



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 15th April 2013

Present: Cllr MD Lloyd (Chairman), Cllrs JD Bergin, MJ Connor, N Schofield, F Keegan
MW Maczkowiak, S Joseph and DG Herald.

In attendance: 2 representatives from the press
5 members of the public
Hall Manager
Clerk: A Ross

Meeting

Commenced: 8:01pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr MH Williamson.

2. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2013.

Approval was proposed by Councillor MW Maczkowiak, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried.

4. Matters Arising.

None

5. To discuss Alderley Park.

There was a discussion about the job losses at Astra Zeneca, Alderley Park and the effect it will have on local businesses, employees and first line suppliers. Cllr Schofield summarised some of the work that is being done by Macclesfield Chambers and the newly formed Task Force, which include plans to develop a Science Park.

6. To discuss the banking arrangements of the Parish Council

There was a discussion about the possibility of changing banks and the need to open separate accounts for the Festival Hall and the Medical Centre projects. It was agreed that Cllr Bergin would look into options and report back with a proposal at a future meeting.

7. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Herald reported that he has asked Cheshire East to carry out maintenance work in the park, including unblocking the drains and preparing the flower beds. He has also asked them to do some planting in front of the new fence next to the railway line. He is meeting with a CEC officer to discuss the cemetery and will report back on the outcome of the meeting. Cllr Connor suggested that he requests an order of works of two headstones to be corrected every month. He has also asked the Traders Association to raise the issue of sponsoring a flower bed.

Cllr Connor reported that the Festival Hall working party is looking at three areas:-

1. Immediate work required.
2. Work required after the new entrance is built.
3. Moving the whole office area around at the back.

She will report back in May with costings.

Cllr Maczkowiak wanted to thank Bluemantle on behalf of the Parish Council for re-housing the post office. She reported on complaints received about decking at the Bubble Room which is now encroaching onto the public highway and the fact there is no disabled access. They have also applied for alterations to their original licence and she is concerned as the Parish Council and residents are not consulted. There was a discussion about the night time economy in Alderley Edge and the problems it is causing; the PCSO wants to address the need for a taxi bay.

Cllr Maczkowiak had previously emailed the Service Level Agreement for the PCSO to all councillors. As there was no issues and it has already been agreed in the budget she asked Cllr Lloyd to sign as it.

Cllr Bergin reported that Altrincham are looking at the Poynton model and thinking of replicating it for their town centre. There was a discussion about the need for a single, clear overall plan for the village.

Cllr Keegan reported on the mess on London road from smoking and littering. He proposed the Parish Council write to the offending bars and restaurants requesting that they clean up after their customers every morning. If they did not comply he would like the PCSO to spend a couple of nights giving tickets for littering offences. It was agreed that there needs to be a constant dialogue with the bars and restaurants. He also suggested the Parish Council write to Cheshire East via the Town Centre Manager asking for the daily sweeper service on London Road to be reinstated.

Cllr Lloyd reported that the Victoria Wine building is literally falling to bits. It was agreed the clerk would email Cheshire East requesting they serve a maintenance order on it. There was a discussion about the road closures for the Mayfair event. Cllr Keegan agreed to write to Mike Rowan about the signs.

Meeting Closed: 8.48pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Bergin	Look into banking needs of the PC	As soon as practical
Cllr Herald	Report back on the cemetery	As soon as practical
Cllr Connor	Report back on the Festival Hall	As soon as practical
Cllr Keegan	Draft letter to bars and restaurants about littering. Look into having sweeper service reinstated.	As soon as practical
Clerk	Email Peter Hooley asking for CEC to serve a maintenance order on the Victoria wine building.	As soon as possible

Councillor MD Lloyd
CHAIRMAN