

ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 13th February 2012

Present: MD Lloyd (Chairman), Cllrs F Keegan, M J Connor, N Schofield, JD Bergin

In attendance: 1 representative from the press
1 member of the public

Meeting

Commenced: 8:02pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs W Maczkowiak, S Joseph, M H Williamson, DG Herald

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 9th January 2012.

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

4. Matters Arising

Cllr Lloyd read an email from Cllr Williamson with a summary of the actions from last months meeting. A few of the councillors had a meeting with Christine Munroe and Mitch to discuss the issues surrounding commercial versus community events. Another meeting is to be arranged to agree proposals for next years Light Switch-on event and the Christmas Market.

Cllr Williamson has written to Cheshire East about their responsibility to maintain the War Memorial and is awaiting a response.

Cllr Williamson had a meeting with Cheshire East regarding Town Centre Management. It was established that all Parish and Town Councils were opposed to the proposals.

Cllr Keegan has been in contact with the Community Garden Centre in Macclesfield about the flower tubs. They want a date to come and talk to the Parish Council and it was suggested they are invited to the March meeting at 6.45pm.

The Dog Warden has not responded to a previous email. The clerk will email him again and copy Peter Hartwell in. It is hoped that this will force a response.

Cllrs Williamson and Keegan have approached Pannone to represent the Parish Council in the transfer of the allotments. Transfer is to take place by the end of March.

5. Changes to Bank Account

Due to the fact we are to provide our own payroll services there is a need to change the way the Bank Account is managed. It was agreed that subject to approval from the Auditor the Parish Council will move to internet banking.

There was a discussion about the need to get the Hall Manager a credit card and approval to buy new equipment. It was agreed that the Hall Management Committee (which consists of Cllrs Maczkowiak, Joseph, Herald and Connor) will review this as soon as possible.

6. Diamond Jubilee

Cllr Connor has met with Highways and Diane Smith with regard to the closure of London Road. She reported that although councils have been instructed to relax the rules it appears that Cheshire East are not doing this. As a result of Health and Safety the road has to be closed from the Merlin roundabout through to Nether Alderley at the end of the By-pass.

She is working with alderleyedge.com on the historic side of things and is confident everything is coming together.

7. Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The proposal to buy a SID was discussed. The fact that they collect statistics and can be moved from street to street is a useful form of data collection. This data can then be used to plan the next course of action. It was agreed that it will be put on the agenda for the next Finance meeting. Cllr Keegan will circulate an email outlining the options and gather consensus on the purchase of a SID.

8. Proposed changes to payroll provision

Cllr Keegan explained the proposals and everybody was happy with them.

9. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Connor reported that the Cenotaph has loose stonework that needs to be repaired. She will liaise with Cllr Williamson on this.

The bank in the park along London Road has been cleaned up.

It has been arranged for the Nurse Hatton memorial bench to be repaired.

There has been a suggestion for more benches in the village. Cllr Connor will look into this.

Cllr Connor reported on trees that have been deliberately damaged on Ryleys Lane.

Cllr Connor reported that no work has been done on the cemetery

Cllr Bergin is attending the Wilmslow-Macclesfield Business Awards in November and suggested that it might be of interest to the Parish Council.

Cllr Lloyd has met with Panacea who would like to hold an evening community event in the park. He wanted to know if the Parish Council would support this event. There will be further discussions to establish more facts.

Cllr Lloyd discussed charges and domain names for the Parish Council website. He recommended a company called Parishcouncil.net. He will discuss further with Cllr Bergin.

Meeting Closed: 8.50pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Clerk	Invite Community Garden Centre to March meeting	As soon as practicle
Clerk	Email the Dog Warden	As soon as possible
Hall Management committee	Review the Hall Manager spending needs and look into setting up a credit card	As soon as practicle
Cllr keegan	Email councillors re purchase of SID	As soon as practicle
Cllr Connor	Repairs to Cenotaph	As soon as practicle
Cllr Connor	Look into suggestion for more benches	As soon as practicle
Cllr Lloyd	Look at possibilities for website	As soon as practicle

Councillor M Lloyd
CHAIRMAN