



## ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Present:** Cllr MH Williamson (Chairman), Cllrs JD Bergin, MJ Connor, S Joseph, N Schofield, MD Lloyd and MW Maczkowiak

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

**Meeting**

**Commenced:** 7:39pm

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs DG Herald and F Keegan.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012.**

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

**4. Matters Arising.**

None

**5. To discuss planters for the cemetery.**

Cllr Joseph reported that herself and Cllr Herald are continuing to consider different options but are being hindered by the fact they are unable to establish contact with the relevant officers at Cheshire East. One idea being considered is using 'Heather Trees' instead of planters as these will give a softer feel to the entrance and have minimal maintenance requirements. The Parish Council feels that the initial investment for the planters/trees followed by upkeep from the Friends of the Cemetery group will greatly enhance the cemetery. Cllr Joseph agreed to report back with further details.

Cllr Williamson asked about the possibility of engaging Macclesfield Community Garden Centre and also wants to look at the planters in the village.

**6. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Connor asked the Parish Council to consider the possibility of allowing Mrs Munro to move the Farmer's Market into the village. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council have no objections subject to Highways agreeing that the pavement is wide enough to safely accommodate the market and local retailers being in favour of the idea. It was however noted that the final decision lies with Cheshire East. Cllr Williamson suggested that Mrs Munro contact the new owners of the parade to enquire about holding the market there as this would be a suitable location.

Cllr Williamson realises the problem of location has arisen because Aldeli is waiting on a letter from Cheshire East confirming whether he needs to apply for planning permission or not and has agreed to chase up the relevant officer requesting this is dealt with as soon as possible.

Cllr Connor reported that she is pleased Cheshire East is doing work on Windermere Drive.

Cllr Maczkowiak enquired about when the Christmas lights are being switched off. Cllr Williamson requested that the Clerk contact LITE Ltd to find out if the lights can be left on for a few more weeks without adversely affecting their lifespan and once this information is available the Parish Council can decide when they would like them switched off.

Cllr Maczkowiak reported on the issue of illegal parking in the evenings and was particularly concerned about the area outside the Botanist. Cllr Williamson asked that she speak with Sergeant Andy Miller and arrange a meeting to ask for more enforcement in the village. Cllr Williamson is also concerned about the parking along Congleton Road and would like more enforcement there. The Clerk was also asked to contact the new Police Commissioner and invite him to meet the Parish Council.

Cllr Lloyd reported that there is nowhere to park Bicycles in the village. The Clerk was asked to gather further information and forward this to Cllr Lloyd.

Cllr Bergin reported on an incident of teenage anti-social behaviour in the train station. He was asked to pass the information on to the PCSO. He also reported a faulty street light on the footpath beside the train station. The Clerk was asked to report this.

Cllr Williamson gave an update on the leases for the allotments. Both he and Cllr Keegan met with both sets of solicitors in September to agree minor changes and the leases were expected before Christmas. He will chase them up and once the leases have been signed a meeting will be arranged with the Allotment Society Management Committee to agree a way forward. The leases will be circulated to all councillors for comment before they are signed.

Cllr Williamson reported that no work will start on the Festival Hall until after the Music Festival in May. It is expected to be an 8-9 month building contract so that work will be completed prior to the following Music Festival. It was reported that the slow progress has been due to the PCT. The Parish Council is still awaiting a letter of intent regarding the lease of the building.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.20pm

#### **ACTION SUMMARY**

<b>Undertaken By</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>When For</b>
Cllr Joseph	Continue looking into options for the entrance to the cemetery	Whenever Practical
Cllr Williamson	Email Peter Holley regarding Aldeli	As soon as possible
Clerk	Contact LITE about Christmas lights	As soon as possible
Clerk	Invite John Dwyer to meet the PC	As soon as possible
Cllr Maczkowiak	Email Andy Miller and arrange meeting	As soon as possible
Clerk	Find out about BikeRacks	Whenever Practical
Clerk	Report faulty street lights	As soon as possible

**Councillor MH Williamson**  
**CHAIRMAN**