



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025

Present: Cllr A Bates (Chair), P Bell, L Booth, C Browne, V Fogharty, M Garbett, R Howes.
clerk, assistant clerk
Public: 3

Meeting Commenced: 7.30pm

PART 1

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs B Chapman, K Hulme.

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 10th March 2025.

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

5. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 10th March 2025.

Approval proposed by Councillor C Browne seconded by Councillor P Bell and carried.

6. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr A Bates gave an update and the report was noted.

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

No CCTV report received. Cllr Fogharty summarised the PCSO report.

8. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £69,338

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

9. To consider any grant applications received.

None.

10. To agree questions for the April police scrutiny meeting.

Cllr Fogharty asked councillors for input:

Cllr Browne requested that a question be asked about plans for the next super car event regarding visible police presence. He also wanted to ask if the police could confirm their understanding of additional powers regarding unauthorised traveller encampment now that there is a traveller transit site in operation at Middlewich.

11. To confirm the latest assessment of risks.

After discussion all were agreed to approve the assessment of risks subject to the following amendments:

Tree survey done every 2/3 years to include trees on London Road, date of survey to be added

All councillors to undertake GDPR and safeguarding training

Add library volunteer session to the assessment (this also has its own risk assessment which needs to be reviewed)

Personnel working group to be formed

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

12. Reports from councillors.

Cllr Bates reported on the devolution meeting; she has had a request from Nether Alderley to join the group.

The purpose of the group is:

Alderley Edge Parish Council, Wilmslow Town Council and Handforth Town Council are proposing the formation of a joint devolution working group to explore opportunities to strengthen our collective voice and resources in response to the proposed devolution plans currently being considered for Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester, and Warrington, as part of the move towards a Mayoral Combined Authority.

The aim of the group will be to explore how these proposals might affect our local communities and what opportunities may arise from closer collaboration between our three councils. It has been agreed that two councillors from each council will be appointed to the working group.

This cross-community approach will allow us to better understand the impact of devolution at a local level, and to consider the practical benefits we may be able to deliver by working together on behalf of our communities.

Cllr Bates reported that Communitia is going well and has been recognised by NALC.

Cllr Booth reported that Charlie Williams has agreed terms regarding the doctors. The licence to assign from The Birth Co. to HCA has been completed. A former security advisor has agreed to look round the hall/Medical centre and highlight initial issues with regard to the implementation of Martyn's Law.

Cllr Bell is working on projects for youth engagement.

Cllr Fogharty gave an update on rail closures and the proposed Rail/Ale trail.

Cllr Browne has submitted a response to the government devolution proposals. He is very much against the idea.

He met with the CEC highways safety team leader to discuss a number of issues; including expanding the 20mph zone, additional traffic calming on Ryleys Lane and the creation of a footpath at the junction of Windermere Drive/Ryleys Lane.

Meeting Closed: 8:13pm

PART 11

Meeting Commenced: 8.13pm

13. 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

Councillor A Bates

CHAIR