



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 11th May 2026

Present: Cllrs B Chapman, P Edwards, V Fogharty, M Garbett, R Howes.

In Attendance: C Tout & C Schofield (Assistant Clerks)

Members of the Public: None

Meeting Commenced: 7.00pm

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

Councillor B Chapman proposed that Councillor V Fogharty be Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by the new Chairman, accepting the role for the year.

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

Councillor V Fogharty proposed that Councillor C Browne be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor R Howes and carried.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed by the new Vice Chairman, accepting the role for the year.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs A Bates, P Bell, L Booth.

4. To receive any declarations of interest from Members

None

5. To review Committee Structures and to appoint members to serve on the under mentioned Committees:

a) Plans

Councillor V Fogharty proposed that Councillor L Booth be Chairman for the ensuing year with Councillor M Garbett as Vice Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Edwards and carried.

b) Finance

Councillor V Fogharty proposed that Councillor M Garbett be Chairman for the ensuing year with Cllr V Fogharty as Vice Chairman, seconded by Councillor P Edwards and carried.

6. To appoint members to serve on the under-mentioned Working Groups as required

As per attached list – Councillor responsibilities 2026/27.

RESOLVED: All councillors were agreed that the appointment of lead councillors be approved as per the attached list.

7. To appoint representatives on the under-mentioned bodies as required.

As per attached list – Councillor responsibilities 2026/27.

RESOLVED: All councillors were agreed that the appointment of lead councillors be approved as per the attached list.

8. To review the council asset register.

RESOLVED: All councillors were agreed the asset register be approved.

9. To affirm the Parish Council's eligibility to use the General Power of Competence (namely that the number of Councillors elected at the last ordinary election, or at a subsequent by-election, must equal or exceed two thirds of its total number of councillors, and that the Clerk is suitably qualified).

The number of Councillors elected at the last ordinary election still in post is 6, with 3 co-opted councillors, this meets the two thirds or more conditions. The Assistant Clerk is CiLCA qualified, therefore the Parish Council satisfied the criteria for eligibility for the General Power of Competence. This is a wide-ranging power of first resort, and effectively grants the Council the same powers as those granted to an individual

RESOLVED: That this Council meets the criteria for eligibility for the purposes of the General Power of Competence

10. To confirm the arrangements regarding the appointment of internal auditor (JDH Business Services) for 2026/27

Approval proposed by Councillor P Edwards seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried that JDH Business services be appointed as the internal auditors for 2026/27.

Meeting closed: 7.07pm

**Councillor V Fogharty
Chair**