

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Alderley Edge Parish held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th May 2015 in the Festival Hall.**

### Present

Chairman: Cllr MH Williamson  
41 Alderley Edge residents (signing in list with the Clerk)  
Cllrs: S Joseph, F Keegan, MD Lloyd and N Schofield.  
Clerk: A. Ross

### **1. Welcome**

Cllr Williamson welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7.32pm

### **2. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting held on 19th May 2014.**

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Cllr MH Williamson.  
Mr Tomlinson proposed and Mrs Dudley-Jones seconded that the minutes should be read out.  
This motion was defeated by 17 votes to 14.  
Marc Asquith then proposed and Xanthe Holt seconded that the minutes be approved. It was carried by majority that the minutes be approved.

### **3. To receive an Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council 2014/15.**

Councillor MH Williamson delivered his Annual Report (copy attached).

### **4. To consider any questions relating to Parish Council matters.**

Mr Dudley-Jones asked that all those in attendance recognise the dedication and hard work of the outgoing councillors. The newly elected councillors plan to take the baton, run with it and ensure that the outstanding projects are delivered to the best of their ability.  
Mr Tomlinson enquired about the costs and income from the medical centre. He wanted to know who bears the cost of any maintenance during the period of the 21 year lease. Cllr Williamson responded that it was his understanding that for any maintenance costs relating to the whole building the medical practice would pay a proportion of that and if it related to the part of the building the doctors are renting it will be their responsibility to maintain that. The only item which is completely excluded from the contract is the lift and the council have to bear the entire cost of any maintenance to the lift. Mr Tomlinson was of the opinion that NHSE have been ripped off. Cllr Williamson responded that the rent is set by the District Valuer.  
Mr Browne asked about the Festival Hall and planning. In one of the election leaflets circulated it was suggested that CEC planning will only allow an extension to the hall if there is alternative car parking available. Cllr Williamson responded that when the medical centre was approved it meant that a new toilet block was needed, so the original application included the toilet block to be built at the side of the building. They also wanted a new entrance to the hall and in the interim applied for and were granted planning permission for a small extension which sits next to the toilet block. The project as planned included replacing the staging area and bar and it was thought it would be better to add an additional extension. Pre-application talks were held with CEC in January and they intimated that they wouldn't approve this as it resulted in the loss of 2 parking spaces, unless additional parking could be provided. Mrs Bullock asked about a booking she has made to use the hall in November, she was advised to direct that question to the new Parish Council when the building contract has been signed.  
Mr McKeen asked if the village really needs the social aspect of the hall. After discussion, the majority of residents in attendance seemed to be in agreement that it does. Mrs Parr believes that hall is an asset to the community and was originally built to accommodate the music festival.  
There was a discussion about the revenue from the hall

**5. To invite any Alderley Edge groups present to report on their activities during the year.**

Mr Godfrey Hall spoke about the community speedwatch group and made a request for more volunteers to come forward, otherwise they will be unable to keep the group running. He then gave examples of some of the worst speeding offences they had witnessed in the village.

**The Annual Parish Meeting concluded at 8.06pm**

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING**