

# ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**Present:** Cllr MH Williamson (Chairman), Cllr JD Bergin, F Keegan, S Joseph, DG Herald, MJ Connor, MW Maczkowiak and N Schofield.

**In attendance:** 2 representatives from the press  
16 members of the public

### **Meeting**

**Commenced:** 7:30pm

#### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr MD Lloyd

#### **2. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

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.**

4 members of the public spoke:

Mr Tomlinson asked for answers to the questions he asked at the July meeting. Cllr Williamson gave Mr Tomlinson a copy of his written answers and read through them (see attached sheet). Mr Tomlinson stated that he was not happy with any of the responses and he was asked to put his points in writing to the Parish Council.

Ms Melrose asked at what meeting of the Parish Council it was resolved to give the Festival Hall car park to the Medical Practice; she also asked how it would be managed in the future. Cllr Williamson stated that the car park was owned by the Parish Council and leased to Cheshire East, with no plans to hand ownership to the Medical Practice and that no decisions have been made yet on how it will be managed in the future.

Ms Melrose also asked why the Parish Council was not a member of ChALC. Cllr Williamson replied that this has been debated and the council decided not to join.

Keith Lowe asked for confirmation of dates for building work to the Festival Hall and raised concerns that it would interfere with the annual music festival. Cllr Williamson replied that there is only a provisional timetable available at the moment but he hopes building work will not interfere with the music festival. Mr Lowe also asked if Emersons will be responsible for building the new Hall side entrance. The reply was that this has not yet been decided.

Ms Pitt asked for a reply to her letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Williamson had sent a reply by post which had not been received so the clerk gave Ms Pitt a copy of this.

#### **4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

Approval proposed by Councillor JD Bergin, seconded by MJ Connor and carried

#### **5. Matters arising.**

None

**6. To ratify the General Purposes Committee minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Approval proposed by Councillor MW Maczkowiak, seconded by MJ Connor and carried

**7. To ratify the General Purposes Committee minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012.**

Approval proposed by Councillor DG Herald, seconded by F Keegan and carried

**8. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012.**

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by MW Maczkowiak and carried

**9. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012.**

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by MW Maczkowiak and carried

**10. To ratify the Finance Committee minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by JD Bergin and carried

**11. To formally adopt the Final Draft of the Code of Conduct adopted by CE – confirming the previous resolution on the initial draft.**

There was a discussion during which Cllrs Maczkowiak and Joseph declared that they were not happy with the 'Register of Interests' asking for spouse's details, which they thought was an infringement of their human rights. Cllr Williamson asked that they speak with the monitoring officer to see if there is a way of resolving this.

Approval was proposed by Councillor DG Herald, seconded by F Keegan and carried with two abstentions from Councillors MW Maczkowiak and S Joseph.

**12. To discuss the Clerk's salary.**

It was RESOLVED that:

In accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act, the public be excluded from the meeting for part two of the meeting on the grounds that the discussion will include personal details.

This was proposed by Cllr MH Williamson, seconded by Cllr F Keegan and carried.

The councillors decided to hold Part II at the end of the evening, once the press and public had left the room.

**13. To confirm the latest Assessment of Risks and current level of Insurance Provision.**

The risk assessment for the year 2012-13 had been circulated with the agenda for prior review before councillors attended the meeting.

Councillor MH Williamson proposed, Councillor F Keegan seconded and it was carried that the Risk Assessment be formally accepted.

**14. Notices and Correspondence.**

- a) Letter from Cheshire East regarding West Street Car Park – noted that this is no longer a public car park
- b) The Playing Field – taken by Cllr DG Herald
- c) Email from HOW Planning LLP requesting a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss a potential country park on land between Alderley Edge and Wilmslow. – After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would reply declining the invitation to meet.
- d) Letter from the Audit Commission regarding retrospective approval of payments – The Chairman of Finance is re-writing the Financial Regulations for the Parish Council which will address the outstanding issues and will reply to the Audit Commission in due course.
- e) Letter from the Audit Commission regarding appointment of external auditor from 2012/13 - noted

**Meeting Closed: 8:03pm**

**PART 11**

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

**Meeting Commenced:** 8.55pm

The Councillors discussed the Clerk's salary.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.05pm

**ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>
clerk	Reply to HOWE planning	As soon as practicle
Cllrs Maczkowiak and Joseph	Contact monitoring officer for advice on code of conduct	As soon as practicle
Cllr Bergin	Re-write Finance Regs and reply to the audit commission	As soon as possible

**Councillor MH Wiliamson**  
**CHAIRMAN**