

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th November 2013 at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

In the Chair: Mr. Clarke

Also present: Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. Shufflebottom, Mrs. Walker, Cheshire East Councillor George Walton and Mrs. Langham (the Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Worthington

2. Approval of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th October 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and approved **by resolution of the Parish Council.**

The Clerk drew attention to Minute reference 11/9/13:9 where the Clerk's salary payment was recorded as £564.790. The Clerk confirmed that this was a typing error and that the amount should have been recorded as £564.70. **The Parish Council approved that the Clerk pencil a reference to today's minutes next to the error.**

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations were made.

4. Declarations of Interests Conflicting with the Nolan Principles.

No declarations were made.

5. Matters Arising.

6.1 Parish Plan

Mrs. Worthington gave a report about the last meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Group. A public meeting, to present the findings of the Parish Plan survey, has been arranged for 27th November and invitations will be delivered by hand to all Nether Alderley residences in the next few days. The evening event will include presentations from Astra Zeneca regarding the future of the Alderley Park site and Cheshire East Council regarding Superfast Broadband.

6.2 Christmas Tree in Nether Alderley

Mr. Clarke explained a recent conversation he had had with a Cheshire East Officer. He has been referred to speak with Simon Davies, Cheshire East Highways.

The Clerk drew attention to recent communication received from the insurance company regarding Christmas trees.

6.3 Excavation of Grass verges alongside Highways in Nether Alderley.

Further to liaison between the Parish Council and Cheshire East Council, Cheshire East has excavated the verges along the A537 and the B5359 with funding from the Route Management programme. Councillors expressed their delight at the outcome of the work.

Andrea Bickerton at Cheshire East Highways has confirmed that the Council will be unable to carry out a further cut of the grass on the Nether Alderley roundabout but

would be in agreement for the Parish Council to contact, the Borough Council's verge contractor, and arrange for and fund the work. The Clerk has requested a quotation from the contractor for the work.

Ms. Bickerton had explained possible plans for future planting at the roundabout, to the Clerk. The Clerk explained the plans to the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should ask that residents local to Heawood are also consulted on the suggested plans.

6.4 Parish Councillor Vacancy

Notices have now been placed on the Parish Council notice boards and on the website, advertising the Parish Councillor vacancy.

6.5 Community Pride Awards

Further to the Community Awards ceremony, a briefing has been received from Cheshire Community Action which the Clerk reported back to the Parish Council.

6.6 Speed Congleton Road

Inspector Mitchell has been invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss speed control along Congleton Road and other lanes in the parish.

PCSO Whitehead has reported that she carried out speed enforcement last week on Congleton Road near to the primary school but did not identify anyone speeding. A SID device was positioned on Congleton Road between 17th and 20th October.

6.7 Planning Permission Change of Use.

As requested by the Parish Council, the Clerk had contacted a Planning Officer for advice and information regarding the current situation with change of use permissions. The Clerk detailed the information to the Parish Council and also outlined information received regarding new policy for change of use to office accommodation.

6.8 Connecting Cheshire Superfast Broadband.

An update was e-mailed to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

6.9 Bypass Compensation.

Communication has been received from a local resident expressing concerns over the length of time compensation claims are taking for residents. The Parish Council approved that it would write to George Osborne.

7 Correspondence.

7.1 Local Councils Information Book

The Parish Council approved the Clerk purchasing a copy of a new NALC publication 'Local Councils Explained' at the cost of £49.99 plus £5 postage.

7.2 Cheshire East Council Core Strategy Consultation.

Further to forwarding information and a link to the Strategy documentation to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting, the Clerk gave details of the current consultation and its relation to the future Cheshire East Local Plan. The Parish Council agreed that Councillors should study the document prior to the Parish Council meeting in December, to identify areas and proposals that will impact upon Nether Alderley. The Parish Council agreed that a response to the consultation should be formulated after discussion at the December meeting.

7.3 Knutsford Local Area Partnership Minor works programme

The Parish Council considered requests that it has previously submitted to the Knutsford LAP for action, that are currently on the programme list. The Parish Council discussed other Highways issues that could be referred to the LAP.

The Parish Council approved that the Nether Alderley issues on the current list should be maintained. The requests include reduction in speed limit along Artists Lane, Bollington Lane, Sand Lane, Soss Moss Lane, Nursery Lane and Welsh Row; reduction in speed limit on the A34 Bypass and at Nether Alderley roundabout; reduction in speed limit along Congleton Road and speed devices in the vicinity of the Primary School. The Parish Council approved that attention should be drawn to the new request, recently submitted after the October meeting, for creation of a 20 mph school speed safety zone along Congleton Road in the vicinity of the Primary School at key school times. The Parish Council approved that particular attention should be drawn to the serious concern about traffic speed along the newly widened stretch of Bollington Lane, overtaking along this lane, concerns over safety of those exiting the residential/business section of Bollington Lane on to the widened stretch and concerns for the safety of pedestrians trying to negotiate this fast stretch of road that has no pavement.

The Parish Council approved that the Clerk should forward the comments to Cllr. George Walton for submission to and consideration by the Knutsford Local Area Partnership.

7.4 Meeting with Local Parish Council Chairmen.

Mr. Clarke explained that, further to communication from the Chairman of Great Warford Parish Council, a meeting has been planned for Chairmen of a number of local Parish Councils to discuss common issues. Mr. Clarke plans to attend the meeting

8 Parish Hall Joint Management Committee (JMC)

8.1 Parish Hall Caretaker

Mrs. Walker reported that a new Caretaker has now been appointed and is due to start on 18th November.

9 Finance.

9.1 Receipts

None

9.2 Payments to make

1056	CVS Cheshire East	Payroll services, October 2013- March 2014	£48.00	H
1057	Henshaws	Waste collection for October 2013 VAT)	£37.42 (£31.18 plus £6.24	A,C,E,F,G
1058	Bethell Contracting Limited	Mausoleum gutter clearing	£40.00	A,B,C
1059	Clerk's salary, November 2013		£538.34	H
1060	Cheshire West and Chester – November 2013	Cheshire Pension Fund		Pension contribution £138.77

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

9.3 Budget and Precept 2013-14

The Parish Council considered and discussed budgeted amounts for the current year and potential areas of expenditure in 2014-15, in preparation for consideration of the request for precept in January 2013. Areas of expenditure identified were repair of Parish Hall lintel, purchase of a new notice board (in response to the Parish Plan survey).

The Parish Council approved that the Clerk should investigate costs and possibilities of lengthsmen duties and costs for purchase of a mobile roadside speed device ('Smiley Sid').

10. Planning.

New Applications:

Application 13/4057M

Conversion of existing attic to living space, including forming an extension of the roof to the rear

Alderside, Congleton Road

The Parish Council approved the following response:

No objection

Application 13/4420M

Proposed jet wash bay and canvas canopy structure and porto cabin office

Monks Heath Garage

The Parish Council approved the following response:

No objection

10 Policies and Procedures.

10.1 Review of Electricity provider

The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve continued use of Utility Warehouse as Parish Hall electricity provider.

10.2 Review of Use of Direct Debit for electricity payments.

The Parish Council considered and resolved to continue with a direct debit method of payment for electricity services and charges.

10.3 Review of Henshaws as waste collector

The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve continuing with Henshaws for waste collection from the Parish Hall.

12. Burial Board

12.1 Mausoleum Gutter Clean.

The Clerk reported that a clean of the Mausoleum gutters had been carried out by Bethell Contracting Ltd..

12.2 Fire Extinguisher Inspection

The Clerk reported that an inspection of the Mausoleum fire extinguisher has been carried out by Fire Queen and no problems were noted.

Meeting dates for 2014 Parish Council and Burial Board meetings were confirmed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th December 2013.

Minutes taken by: the Clerk.

Minutes confirmed and approved at the Nether Alderley Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 4th December 2013.

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 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**

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 to the community **L**