

ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 16th April 2012

Present: M Williamson (Chairman), MJ Connor, N Schofield, JD Bergin, MD Lloyd, F Keegan, MW Maczkowiak, DG Herald, S Joseph

In attendance: 1 representative from the press
5 members of the public

Meeting

Commenced: 8:21pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr N Schofield

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

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2012.

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

4. Matters Arising

Parking Review - Cllr Williamson had sent a report to other councillors and asked Cllr Keegan to give feedback on his meeting with James Howard. It was reported that there were a number of parking schemes discussed in the meeting and Cllr Keegan rejected all the proposals. Cheshire East will look at the objections. The Parish Council want more than just Resident's Parking Schemes to come out of the review and are hoping Cheshire East will action a whole range of changes. Festival Hall car parking was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council will decide on the lease with Cheshire East if and when the planning application for the new Medical Centre is approved.

Cllr Williamson has contacted Wes Hutton about litter and is waiting on a reply.

Cllr Williamson contacted Highways about potholes. He asked the other councillors to look at the report and give feedback.

Cllr Williamson will arrange a meeting with Christine Munro and report on his meeting with the new Inspector. He has requested a list of open spaces and is waiting for a reply and he has contacted the Neighbourhood Watch liaison for information and is waiting for a reply.

5. Flowers.

Cllr Connor had a good meeting with Macclesfield Community Garden Centre about the planting of tubs and hanging baskets. She will ask them to give quotes for this.

The plan is to ask the shops to hang the baskets and take responsibility for watering them daily. She would like to put a display outside Waitrose and will ask them to fund it.

6. Diamond Jubilee.

Cllr Connor is happy with the progress being made and thanked the local business community for their help. The posters will be going out next week. There is concern that Highways have still not sent out any information about the road closure and Cllr Williamson agreed to speak to Kevin Melling.

There was a discussion about giving a commemorative coin to the local primary school children and possibly having some mugs for prizes on the day. Cllr Joseph agreed to contact the local private schools and establish how many Alderley Edge residents they have.

7. Apprentice.

The Hall Management Committee met with two representatives from Macclesfield College. They will discuss this at the next Hall Management committee meeting and report back.

8. Embankment Land.

Cllr Herald has established that this piece of land is not owned by Cheshire East or Network Rail. If it is found that it is not owned by anybody he would like the Parish Council to apply for ownership.

9. Street Cleaning.

Cllr Williamson will try and set up a meeting as soon as possible. Cllr Connor suggested a letter is sent to restaurants asking them to clean up the mess their customers leave on the street, Alderley Cars and Costa will also be contacted. She also suggested installing cigarette bins.

Cllr Williamson has asked for service level agreements and is waiting on a reply.

10. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Connor reported that there has been damage to the fence and trees around Chorley Hall Lane. She will provide details to the Clerk so action can be taken. She also raised concerns about pot-holes and rubbish in the village.

Cllrs Connor and Maczkowiak are concerned that Cheshire East have still not taken any action to tidy up the Cenotaph or Cemetery. Talks with Cheshire East are ongoing.

Cllr Maczkowiak has had complaints from residents about the Customer Service at Cheshire East and asked Cllr Keegan raise the issue.

Cllr Herald will get a quote from a local business to tidy up the embankment land and reported that the bin in the park is being used for fly-tipping.

Cllr Begin has raised the issue of unsociable behaviour at the Railway Station with the PCSO. Cllr Williamson urged everyone to report all problems as the police will only act if they have logged a number of incidents.

He also advised all councillors to read the Wilmslow Vision and reported on the new football facilities at Sandbach.

Meeting Closed: 9.08pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Williamson	Speak to K Melling about road closure	As soon as practicle
Cllr Joseph	Contact the private schools to establish numbers	As soon as practicle
Cllr Williamson	Set up meeting with Wes Hutton	As soon as practicle
Cllr Connor	Provide details of damage on Chorley Hall Lane to the clerk	As soon as practicle

Councillor M Williamson
CHAIRMAN