire East Award. Unfortunately, TfN has pulled the funding for the planned building refurbishment on the Crewe side. He is progressing with the arrangements for the VE day dance, tickets will be on sale soon.

Cllr Chapman asked for all village news articles by 17th February. Herself and Cllr Bates are meeting with suppliers to discuss the Christmas lights and planters.

Cllr Browne has reported 3 lamp columns that are out on London Road and has asked CEC highways to do some targeted gully jetting on Moss Road to address flooding issues. This will take place 10th to 14th March. The PCSO has asked him about having CCTV at Beech Road Park but he doesn't think it would be possible due to it being a play area.

Cllr Hulme is working with 2 resident groups to deal with ANSA/bin collections and fog fouling issues.

Cllr Bates is having a meeting to discuss the possibility of a summer fair. She asked all councillors to review the draft Finance regulations for the next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 8:20pm

PART 11

Meeting Commenced: 8.59pm

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

The issues and actions were discussed and agreed.

**Meeting Closed: 9:08
pm**

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

Councillor A Bates

CHAIR