



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 10th March 2014

Present: Cllr MD Lloyd (Chairman), Cllrs MJ Connor, F Keegan, DG Herald, MW Maczkowiak and MH Williamson

In attendance: 1 representative from the press
5 members of the public
Hall Manager
Clerk: A Ross

Meeting

Commenced: 7:41pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr JD Bergin and S Joseph

2. To receive Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary interest (DPI).

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2014.

Approval proposed by Councillor MH Williamson, seconded by Councillor MW Maczkowiak and carried.

4. To discuss what to do with the credit balance of approximately £350 from the 'Home Watch Donations Account'.

The bank closed the account as it was dormant and the council will receive a cheque through the post. Cllr Williamson proposed that this money was added to the money currently in the budget for 'Homewatch' and is released as appropriate.

Approval was proposed by Cllr Lloyd, seconded by Cllr Williamson and carried.

RESOLVED THAT:

The credit balance from the 'Home Watch Donations Account' be added to the current money in the budget for 'Homewatch' and is released as appropriate.

5. To discuss condition of the Cemetery and its benches.

Cllr Herald gave a summary of the situation. There are 11 benches in the cemetery and 8 of them need to be cleaned and re-varnished. There was a discussion about whether or not the council should fund the repairs or ask the Community Service people to do it. It was agreed the council would contact the Community Service and ask if they would carry out the work.

6. Update from the 'Festival Hall working party'.

Cllr Connor gave a summary of the latest Festival Hall income and expenditure figures and reported that the Hall Manager has done a very good job of increasing the revenue. It was agreed there will be no internal works to the Hall while the Medical Centre is being built.

Cllr Williamson suggested the council authorise the Hall Manager to deal with Emersons regarding the work programme to minimise any disruption to the Hall.

7. Update from the 'Projects sub-committee'.

To get agreement on:

a) Chapman Law

b) Arcus

c) Vodafone Telephone Mast lease

d) To report on the progress of Heads of Agreement regarding Lydiat Lane

Cllr Williamson gave a summary of what needs to be agreed:

Chapman Law – The council have engaged their services to advise on contract law and leases. The Parish Council now need to formally accept the terms offered to them.

Arcus – Were appointed following a tender process in 2012 but because of delays in the project the appointment was never formalised. The Parish Council now need to appoint them formally to oversee the contract for the Medical Centre build.

Vodafone Telephone Mast lease – The Parish Council now have an acceptable lease agreement with Vodafone which needs to be signed.

Emersons – The spend authorisation to Emersons needs to be increased from £10,000 to £25,000 to allow them to continue with the specification work for NHS England.

Pharmacy – The Parish Council needs to agree that the solicitors can progress the lease with the Pharmacy.

There was a discussion about work on the specification and the building timeline. Emersons will profile the cost and by that stage rent will have been agreed. The Parish Council will then arrange the funding with Cheshire East. All spend will be capitalised at the end of the project.

Cllr Williamson asked for agreement for the sub-committee to move forward with all items and issue instructions to Stephen Lintott and John Chapman.

Approval was proposed by Cllr Connor, seconded by Cllr Lloyd and carried.

RESOLVED THAT:

The sub-committee will move forward with all items agreed and issue instructions to Stephen Lintott and John Chapman.

To report on the progress of Heads of Agreement regarding Lydiat Lane - Cllr Keegan reported that the council has Heads of Agreement from Alderley Edge School for Girls stating that they can have Lydiat Lane once Cheshire East have declared their position on Wilmslow Road. The council also has a letter from Michael Jones confirming that Cheshire East would support their application to the Secretary of State to change the land use at Heyes Lane.

The Allotment Society were given three months notice to quit the Heyes Lane site at the end of February. The Parish Council will have a meeting with the Allotment Society and it is hoped they can work together to come to a sensible conclusion regarding the Heyes Lane site.

A discussion followed about the huge community benefits the project will have for the village and a Press Release was issued.

8. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Connor reported that she has had complaints about dogs running loose in the park and complaints about people playing football, etc and walking dogs on the bowling green. She asked where the signs saying 'dogs on leash' and 'please do not play on the bowling-green' had gone. After discussion it was agreed the Parish Council will contact Cheshire East to request that the signs are re-instated and that there is some enforcement of them by park wardens.

Cllr Maczkowiak wants the Parish Council to agree on some form of transport for the lengthsman. The Clerk was asked to invite Wes Hutton to meet with the council so they could ask for his advice regarding this.

The Clerk gave an update on the grant application for the Cenotaph. Cllr Keegan agreed to contact Denise Griffiths at Cheshire East to get clarification on whether we need to apply for the grant or if Cheshire East will be responsible for all necessary repairs.

Cllr Keegan gave an update of a LAP meeting he attended last week during which he raised the issue of parking in Alderley Edge. He believes there are three separate problems which need to be addressed and these are: dangerous on street parking, the residential scheme in Clifton Street and on street parking. Speaking about the cost of these schemes, he also reported that he will be making a recommendation to the Finance

Policy Group that Parish and Town Councils should have the right to use the S106 money for general community benefit.

Meeting Closed: 8.54pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllrs Herald and Connor	Liaise with the Clerk about contacting the Community Service people regarding work on the benches.	As soon as practical
Cllr Keegan	Contact CEC about signs in the park	As soon as practical
Clerk	Invite Wes Hutton to meet with the Council	As soon as practical
Cllr Keegan	Contact Denise Griffiths regarding Cenotaph	As soon as possible

Councillor MD LLOYD
CHAIRMAN