



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025

Present: Cllr V Fogharty (Chairman), Cllrs P Bell, C Browne, B Chapman, P Edwards, M Garbett & R Howes
Clerk: A Ross
Public: 0

Meeting Commenced: 7:30pm

Cllr Fogharty took the Chair as Vice-Chair and opened the meeting. The Clerk and councillors had received an email from Cllr A Bates resigning as Chairman with immediate effect. The first item of business was to elect a new Chairman.

AGENDA PART 1

1. To elect the Chairman of the Council and to receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr C Browne proposed, Cllr B Chapman seconded and all were agreed that Cllr V Fogharty be elected as Chairman.

The Clerk received his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council and to receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr V Fogharty proposed, Cllr P Bell seconded and all were agreed that Cllr C Browne be elected a Vice-Chairman.

The Clerk received his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs A Bates, L Booth.

4. 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

5. Public Participation – A period of not more than ten minutes will be made available for the public to ask questions or submit comments.

None

6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10th November 2025.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Howes seconded by Councillor P Bell and carried.

7. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 10th November 2025.

Approval proposed by Councillor P Bell seconded by Councillor R Howes and carried.

8. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr Chapman reported that the hall is busy and had two large bar events in the last week. The report was noted

9. To review the PCSO and CCTV reports.

No reports had been received. Cllr Fogharty reported that the PCSO consultation finishes next week. All were agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter to the Police Constable emphasising how much we value our PCSO and would like to keep her.

10. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £43,683.66

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor P Edwards and carried.

11. To consider any grant applications received.

None

12. To discuss and agree the Budget Proposals and Earmarked reserves for 2026-27.

The proposed budget and ear marked reserves had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. After discussion:

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried that the budget and ear marked reserves be approved.

13. To set the precept for the next Financial Year 2026-27.

All councillors were agreed the precept would be reduced to £155,000

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

14. To agree spend of £200 on a voucher for volunteer help regarding the Christmas Event risk assessment.

Approval proposed by Councillor P Edwards seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

15. To discuss and agree actions regarding UK Bride.

Cllr Fogharty gave an update and proposed taking advice from Cllr L Booth on her return.

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

There were 2 issues raised:

The updated asset register should be matched to the insurance schedule annually. It was agreed that the Clerk and Finance Chair will do the checks and that the buildings re-statement valuation would continue to be done every 3 years.

The council needs to ensure compliance with new Assertion 10 laws. This is in progress; all councillors and staff have had Data Protection training.

17. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Garbett gave an update on the prospective new tenants in the Medical Centre.

Cllr Browne reported he has booked Independent Street to organise next year's Christmas event. He has been contacted about an application regarding 2 public rights of way through Alderley Edge golf club and asked councillors to let him know if they have any objections.

Cllr Fogharty gave an update on the planned revamp of Manchester Piccadilly Station and the disruption it will cause.

Meeting Closed: 8.01pm

PART 11

Meeting Commenced: 8.02pm

AGENDA PART 11

That in accordance with the Data Protection Act, the public be excluded from the meeting for Part II of the meeting on the grounds that the discussion will include personal details.

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

Nothing to update.

19. To discuss staff matters.

It was agreed to employ another member of staff.

Meeting Closed: 8:15pm

Action Summary

Undertaken By	Detail	When for

Councillor V Fogharty
CHAIRMAN