

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Alderley Edge Parish held at 7.30pm on Monday 8th May 2017 in the Festival Hall.

Present

Chairman: Cllr G Hall
Ward Cllr: C Browne
28 Alderley Edge residents (signing in list with the Clerk)
Clerk: A. Ross

1. Welcome

Cllr Hall welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7.30pm

2. To receive an Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council 2016/17.

Councillor G Hall delivered his Annual Report (copy attached).

3. To receive a report from the Cheshire East Council ward councillor.

Councillor C Browne delivered his report (copy attached).
Councillor R Grantham delivered a report on the activities of the Youth Parish Council (copy attached).

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

A question was asked about the funds Cllr Browne referred to in his report. Cllr Browne explained the difference between S106 money (money received from developers and retained by CEC to be spent according to the legal agreements) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (money from developers which the Parish Council would receive a % of to spend on projects identified within the Neighbourhood Plan).

There was a discussion about the Neighbourhood Plan including timescales and the need for volunteers to help write it. It is thought that it will be 2018 before the plan is completed. It was stressed that the plan needs to be led by residents and not the Parish Council as once completed it will be subject to a referendum. Concerns were raised about the proposal for 50 houses Horseshoe Farm.

There was a discussion about highways works and the condition of the roads and suggestions were made regarding improvements to the park.

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

Cllr Hall read out reports on behalf of the community groups who were unable to attend the meeting. These included:

Anne Bale of the Royal Voluntary Service Alderley Edge Luncheon Club (copy attached).
Terry Bowes of the Alderley Edge Union Club (copy attached)
Kelvin Briggs of the Alderley Edge Cricket Club (copy attached)

Reports were also given summarising the activities of the following groups:

Alderley Edge in Bloom (copy attached)
The Friends of Alderley Edge Station (copy attached)

Martin Sinker gave a report on the activities of St Philips Church and thanked the Heritage Lottery Fund and Institute Trust for grants which have enabled them to repair the church spire and refurbish rooms at the back of the church for community use. He invited everyone to see the new Vicar being inducted on 15th May.

Pamela Higham gave a report on the activities and events of Churches Together.

Martin Steiger gave a report on the activities and events of the Edge Association. The association was founded in response to threats on the landscape of Alderley Edge and they submit observations to CEC on what they see as inappropriate planning applications. They have an annual dinner in November at the Cricket Club and an annual litter pick as close to St George's day as possible.

Michael Scaife gave a report on the activities and events of the History Group. They are setting up a Heritage Centre at the back of St Philips church and are hoping to have it manned one day a week. He invited everyone to the grand opening on 24th July

Paul Marshall of the Mayfair Committee gave a report on the activities and events of the May Fair Committee. The May Fair is on the weekend of 19th/20th May this year and the aim is to provide a safe environment for family entertainment. The May Fair dance is on Saturday 13th May and tickets are still available. He stressed that the May Fair is owned by the village and the committee are open to suggestions. He also put out a request for volunteers to help with the event.

Mitch Gilbert discussed the role of AETAG in the Christmas lights switch on event and asked for volunteers to help with the event. Participation in the group is dwindling and he is struggling to attract new members.

During closing discussions it was noted that a number of groups are involved in organising parades in the village and that police support for such events had been reduced, resulting in groups either having to pay for private road closures or to parade on the pavement. Cllr Hall undertook to form a small group which would look at options for cooperation between the affected groups in order to address this problem.

It was also agreed that a register of local voluntary organisations would be valuable, copies to be kept (for example) at the Festival Hall, the new Heritage Centre and at the Library. Cllr Grantham undertook to progress this.

Cllr Hall closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their input.

The Annual Parish Meeting concluded at 8.55pm

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING