

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.00 p.m. at Nether Alderley Parish Hall

In the Chair: Cllr. J Shufflebottom

Parish Councillors present: N.Howick, S.Lewis, and J.Wilkinson
Also present: Cheshire East Councillor G.Walton and the Parish Council Clerk

Public: Mark Asquith

1. To receive apologies for absence – The Parish Council received apologies for absence from Nether Alderley Parish Councillors: Y.Bentley, D.Colgan, S.Shorland and C.Walker

2. Chairman's Report

Yet another year in the life of the Parish Council has flown by.

The Council continues to meet on a monthly basis, and the 3 sub-groups: Planning, Burial Board and the Joint Management Committee also meet as required to deal with the individual issues that arise through the year. The planning Committee alone has consulted on over 70 applications in the last twelve months and I thank all the Councillors of the 3 committees for their individual time and input required over the course of the year. In the summer of last year we welcomed Norman Howick as a new Councillor who has lived in the parish for many years and has just taken up the position of Vice Chair for the Council.

The Parish Hall Refurbishment Group continues to work hard in its mission to repair and upgrade the hall for the benefit of all the community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the group for their tireless input and continued dedication to the project, in particular Martyn Bale who leads the team. We will hopefully be able to share our plans and proposals with the residents in the next few months.

The residential development of Alderley Parks has made great progress over the last year and both PH Developments and PJ Livesey have sales offices and show homes available to the public. Bellway Homes have just received their planning permission and are due to start works soon to deliver another 70 or so houses within the Park. The Historic buildings that have been converted for residential dwellings are selling well and it is expected that the first buyers will be able to move into these homes as early as July this year.

As ever we continue to work tirelessly for safety on all our roads within the Parish. We are constantly in discussions with Cheshire East about the dreadful state generally that we find our roads in today. In particular we are putting our efforts into getting large sections of Congleton Road resurfaced where huge patches of degeneration are causing major issues with the road surface and safety issues for all vehicles. Our Ward Councillor, George Walton continues to support us on all highways issues and I thank him for his on-going involvement with all of our Parish issues.

The Pride of Nether Alderley continue to keep our roads and verges tidy by litter picking, which I am sure is appreciated by all. The daffodils continue to bring us all spring cheer and once again were a great display this year. Many thanks to all concerned for their continued involvement that is for all our benefit.

We as a Parish Council are about to commence our Neighbourhood Plan. After many discussions with Great Warford on the possibility of joining forces the 2 parishes have decided to do separate plans. We have a team of willing volunteers lead by Norman Howick (Vice Chair), to help produce the plan which we believe will be of great benefit to the parish in the future, in particular with safe guarding for planning purposes.

In previous years we adopted the Telephone Kiosk at the bottom of Bradford Lane. We are now in the final stages of adopting the kiosk at Monks Heath. This will also belong to the Parish Council and it is our intention to purchase and locate a defibrillator to make the best use of this historic icon.

To help us communicate with all residents, parishioners and friends we continue to give as much information as possible via our website and we have recently set up a Facebook account as another way of reaching out to everyone. We welcome as many friends as possible join us on this and indeed to put articles of local interest onto the webpage.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few thank you's. Firstly, to my fellow Parish Councillors who work alongside me who have worked hard in what I think you will agree has been a yet another involving year in the life of the Parish. They continue to give a great deal of support not only to me as Chair, but to all the residents and for this I am very grateful. I would like to thank Mr. Norman Moore who continues to maintain our Burial Ground to a very high standard for all of us who live here or visit our families buried here. My thanks also go to Barbara, the Parish Clerk, who over the last 18 months continues with challenge of the very varied role and who organises and guides us in all aspects of the running of the Parish Council.

Finally, I have to report that we are saying goodbye to two fellow Councillors. Chris Walker joined the Council in 2000 and over the years has been dedicated to all issues with regard to the community. She has been a past Chairman and indeed a great support to many others during her 18 years and on behalf of all the Councillors that she has worked with I would like to say a huge thank you to her for all her efforts. Dave Colgan has not been a Councillor for as many years but has been a valued member of the Council. He sadly no longer lives in the area and as a result is stepping down. Again, on behalf of all Councillors I would like to express my thanks to him. I personally have enjoyed working alongside both Chris and Dave and I wish them both very best wishes for their future. They will both be missed but we look forward to being able to welcome new members to the Council in the next few months.

Thank you

3. Questions from the Public – There were no questions.

4. Any Other Business – There was no other business.

Minutes taken by the Clerk.

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