

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 25th March 2015 at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

In the Chair: Mr. Clarke

Also present: Mr. Colgan, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Shorland, Mrs. Shufflebottom and Mrs. Langham, the Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Walker and Cheshire East Councillor George Walton

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations were made

3. Declarations of Interests Conflicting with the Nolan Principles.

No declarations were made.

4. Applications for Dispensations

None made.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Telephone Kiosk.

The Clerk reported that a locksmith has assessed the telephone kiosk and confirmed that, as the kiosk door is wooden, a discrete integral lock and key can be fitted that will not impact upon the visual presentation of the kiosk. The locksmith will pass on a quotation of cost.

Nether Alderley's Local Area Highways Officer has sent a Highways Licence application form to the Clerk to complete, in order for the Parish Council to retain the kiosk on the Highway, once transfer of ownership to the Parish Council has taken place. ***The Parish Council resolved to approve the completed application form and declaration statements and resolved that the Clerk could submit the form to Cheshire East Council.***

Booklets, received from BT, describing telephone kiosk designs and possible uses, were handed out to Parish Councillors.

5.2 Burial Ground Tree Works.

The Clerk confirmed that an application for works to the oak tree situated in the Parish Burial Ground, have been submitted to Cheshire East Council.

5.3 Alderley Park

The Clerk drew attention to communication received from a local resident, previously circulated to Councillors, in relation to an announcement about development at Alderley Park published on a local news website and a Cheshire East Council news announcement regarding an aerospace systems business.

6. Finance

6.1 Receipts

£600 J. Jennings and Son Purchase grave 254

6.2 Direct Debit

Utility Warehouse Parish Hall electricity, February 2015 £365.31 (£304.43 plus £60.88
VAT) Debited on or after 31st March 2015 E,F,G

6.3 Clerk's Expenses.

The Parish Council resolved to approve the following expenses to CVS Cheshire East, to include within the Clerk's payroll:

£76.21 Postage and 100 first class stamps H

6.4 Payments

1146 Nether Alderley Parish Hall JMC £278.54 Additional contribution to Hall running costs, relating to contribution for 2014 E,F,G

6.5 Payment not required.

NALF (Parish Plan Steering Group) has confirmed that it does not now require funding from the Parish Council for printing of the NALF Parish Plan Supplementary survey (as approved at the meeting 9th March 2015)

Payments were proposed by Mrs. Shufflebottom, seconded by Mr. Clarke and approved by resolution of the Parish Council

7. Planning

The following new planning applications were considered and discussed by the Parish Council:

Application 15/0962M

Removal of existing low pitch hipped roof and demolition of existing flat roof side utility buildings. Proposed is the erection of new high pitched habitable roof space with dormer windows and roof lights. In addition to the new roof, a new side extension utility and modification to the roof of the rear sun room. The new high pitched roof has a flat top throughout.

Tall Trees, Chelford Road, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TL

***The Parish Council resolved to approve the following response:
No objection***

Application 15/1114M

Oak framed orangery extension to rear to replace existing conservatory and lean-to extensions

Nut Tree Farm, Welsh Row, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4TY

The Parish Council resolved to approve the following response:

No objection

Application 15/1271M

Listed Building consent for oak framed orangery extension to rear to replace existing conservatory and lean-to extensions

Nut Tree Farm, Welsh Row, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4TY

The Parish Council resolved to approve the following response:

No objection

Application 14/4719M

Redevelopment of the site to deliver 4 no. detached residential properties with associated access and amenity areas.

Unit 3, Bollington Lane, Nether Alderley, Cheshire

The Parish Council resolved to approve the following response:

The Parish Council objects to the proposed plans for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development constitutes a new build development within Green Belt. The Parish Council does not support new development within the Nether Alderley Green Belt.

2. The proposal is not a like for like change of use but consists of replacement of a single building with a multiple building development.

3. The Parish Council considers the proposal an overdevelopment of the site that will have too great an impact on the surrounding area.

4. The design and structure of the proposed houses are very unusual and out of keeping with other properties on Bollington Lane and within Nether Alderley.

5. The Parish Council continues to believe that this development will increase traffic movements and volume down a single track, narrow, private lane.

5. Permitting the development could set a precedent for similar development of other sheds on Bollington Lane, of which the Parish Council understands there are 4. The prospect of creating a precedent has significant potential to impact upon the dynamic and nature of Bollington Lane in relation to traffic movements, highway capacity, impact upon neighbouring properties, vehicle noise and infrastructure.

Responses to Planning applications were proposed by Mr. Colgan, seconded by Mr. Clarke and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.

Application 15/0255M Prior approval of change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling

The Clerk explained that a local resident had made an enquiry about this application. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had not been consulted about the application and that she was awaiting contact from the Planning Officer for details of the nature of the application. Mr. Lewis explained changes to the planning system in relation to requirements for applying for change of use.

8. Policies and Procedures.

8.1 Pensions Discretion Policy

The Parish Council resolved to approve amendments made by Mr. Clarke to the Pension Discretions Policy as directed by the Cheshire Pension Fund.

8.2 Internal Audit.

The Parish Council has received confirmation that JDH Business Services are able to undertake the Parish Council audit 2014/15 at a cost of £145.60 plus VAT. Audit collection will be 24th April and return 7th May.

The Parish Council resolved to approve that JDH Business Services carries out this year's audit at the quoted cost.

8.3 External Audit.

The Annual Return has been received from BDO LLP. The date for submission of Annual Return is 23rd June. The Parish Council has not been selected for intermediate audit. The Parish Council is directed to display the notice of Elector's Rights from 11-24 May and make accounts available for inspection from 26 May to 22 June. The Clerk will arrange for display of notices.

8.4 Conflict of Interest.

Parish Councillors present confirmed that they have no conflict of interest with either JDH Business Services or BDO LLP.

8.5 Ill Health Liability Insurance Cover.

The Parish Council reviewed the Ill health liability cover (relating to potential ill health early retirement pension employee claims re the Clerk) that it currently has in place with Legal and General through Hymans Robertsons and ***resolved to approve continuation of the cover in the financial year 2015/16***

The Parish Council resolved to approve payment of a deposit premium of £77.53, estimated on the basis of 2014 data, to be arranged at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council resolved to approve that the Clerk sends the required membership data to Hymans Robertson.

The Clerk explained that an additional contribution may be required, depending upon analysis of the membership data.

8.6 Internal and External Audits and Approval for Committee Meeting.

In recent years, a Working Group has been given the responsibility of carrying out the annual review of internal audit, review of effectiveness of internal systems of control, appraisal of the Annual Return's Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement, appraisal of the results of the internal audit and appraisal of the VAT Return form to be sent to HMRC.

The Parish Council resolved to approve that a Working group of any 3 Councillors available meet with the Clerk to carry out any or all reviews and appraisals as defined in minuted reference 8.6, as appropriate and as fits with audit dates and this year's election of Parish Councillors, and to produce a report on their findings which can then be considered by the full Parish Council at its meeting in May.

9. Burial Board.

9.1 Rabbit warren in field adjacent to Burial Ground.

The Clerk reported that a rabbit warren has been identified in a field neighbouring the Burial Ground by the gentleman who manages moles. Advice has been given that the warren should be attended to, with permission of the landowner.

The Parish Council resolved that Mr. Clarke should request permission of the land owner for the Parish Council to arrange for the warren to be attended to.

9.2 Burial Ground Deed.

The Clerk was given direction from the Parish Council regarding a Burial Ground deed.

Minutes taken by: the Clerk.

Minutes confirmed and approved at the Nether Alderley Parish Council meeting on Monday 20th April 2015.

Signed..... Date.....

Parish Council Powers:

Burial Grounds, Cemeteries and Crematoria

Power to acquire, provide and maintain A
Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10

Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials B
Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s.1

Power to provide and Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries C
Local Government Act 1972, s.214

Bus Shelters

Power to provide and maintain shelters D
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s.4
Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1

Community Centres

Power to provide and equip community buildings E
Local Government Act 1972, s.133

Power to provide buildings for clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives F
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

Power to provide a range of recreational facilities G
Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1975 s19

General Administration/Running Costs

LGA 1972 s111 H

Audit

Audit Regulations 1996 I

Parish Plans S141 LGA 1972 J

Benches

Power to provide roadside seats and shelters Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1 K

Litter bins

Provision of litter bins L
Litter Act 1983, ss 5, 6

Power to carry out research

LGA 1972 S 141 M

Section 137

Local Government Act 1972. Power to do something that will benefit the community where there is no other specific power covering the action; it cannot be used retrospectively. Can spend up to £6.44 per elector in 2011 and 2012. Expenditure must be commensurate with the benefit