

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 7th January 2015 at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

In the Chair: Mr. Clarke

Also present: Mr. Colgan, Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. Shorland, Mrs. Shufflebottom, Mrs. Walker, Cheshire East Councillor George Walton* and Mrs. Langham, the Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Reynolds

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. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 and Monday 15th December 2014 and payments made at these meetings were confirmed as a true and accurate record and approved **by resolution of the Parish Council.**

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Telephone Kiosks

The Clerk reported the response to the Parish Council's request for local opinion and its consequent registering of intent to 'adopt' the kiosk at the junction of Bradford Lane and Congleton Road, should the BT consultation outcome be to remove the telephony device in the kiosk.

BT has confirmed that the Parish Council's request has been logged and that it is waiting for Cheshire East Council's response to indicate whether Cheshire East consents to the Parish Council's proposal.

BT has confirmed that the kiosk is not listed.

BT has not yet confirmed the time frame for their final decision and the Parish Council must await further information.

The Parish Council approved that, should confirmation be received that permission is given for the kiosk to transfer to Parish Council ownership, a working group of Parish Councillors should meet to assess the parameters and terms of the contract prior to making a final commitment.

The Clerk has established that the Parish Council's insurance company will automatically cover the kiosk for public liability at no extra cost and will also cover for damage repair at an extra cost, providing a suitable risk assessment is in place and that regular inspections of the kiosk are undertaken.

Cheshire East Council has confirmed that there are no planning matters to deal with in terms of retaining the kiosk on the highway. However, the Parish Council will have to be allocated a licence to retain the kiosk as a non-telephone structure by the Highways Department. This should be applied for at transfer of ownership.

The Highways Departments will need to be notified about the future use of the kiosk; the Planning Department may have to be notified, depending upon proposed future use.

The Parish Council considered and discussed responses from local residents and instructed the Clerk to post a message of thanks for responses, on the Parish website.

The Parish Council approved that Mrs. Shufflebottom should raise the possible transfer of ownership of the kiosk, at a Pride of Nether Alderley working group meeting.

6.2 Burial Ground Communication

Mr. Clarke explained communication from the owner of land adjacent to the Burial Ground, relating to care and inspection of the tree.

The Parish Council discussed the requirement for access around the burial ground.

It was agreed that the Clerk speak with the Cheshire Association of Local Councils for advice.

6.3 Meeting with Cheshire East Council

Mrs. Shufflebottom and Mrs. Shorland reported a meeting attended at Cheshire East Council for an update on the progress of the Alderley Park Masterplan.

The Parish Council will be informed as soon as the document is produced and consultation dates decided.

6.4 Meeting with Chairman of NALF Parish Plan Steering Group.

Mrs. Shufflebottom and Mr. Lewis attended a meeting arranged by the Chairman of NALF, where details were given of the offer of membership by Club AZ to Nether Alderley residents. NALF has sent out details to the community. The Clerk has confirmed with Club AZ that the Parish Council can post this invitation on its website and notice boards.

6.5 Alderley Park Development Framework and public meeting

The Parish Council has been sent a copy of a final newsletter from NALF Parish Plan Steering Group that gives details of the conclusion and disbanding of the group, formation of 3 action groups and other details, which NALF is sending to all homes in Nether Alderley.

NALF has requested that the Parish Council posts the newsletter on the Parish website.

Parish Councillors noted an announcement in the newsletter about a proposed meeting at Alderley Park which the Parish Council had not received details of.

The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should find out further details of the meeting before posting the newsletter on the website.

The Parish Council discussed Councillor Michael Jones' offer to meet with residents and the intent to arrange a public meeting.

6.6 S106 Benefit information

The Parish Council confirmed that it would be in favour of submitting a request for funding for Parish Hall renovation, should s106 benefit become available in the Parish, in order to provide an improved and valuable community facility.

The decision took into account Parish Plan survey results indicating support for improvement and enhancement of a Parish centre,

The Chairman proposed, and Parish Council approved, that the Parish Council members of the Parish Hall Joint Management committee, consider and propose and way forward to achieving a set of plans and estimate of costs, for hall repairs and renovations, in conjunction with St. Mary's and that they raise this with St. Mary's members of the JMC at its next meeting. The establishing of a project group was discussed.

6.7 Speed Survey

The failure of Data Collection Services to provide traffic data was noted.

A Cheshire East Council contact has been given to Axiom Traffic, to request permission to carry out a traffic speed survey. The Parish Council will be sent a copy of this permission.

The Parish Council approved the commissioning of a speed survey for a cost of £300 plus VAT, with Axiom Traffic.

6.8 Parish Plan Mailing List

Mrs. Shufflebottom has been asked by NALF Parish Plan Group to take over the mailing list that it has used to communicate with local residents.

The Parish Council discussed the request and agreed that Mrs. Shufflebottom would not personally be covered by the Parish Council's data protection notification if she took this on as an individual.

Councillor Walton drew attention to the increasing significance of communities developing Neighbourhood Plans.

6.9 Rural Lanes Sub Group meeting, Cheshire Local Access Forum Meeting

Mrs. Walker offered to attend a forthcoming meeting, arranged by the sub group, for Parish Councillors.

6.10 Saddlebridge Unit – communication from Cheshire Police

The Clerk reported a conversation with Cheshire Police, who recommend that residents follow the twitter feed on the Cheshire Constabulary website and ring 101 if they have concerns

7. Correspondence.

7.1 Proposed Diversion of Footpath 13

The Parish Council considered the proposal and resolved to respond with no objection.

7.2 Cheshire East Council A to Z book of services

The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should post an electronic version of this contact dossier on the Parish website.

The Clerk confirmed that she would be sent a few paper copies to place in the Parish Hall.

8. Finance

8.1 Receipts

There were no receipts

8.2 Payments

1131	Clerk's Salary	£520.03	H		
1132	Cheshire West and Chester			Cheshire Pension Fund	Pension contribution
	£129.87	H			

8.3 Direct Debit

Utility Warehouse Parish Hall electricity, November 2014 Debited on or after 31st December 2014 E,F,G

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

8.4 Nether Alderley Parish Hall JMC Accounts for 2013, Parish Council contribution 2014, Budget and contribution to Parish Hall running costs in 2014

The Clerk presented the amount contributed by the Parish Council, through waste and electricity payments, to the Parish Hall in 2014, of £2023.08.

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had approved a contribution of £2450. Mr. Clarke is awaiting confirmation from St. Marys over the amount it will have contributed in 2014.

Mr. Clarke presented the JMC accounts for 2014 and a proposed budget for the JMC for 2014 and explained that the budget has to be considered and approved by the Nether Alderley Parish Hall Committee.

The proposed budget estimates a required contribution by the Parish Council and St. Mary's Church PCC of £2500 each for 2015. This requires approval by the JMC and St. Mary's PCC and will be confirmed.

The Parish Council resolved to approve the contribution of £2500 towards the running costs of the Parish Hall for 2015, pending approval of the amount by the JMC Parish Hall committee. The Parish Council resolved that it would contribute to the Parish Hall running costs through payment of electricity and waste supplies and a one-off contribution if necessary.

8.4 Bank Reconciliation to 31st December 2014.

The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve the bank reconciliation to 31st December 2014, together with Bank printout statements at 31st December 2014.

Proposed: Mrs. Shufflebottom, seconded: Mrs. Shorland

8.5 Comparison of Budget Headings to receipts/expenditure at 31st December 2014.

The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve the analysis of receipts and expenditure in comparison with budget headings to 31st December 2014.

Proposed: Mrs. Shufflebottom, seconded: Mrs. McKeown

8.6 Nether Alderley Parish Council Budget.

The Clerk presented a proposed Parish Council budget for 2015-16

The Parish Council considered and discussed, in detail, each budgetary area of receipt and expenditure and agreed amendments to the proposed budget based upon predicted expenditure and income

The Parish Council appraised and resolved to approve the finalised budget for 2015-6

The budget was proposed by Mrs. Shufflebottom, seconded by Mr. Clarke and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.

8.7 Precept Request for 2015/16

The Parish Council discussed the precept amounts in relation to annual household contributions through Council tax.

On the basis of the budget, the Parish Council discussed and approved the request for a precept of £15,000 for 2015-16

The Precept amount was proposed by Mrs. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Colgan and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.

9 Planning

New Planning Applications.

14/5252D

Conversion of stables, tack room, cart and hay store building to residential dwelling with small extension

The Cottage, Welsh Row, Nether Alderley, SK10 4TY.

The Parish Council considered the application for discharge of conditions. The query was raised whether this dwelling had now been built.

The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk contact the Planning Officer for more details about the nature of the application.

Minutes taken by: the Clerk.

Minutes confirmed and approved at the Nether Alderley Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th February 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 N