

ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th March 2012

Present: Cllr M Williamson (Chairman), Cllrs N Schofield, MJ Connor, JD Bergin, F Keegan, MW Maczkowiak, MD Lloyd

In attendance: 2 representatives from the press
6 members of the public

Meeting

Commenced: 7:31pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs S Joseph, 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 Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2012.

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

4. Matters Arising.

None

5. To ratify the General Purposes Committee minutes of 13^h February 2012.

Approval was proposed by Councillor JD Bergin, seconded by Councillor F Keegan and carried.

6. To ratify the Plans Committee minutes of 13^h February 2012.

Approval proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor JD Bergin and carried.

7. Notices and Correspondence.

- a) Cheshire Community Action newsletter - Noted
- b) Bollington Town Council – Civic Dinner & Dance - Noted
- c) Landlife Wildflower Seed and Plant Catalogue – Taken by Cllr Connor
- d) Bartlett Tree Experts – Tree planting promotion for Jubilee 2012 – Taken by Cllr Connor
- e) Bulletin for Town and Parish Councils – Standards and Member Conduct Localism Act 2011 - Noted
- f) Cheshire East Local Plan Consultations – Mineral Discussion Paper and Draft Town Strategies for Alsager, Congleton, Middlewich and Sandbach – Taken by Cllr Keegan to formulate response by end of March
- g) Invite to Bollington Town Council Mayor Making Reception on 8th May 2012 - Noted
- h) Letter from the Lord of the Manor of Aldereley re The Farmer's Market – Noted, after discussion it was agreed that Cllr Williamson will reply to the letter. The Parish Council believes the issues raised are a matter for Cheshire East.

- i) Letter from Cheshire East re Transfer of Allotments – Noted

A discussion followed regarding the progress of the allotments, the expected transfer date is 31st March 2012. It was agreed that when the transfer takes place the Parish Council will have a consultation with the allotment holders and request feedback.

- j) Email from Jez Goodman regarding Town Centre Management – Cllr Williamson reported that the current arrangement for Town Centre Management will cease on 31st March 2012. Town and Parish Councils have complained that the changes are being pushed through too quickly and they haven't been given time to consider the financial implications, however Cheshire East are pushing ahead regardless. Therefore, if the Parish Council wants to keep this service there are two options. It can either engage with Cheshire East and buy the service back from them or it can look at buying the service from a private provider. Cllr Williamson has been informed that to purchase two days a month of a Grade 10 officer and four days a month of a Grade 8 officer will cost £16,000 a year. After discussion it was decided that Cllr Williamson will reply to Cheshire East agreeing in principle to enter negotiations regarding a Service Level Agreement and the Parish Council can decide at a later date if they want to accept it.

Meeting Closed: 7:59pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Keegan	Respond to Mineral discussion paper and Draft Town Strategies	End of March
Cllr Williamson	Respond to letter from Lord of the Manor of Alderley	As soon as practical
Cllr Williamson	Reply to CE re Town Centre Management	As soon as practical

Councillor M Williamson
CHAIRMAN