

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 12th May 2014

Present: Cllr MH Williamson (Chairman), Cllrs MJ Connor, S Joseph, F Keegan, MD Lloyd,

MW Maczkowiak and N Schofield

In attendance: 1 member of the press

3 members of the public

Clerk: A Ross

Meeting

Commenced: 7:52pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr JD Bergin and DG Herald

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.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2014.

Approval proposed by Councillor MJ Connor, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried.

5. To discuss closure of the Parade car park and the effect it will have on traders.

Cllr Schofield raised concerns about the closure of the car park as the details given are vague. He also questioned if it was really necessary for the whole of the car park to be closed. Cllr Williamson agreed to raise the matter with the Waitrose manager. There was a suggestion of providing an alternative car park on Chorley Hall Lane as a temporary solution and Cllr Keegan agreed to raise this when he meets with the Cheshire East Officer responsible for parking.

6. To discuss the effectiveness of pot hole repairs.

Cllr Schofield reported that he is not impressed with the standard of repairs being carried out and suggested that the council should be spending more resources in repairing the whole road rather than individual pot holes. Cllr Williamson suggested that he contact the Highways officer, Lynne Nixon to discuss this and Cllr Keegan suggested inviting her along to one of the Parish Council meetings. Cllr Keegan will liaise with the Clerk regarding this

 ${\bf 7.} \quad {\bf Provide\ an\ update\ on\ the\ proposed\ new\ parking\ restrictions\ in\ the\ village.}$

Cllr Keegan gave an update on the information received from Diane Smith and summarised the work programme scheduled for Alderley Edge.

London Road - The lines and signs are to be done as soon as the weather permits it

Congleton Road - The double yellow lines further up Congleton Road are in the consultation phase.

Trafford Road - The scheme for double yellow lines on one side is being prepared.

Macclesfield Road – The PCSO has submitted two reports, for double yellow lines at the pinch points and solid white lines at the very top.

Lynton Lane – Plans have been drawn up for double yellow lines around the entrance and on the opposite side of the road so that the bin lorries can get in. There may also be a need to consider limited time parking spaces at some point.

Cllr Keegan is still negotiating with Cheshire East to be allowed to use S106 money to pay for Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's).

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

Cllr Keegan provided an update on the Medical Centre Project:

There was a meeting between Emersons, the Doctors, the Parish Council and NHSE, it is hoped Emersons will be on site in June/July. There are still several things to do including meeting with the planners to sort out areas of the planning permission. The specification is finished with regard to the lease but a decision has to be made about having good or excellent BREAM. The district Valuer will then agree a rental figure, etc when the lease is signed, which hopefully will be the end of May. The problem will be meeting the March 2015 timetable for 80% complete to secure the grant. The definition of 80% complete has been challenged and NHSE will respond to that in due course.

Cllr Lloyd asked about allotment holders having access to the site once it was closed. As there has been no constructive dialogue between the Parish Council and the Allotment Society no solutions have been discussed. The Parish Council continue to work on the Lynton Lane project and Cllr Keegan met with one of the planners who agreed that no permission is needed for work to start on creating the site. The residents of Netherfields will be included in discussions regarding vehicular access.

Regarding the telephone masts:

Vodafone – work is ongoing to move the mast to the other side of the site.

Arqiva – Should be moving off the site by the end of June but they may explore the possibility of remaining on site at the back of the building. Statutory compensation has to be paid to Arqiva but no figure has been agreed yet.

Emersons still need to confirm what work will be done on the car park as there will be some disruption during the construction period.

9. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Maczkowiak expressed her disappointment at Cheshire East refusing the Parish Council's grant request for the War Memorial. Now they have finally accepted ownership of the memorial (and used that as an excuse to refuse the grant) it is hoped they will carry out much needed repairs as soon as possible. The Clerk was asked to obtain a list of the Parish and Town Councils who did get funding.

Cllr Connor asked a representative from the British Legion what planting they would like done at the War Memorial. They will liaise with each other and come up with some ideas.

Cllr Joseph reported on a meeting she had with Richard Christopherson. He agreed that the LAP could get involved with a clean up project on the triangle of land by the railway.

Cllr Connor reported that the benches in the cemetery have been scrubbed by the community team but that more work needs to be done in the cemetery.

Cllr Connor reported that some of the allotment holders have cleared the hedges along the Redesmere side and she wanted to thank the Chairman of the Allotment Society for arranging that.

Anne Ross Clerk to Alderley Edge Parish Council

Meeting Closed: 8.48pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Williamson	Speak with Waitrose about car park closure	As soon as practical
Cllr Schofield	Contact Lynne Nixon about pot hole repairs	As soon as practical
Cllr Keegan	Invite Lynne Nixon to one of the PC meetings	As soon as practical

Cllr Connor	Liaise with BL regarding planting at the War Memorial	As soon as
		possible

Councillor MH Williamson CHAIRMAN