



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 13th August 2018

Present: Cllr R Grantham (Chairman), Cllrs C Browne, M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, G Hall
Clerk: A Ross
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Meeting

Commenced: 7:30pm

PART 1

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr I Higham, C Munro, R Norbury, M Taylorson.

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 twenty minutes will be made available for the public to ask questions or submit comments.

None

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9th July 2018.

Approval proposed by Councillor G Hall seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

5. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 9th July 2018.

Approval proposed by Councillor G Hall seconded by Councillor M Dudley-Jones and carried.

6. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 9th July 2018.

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor G Hall and carried.

7. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 8th August 2018.

Approval proposed by Councillor M Garbett seconded by Councillor R Grantham and carried.

8. To receive a report from the Clerk.

Noted. There was a discussion about the Christmas lights on London Road.

9. To receive an update on the Festival Hall.

Cllr Hall reported that there are still problems with car parking at the hall if there are events on during the day.

Cllrs Hall and Grantham reported they've been having weekly meetings with the Hall Manager and progress has been made with issues such as the EPOS system.

10. To approve accounts for payment in total amount of £37015.32

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

11. To discuss and approve the wastage/discount reports/stock movements for the bar.

Cllr Grantham explained the problems to date which informed the decision to record everything that was on the system till June and then delete the system and set it up again from scratch.

Going forward only RG/CJ are able to make manual adjustments.

Any manual adjustments to stock to be approved by RG/GH in advance.

CJ to produce wastage sheet before every stock check.

All wastage/discount reports/stock movements will be agreed quarterly at the Finance meetings.

RG has a folder with all the information and changes made if any other councillors want to look at it.

Since the changes RG has been doing a stock check after every event and is confident that the system is now accurate.

She asked councillors to approve the changes and also approve the wastage report of £23.50 from the last event.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Grantham seconded by Councillor C Browne and carried.

12. To discuss updating the Parish Council website.

It was agreed that Cllr Dudley-Jones would liaise with the Clerk to update the content.

13. Ask councillors for consent to have personal details on the Parish Council website.

All councillors present gave consent.

14. To discuss making a contribution to the Tommy Appeal (on behalf of the remembered).

After discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would fund half of one of the large Tommy at a cost of £325 on condition the balance s raised from other sources.

15. To announce the winners of the Shell Trophy.

It was agreed the Clerk would write to all the winners/highly commended and invite them to the presentation at the Village Show on 1st September.

16. To discuss staff matters.

This item will be considered in Part II of the meeting in the absence of any public/press representatives owing to the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

17. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Garbett reported that people have been complaining about the bus service to Macclesfield/Wilmslow being unreliable. He contacted Handforth mobility group who were unable to assist with the lending of a community bus as their own service is already oversubscribed. He also tried Alderley Park with regard to their shuttle bus and has a meeting on Friday morning at Alderley Park to discuss sustainable transport.

Cllr Grantham reported that:

The Institute Trust has prepared content for the next Parish Council newsletter

The feedback from the YPC consultation event on the skate park proposals has been mostly positive. 65 completed forms were received with only 3 having a negative response to the proposals.

She has met with the Alderley Edge Branch of the RBL. They are struggling to find volunteers to take over the running of the Poppy Appeal/Remebrance Day preparations. It has been agreed that the best way forward is to form a community group made up of a Church/Parish Council/Community member and that all official correspondence is held by the Parish Council. She also suggested looking at using the business groups to get involved in the minutes silence, etc

She received an email from Stuart Hobson regarding the CCTV. All 3 new cameras have been installed down London Road and new signage will go up in the next few weeks. He is still looking at the possibility of having a temporary CCTV camera in the park.

Cllr Browne reported that:

130 Bus Service:

A number of residents have contacted me with concerns about the future of this service, which is currently being reviewed although there are no immediate plans to remove it. Arriva have acknowledged that they are reviewing some aspects of the service, where low passenger numbers mean that the service is no longer commercially viable, but are looking at a refinement rather than a complete withdrawal. Commercially sensitive meetings are taking place between representatives of Arriva and the Head of Transport Planning at Cheshire East Council. A meeting with the Parish Council is likely to be requested, to gauge our support for a "Use it or Lose it" campaign.

Railway Bridge:

I spoke with the engineers earlier today and they confirmed that British Gas are due on site tomorrow to repair the gas leak, the source of which has now been identified. Once British Gas have completed their repairs, United Utilities are expected on site (probably Wednesday) to carry out their repairs to the leaking water pipe. Assuming everything goes to plan with this, CE Highways should be back on site by the end of the week to continue with the works to the footpath and road resurfacing. They are aiming to have all works completed before the end of August, but I will continue to seek regular updates from the engineers.

Capital Programme:

The Highways Investment Programme for 2018/19 has finally (four months late) been published and I am delighted to confirm that Heyes Lane has been included in this year's programme for full resurfacing, from the junction with Grantham's to the unmade layby which is apparently known as "Mole End". I have been pressing for this for almost exactly two years and it is great to finally get the news we have all been waiting for. Whilst of course we would have liked to have had the whole length of Heyes Lane resurfaced, it is one of only 12 roads across Cheshire East that have been included in the programme for full resurfacing (as opposed to surface dressing or patching) at a cost of just over £100,000 and so I hope everyone will join me in welcoming this as good news.

In addition, Mottram Road has been included in the programme for carriageway patching, along its full length into Mottram St Andrew; and the pelican crossing on Ryleys Lane (outside the Primary School) is set for a bit of a revamp this year.

Site Allocations:

A consultation on Cheshire East Council's proposed housing and site allocation for Alderley Edge as part of the Local Plan (SADPD) is expected to be approved by Strategic Planning Board on August 29th. If it is approved, this is likely to kick-start a six-week period of consultation, during which I encourage all residents to make their views known loudly and strongly via the formal process. It is important to remember that this is only an initial consultation and there will be at least one further round of consultation earlier next year, so there is time yet for changes to be made to the draft plan, before it goes before the inspector. It is really important that residents express their views via the consultation portal, rather than through any other forms of online media, as this is the only way in which their views will be counted.

Surgery:

My regular surgery will take place on Saturday 25th August at the library, starting at 10am. PCSO Anna Jenkinson will be holding her regular surgery on Thursday 23rd August at Costa Coffee, also starting at 10am.

Cllr Hall reported that a further grant of £9000 has been approved by Locality and will be paid into the Parish Council account shortly to fund the next stage of Neighbourhood Plan work. He is concerned that aiming to have the consultation (referred to as Regulation 14) ready by January is going to be very tight and is meeting with Urban Imprint to discuss this further.

Meeting Closed: 9.22pm

PART 11

This part of the meeting was held at the end of the evening, once the public and press representatives had left.

16. To discuss staff matters.

The councillors discussed staff matters.

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

Councillor R Grantham
CHAIRMAN