

ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011

Present: M H Williamson (Chairman), Cllr F Keegan , Cllrs M J Connor, M W Maczkowiak, S Joseph, DG Herald, MD Lloyd, J D Bergin

In attendance: 1 representative from the press
25 members of the public

Meeting

Commenced: 7:43pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Received from Cllr N Schofield

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 3rd October 2011.

Approval was proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor S Joseph and carried.

4. Matters Arising.

Councillor F Keegan has arranged a meeting with a cabinet member to discuss ways of improving the village. Topics will include the medical centre and allotments. He will report back with his findings in the December meeting.

Mr Morris who is North West Director of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners was introduced to the public. The Parish Council will draw up a consultation process, to be held in the Festival Hall, to explain the plan to improve the village.

Cllr M Williamson met with a representative from Cheshire East to discuss the War Memorial. They have agreed to tidy it up and look into ownership. It was confirmed that a record of the people commemorated on the memorial is kept separately.

Cllr Keegan met with the planning officer to discuss the building work on the Royal Oak site. The Parish Council will continue to monitor developments.

Cllr Keegan stated that dog fouling is a continuing problem. The clerk is to follow up the request for the Dog Warden rota which has not yet been supplied.

5. Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Cllr M J Connor will announce plans at the next meeting.

6. Polling Place Consultation

The Electoral Commission want to change the current system of three polling stations in Alderley Edge and have suggested just having one. The Parish Council will gather information on the number of people voting at each Polling Station and discuss further when they have this information.

7. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr Herald reported that the painting carried out on the play area in the park was done under the Community Payback scheme and was not of an acceptable standard. Cllr Williamson is to contact Street Scene to discuss this.

Cllr Connor reported on bad driving and parking and wants the police and traffic wardens to be more proactive. The clerk is to send a letter to Stobart Ltd (haulage firm) requesting that when possible their drivers use the by-pass and not drive through the centre of the village.

Cllr Joseph attended the LAP and friends of Wilmslow meeting. She found it interesting and believes they have some ideas that could be adopted by Alderley Edge.

Cllr Maczkowiak raised the issue of banners on the railings. There are safety concerns and she feels all banners should be removed without exception. A vote was taken in favour of exceptions being allowed for charities and certain community events. Cllr Maczkowiak raised objections to this.

Cllr Williamson will contact highways about the safety issues to establish a consistent approach. If Highways confirm that there is a safety issue then Blue Mantle will be contacted advising that they should not give permission for any banners. Cllr Herald agreed to remove any banners from the park.

There have been complaints from residents concerning the noise coming from a car valeting business. The Environmental Health officer has been informed and residents have been issued with noise monitoring forms. There is also concern about noise from licensed premises. The Parish Council will monitor the situation and encourages residents to report any concerns to The Environmental Health Officer.

Cllr Lloyd has developed a brief for the Parish Council website and will be contacting web development companies. Cllr Lloyd reported on a letter from Mr Simms sweetshop raising concerns that the xmas street market will have stalls which directly compete with them. Cllr Williamson will follow this up and the Parish Council will further debate the matter.

Cllr Bergin reported on an incident of anti-social behaviour involving a large number of young people as a result of a party advertised on Facebook. Cllr Maczkowiak feels that as the police liaison she should have been informed of the event and any subsequent action. Cllr Williamson to contact Wilmslow police for more information.

Cllr Keegan has invited the LAP manager to the Parish Council meetings but has not received a reply as yet. Cllr Williamson will follow this up.

Meeting Closed: 8.35pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For
Cllr Williamson	Contact Wilmslow police about antisocial behaviour incident	As soon as possible
Cllr Williamson	Contact Street Scene	Whenever practical
Cllr Williamson	Contact Highways about banners and safety issues	Whenever practical
Clerk	Send letter to Stobart about driving through the village	As soon as possible
Clerk	Follow up request for Dog Warden rota	As soon as possible

Councillor M Williamson
CHAIRMAN