

## NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

In the Chair: Mr. Clarke

Also present: Mr. Colgan, Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Langham (the Clerk)

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Shufflebottom and Ward 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. Annual Review of Standing Orders.

As approved at the Parish Council meeting in March 2014, a Working Group of 3 Parish Councillors, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Colgan and Mrs. Shufflebottom, met to consider new model Standing Orders that incorporate new legislation relating to changes in the Code of Conduct. The new Model Orders were compared to the Parish Council's current Standing Orders and additional statutory requirements were also noted. A proposed version of Standing Orders for use by the Parish Council was devised and details sent to all Council members, together with the complete new Model Standing Orders.

***The Parish Council considered the new Model Standing Orders and resolved to approve amendments to produce new Standing Orders for the Parish Council.***

#### 6. Payments

1090 Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire Pension Fund Clerk's pension April 2014  
£127.08 H

1091 Cheque discarded due to incorrect amount written

1092 Mrs. P. Langham Clerk's April 2014 salary (£508.84) and expenses (£74.58)  
approved at the Parish Council meeting March 2014) £583.43 H

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

## 7. Planning

The Clerk explained that Cheshire East has confirmed that there is no possibility of obtaining hard copies of planning applications. The Clerk has contacted Cllr Walton, who will make further enquiries on the Parish Council's behalf.

New Planning applications

14/1645M

Conversion of outbuildings within the curtilage of a listed building to create a single dwelling

Haymans Barn, Hocker Lane

14/1644M

Conversion of outbuildings within the curtilage of a listed building to create a single dwelling

Haymans Barn, Hocker Lane

14/1776M

Illuminated sign surrounding ATM machine

Monks Heath Garage, Chelford Road, Nether Alderley, Alderley Edge, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4SZ.

Councillors discussed, again, the problem of accessing plans within a Council meeting forum due to lack of facilities and wi-fi access, the obligation of Parish Council's to be consulted on applications, the difficulties posed by withdrawal of hard copies in fulfilling this duty and the limitations of viewing plans online.

***The Parish Council resolved that it could not respond to the recent planning applications due to the lack of facilities and being unable to access the Cheshire East website.***

***The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should contact Cheshire Association of Local Councils with the Parish Council's concerns regarding Cheshire East's new policy.***

***The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should investigate the possibility and costs of a printing company providing copies of key planning applications.***

## 8. Conflict of Interest – Auditing companies.

The Clerk confirmed that all Parish Councillors have contacted her to confirm that they have no conflict of interest or association with either of the Parish Council's Auditing companies, JDH Business Services or BDO.

## 9. Grass verge, opposite Welsh Row.

Mr. Colgan reported the incident of a lorry that has caused significant damage to a grass verge, further to pulling up and parking on it.

***The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should write to the company concerned to request that they re-instate the verge and also contact Cheshire East Highways to inform them of the incident and the action taken by the Parish Council.***

## 10. Parish Plan

Mr. Clarke explained that he had met with members of the Parish Plan Speed and Safety working group. Mr. Colgan offered to become involved with the group, further to the resignation of Mrs. Worthington.

**11. Cheshire East Council – Local Plan Core Strategy, Submission Version.**

The Clerk reported a response from Cllr. Michael Jones that confirmed that the Parish Council's opinion, expressed in a letter sent to him, had been taken into account at the Strategic Planning Board and Full Council meeting in February, when the Pre-submission version was discussed.

The Clerk reported correspondence received from NARPA, further to the attendance of representatives before the Parish Council meeting in March 2014.

The Parish Council considered and discussed, in detail, the Submission version of the Core Strategy, in relation to the Nether Alderley area and formulated a response to the document.

***The Parish Council resolved to approve the response, for submitting to Cheshire East Council. Proposed by Mrs. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Walker.***

**Next Meeting:** Annual Meeting, AGM and Ordinary Parish Council meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Minutes taken by: the Clerk.

Minutes confirmed and approved at the Nether Alderley Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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

**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