



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 15th May 2017

Present: Councillor G Hall, Cllrs M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett, R Grantham, I Higham,
C Munro and M Taylorson.
Clerk: A Ross

In Attendance: 1 member of the public, 1 member of the press.

Meeting Commenced: 7.06pm

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

Councillor G Hall proposed that Councillor R Grantham be Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor Dudley-Jones 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 R Grantham proposed that Councillor G Hall be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Councillor M Garbett and carried.

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

3. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs C Browne and R Norbury.

4. To receive any declarations of interest from Members

None

5. To appoint an Internal Auditor.

The Clerk reported that she is happy to continue with JDH Business Services Ltd as the internal auditor.

All were agreed that JDH Business Services Ltd be appointed as internal auditor.

6. To review the Council insurance policy and discuss/decide on alterations.

The insurance renewal documents were emailed to all councillors before the meeting. There was a discussion about the issue raised by the internal auditor regarding fidelity insurance. It was agreed that Cllr Garbett would review this in time for it to be discussed more fully at a later Parish Council meeting. All councillors were agreed that the insurance would be renewed with Aon UK Ltd.

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

- (a) Plans
- (b) Finance

See attached Nomination Sheet

8. To appoint representatives on the under mentioned bodies as required:

- a) The Alderley Edge Institute Trust
- b) Alderley Edge Civic Fund Trustees

See attached Nomination Sheet

9. Appointment of Lead Councillors:

- a) Car Parking
- b) Neighbourhood Plan
- c) Communications
- d) Festival Hall & Medical Centre
- e) Police liaison
- f) Parks
- g) Roads & TRO
- h) Speedwatch
- i) Village Cleaning/Lengthsman
- j) Christmas Tree Lights
- k) Local Community Groups
- l) Youth Parish Council

See attached Nomination Sheet

10. To review the Council asset register

Cllr Grantham asked if the new SID machine should be added to the register, the Clerk agreed that this should have been done. Cllr Hall requested that the register be updated to scrap items like the framed photograph 'moonrise' that have been lost or discarded during the refurbishment of the hall

11. 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).

Given that the number of Councillors elected at the last ordinary election was equal to or exceeded two thirds of its total number of Councillors, and that the Clerk is CiLCA qualified, 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

12. Delegation of Powers:

To approve delegation of the Parish Council's power in respect of the relevant Committees.

All were agreed and it was carried to approve the delegation of the Parish Council's power in respect of planning matters to the Plans Committee of the Parish Council and finance matters to the Finance Committee of the Parish Council.

13. Finance Report

Cllr Garbett delivered the report on the financial activities of the council during the year ended 31st March (copy attached).

14. Report from the Chairman of the Plans Committee

Cllr Garbett delivered his report (copy attached).

Meeting closed: 7.21pm

**Cllr R Grantham
Chairman**