

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 6.30pm at Nether Alderley Parish Hall

In the Chair Cllr. Angela Farrell

Parish Councillors present: Cllrs: Sue Joseph, Lesley Gleave and Jackie Wilkinson,
Also present: David Naylor Parish Council Clerk

Member of the Public: One member of the public was present concerning planning application [23/2048M](#) Eagle Lodge,

1. **To receive apologies for absence.** Cllrs. Dave Clarke and Geoff Linnell
2. **To receive Declarations of Interests**
 - 2.1 To declare disclosable pecuniary interests (Councillors with disclosable pecuniary interest(s) must leave the room for the relevant items). There were none.
 - 2.2 To declare interests conflicting with the Nolan principles/non-pecuniary interests.
 - 2.3 To allow Councillors to consider amendments required to their Declaration of Pecuniary Interest forms. There were none.
3. **To consider and approve Applications for Dispensations.** There were none.
4. **To resolve to approve that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 13th June 2023 as a true and accurate record. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes were a true and accurate record,
Proposed: Cllr. Farrell Seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson
5. **6.35 pm Public Presentation**

To adjourn the meeting to receive representation from members of the Nether Alderley Parish. One member of the public was present in relation to Planning Application [23/2048M](#) Eagle Lodge, Congleton Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4TD.

Refurbishment of Eagle Lodge including restoration of original lodge building, selective demolition of existing structures and erection of single storey living accommodation extension, creation of car parking spaces, landscaping works and associated boundary treatments.

He provided a comprehensive description of what was being proposed and members asked him questions.

The application would be debated later in the agenda, along with the other planning applications and he was thanked for attending the meeting.
6. **Resumption of the Meeting.** The meeting was resumed.
7. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Progress**
 - 7.1 Production of the Design Guides by AECOM - update from the Clerk. The Parish Council cannot engage directly with AECOM, this must be via Locality aided by a Groundwork technical grant. The grant regime for this year had not yet opened but was imminent and the Parish Council would be notified as soon as it was available. The Clerk would then apply for the grant and the design guides via Locality.
 - 7.2 NAPC's Section 14 Consultation Responses – Meeting resolve with NP Co-ordinator Mr Proudlove. Link to the [Section 14 Responses File including Cheshire East's response](#). The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Mr Proudlove as soon as possible.

8. Parish Hall Renovation Progress

- 8.1 Update on the Tendering Timetable. The tendering documents would be sent out by KBS/Currie & Brown this week (12th July) with a response date ending at noon on 15th August 2023, following which accurate costings would be available.
- 8.2 Community Consultation regarding the potential to apply for a Public Works Loans Board loan. Current PWLB Rates/loan periods for £200k and £250K loan. **Enclosures Pack - Document 1**. A suitable consultation newsletter to all residents was being prepared in draft by Cllrs Farrell and Gleave, and the reverse side would seek candidates for co-option for the two councillor vacancies on the Council. It will not go out until the actual cost is known from the tender responses. The Clerk had already discussed with the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (Chalc) the loan application process.
- 8.3 Feedback on progress with the Heads of Agreement with the Parochial Church Council (PCC), Faculty Application and feedback from the Clerk's meeting with PCC member, Michael Penlington, regarding Church materials stored in the Mausoleum. [Link to the Faculty Application Documents \(click on the photos and docs to view in full definition\)](#).
The Heads of Agreement had now been agreed by the PCC, subject to the inclusion of a defined volume of storage in the Mausoleum. It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the proposed volume of storage and approve the Heads of Agreement document including this storage element.
Proposed: Cllr. Farrell and **Seconded:** Cllr. Gleave

9. Fund Raising Matters

- 9.1 Feedback following approaches to Chell Perkins to assist with the contents of a letter to potential funders and assist with identifying suitable local funders. Chell Perkins had now appointed a person to work with the Parish Council on this matter. Cllr Farrell would get back to her and talk her through what was required of them.
- 9.2 Cllr Joseph mentioned Cheshire Community Action (CCA). They may be able to help with funding. The Parish Council is a member of the CCA, and the Clerk will contact Chris Davenport (Finance and Commercial Manager) at the CCA, and they will carry out a grant search on our behalf irrespective of whether the Hall is run by the Parish Council or a charitable trust.

10 **VAT Position of the Council – Zoom date from the Parkinson Partnership.** Clerk to report. Mr Parkinson had suggested several dates and Monday 17th July at 10am was chosen.

11. Finance Schedule (Appendix A)

- 11.1 **To note receipt of income, as listed in schedule (A1)**
The Clerk advised that the Cheque to payee Greensplash Design Ltd was a replacement to the one issued at the June meeting to payee Greensplash Ltd. This was because the company had split into two separate companies and the bank returned the June cheque to payee Greensplash Ltd. It should have been to payee Greensplash Design Ltd.
Proposed: Cllr. Gleave and **Seconded:** Cllr. Joseph
- 11.2 **To approve items for payments as listed in schedule (A2)**
Proposed: Cllr. Farrell and **Seconded:** Cllr. Joseph
- 11.3 **To approve direct debit/standing order as listed in schedule (A3)**
Proposed: Cllr. Joseph and **Seconded:** Cllr. Wilkinson
- 11.4 **To consider and approve the Clerk's expenses as listed in schedule (A4)**
Proposed: Cllr. Farrell and **Seconded:** Cllr. Wilkinson

12. Bank Reconciliation and Reserves Balance as of 30th June 2023

Enclosures Pack – Document 2

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and note the contents of the Bank Reconciliation and Reserves Balance.

Proposed: Cllr. Farrell and **Seconded:** Cllr. Wilkinson

13. Budget Quarterly Balance Qrt1 - April – June Inclusive

Enclosures Pack - Document 3

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and note the contents of the Quarterly Balance April to June inclusive.

Proposed: Cllr. Farrell and **Seconded:** Cllr. Wilkinson

18. Planning Applications

Application No:	23/2409M
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 4 & 10 on approved application 22/0895M : Variation of condition 2 on application 20/5659M & APP/R0660/W/21/3274166- Variation of condition 2 on 20/2000M - Variation of conditions 2 & 11 on approved application 19/4864M - Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) to planning application 16/1378M - Proposed demolition of existing industrial unit and construction of 2 detached dwellings with detached garages with associated parking and landscaping
Location:	Locoshed, Bollington Lane, Nether Alderley
Response Deadline	21 st July 2023
Parish Council Response	This is a very convoluted application with many variations on past applications. In the Parish Council's view this should be the subject of a new application, or the applicant should stick to the approved permissions This seems to be an almost continuous process and is disrespectful to the planning process especially when this is retrospective work.

Application No:	23/2267T
Proposal:	Works to TPO Trees - Beech Tree - Fell
Location:	Alderley Mill Cottage, Congleton Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4TW
Response Deadline	Not available for tree applications
Parish Council Response	No objection

Application No:	23/2160T
Proposal	Works to TPO Trees - Works to oak tree - see application description

Location	19, Vale Crescent, Nether Alderley, SK10 4LU
Response Deadline	Not available for tree applications

Parish Council Response	No objection
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Application No:	23/2246T
Proposal:	Works to TPO Trees - Wild cherry tree - specification of works: we would like to trim the branches of this wild cherry tree, which is overhanging our garden and trespassing our property Reason for work: the tree branches are trespassing onto our property, and the branches are very close to the roof, risking damage to our property after thunderstorms and where there is gusty wind
Location:	Rear of 2, Asquith Grove, Nether Alderley, SK10 4ZJ
Response Deadline	Not available for tree applications
Parish Council Response	The Parish Council was concerned that this tree was some distance from the house and the applicants had not involved the services of a tree surgeon to advise them. Also cutting one side of the tree could destabilize the tree.

Application No:	23/2106M
Proposal:	Demolition of existing gate pillars and construction of new pillars and gate. Construction of new car port and erection of security fencing
Location:	Shortacre, Whitebarn Road, Alderley Edge, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 7AN
Response Deadline	5 th July 2023
Parish Council Response	No objection – the works proposed were sensitive to the existing building and street frontage

With regard to the application below, the applicant had introduced his application at the start of the meeting.

Application No:	23/2048M
Proposal:	Refurbishment of Eagle Lodge including restoration of original lodge building, selective demolition of existing structures and erection of single storey living accommodation extension, creation of car parking spaces, landscaping works and associated boundary treatments.
Location:	Eagle Lodge, Congleton Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4TD
Response Deadline	12 th July 2023
Parish Council Response	The Parish Council had no objection to this application. The applicant came to the July Parish Council meeting and presented his proposals to the Council. The Lodge is a non-designated heritage asset, it is not itself a listed building but is adjacent to the listed gates at Congleton Road. The Lodge needs significant renovation and what is being proposed will be very sensitive to the existing building and its setting. It will also be single storey, not visible from the front and will replace some very run down structures. The Parish Council, therefore, has no objection.

Application No:	23/1967M
Proposal:	Variation of Conditions 2,5,4,6a,9 &11 on 22/0739M - Demolition of existing dwelling in a conservation area and its replacement with a detached dwelling, garage, landscaping and associated works.
Location:	Millers Gate, Congleton Road, Alderley Edge, SK9 7AD
Response Deadline	17 th July 2023
Parish Council Response	No objection

19. To consider any other Planning matters including decisions to Planning Applications:

These decisions were received and noted.

[22/3352T](#) Not decided

Decision Date 28th June 2023

Fox Chase, Whitebarn Road, Alderley Edge, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 7AN

Pine lift crown to leave 4m ground clearance 2x birch Lift crown to leave 4 m ground clearance
Oak Lift crown to leave 4 m ground clearance.

[21/418T3](#) Consent for works in TPO with conditions

Decision Date 29th June 2023

Land to the Rear of, 1, Asquith Grove, Nether Alderley, SK10 4ZJ

Silver Birch (x2) Crown Lifting - Reduction of lower branches by 1.5m with a pruning point of 50mm

[23/1386T](#) Not decided

Decision Made 16-Jun-2023

Shortacre, Whitebarn Road, Alderley Edge, SK9 7AN

T8 - Beech - Prune by removal or shortening of low lateral and sub-lateral branches of up to 100mm diameter to obtain 5m vertical ground clearance T9 Lawson cypress - Prune and reduce height to 8m. T10 Sycamore - Prune on east side by removal of minor low lateral and sub-lateral branches to obtain 5m vertical ground clearance T12 Silver Birch - 2m ground clearance on north side and raise to 5m by removal of minor low lateral and sub-lateral branches T13 - Beech - Prune on west side by removal or shortening of low lateral and sub-lateral branches of up to 100mm diameter to obtain 6m vertical ground clearance T14 - Crab Apple - Remove and Replace with Beech T15 - Beech - Prune on south side by removal of minor low secondary growth to obtain between 3 and 4m vertical ground clearance G5 - 2 Silver Birch - Prune on east side by removal of minor low branches to obtain between 4 and 5m vertical ground clearance G9 - 8 Beech Prune on west side by removal or shortening of low lateral and sub-lateral branches of up to 100mm diameter to obtain 6m vertical ground clearance G10 - 1 Beech, 1 Ash and 1 Lime - Prune on south side by removal of minor low lateral and sub-lateral branches to obtain 8m vertical ground clearance.

[22/2437M](#) Approved

Decision Date 9th June 2023

Walled Garden & Kitchen Garden, Alderley Park, Congleton Road, Nether Alderley, SK10 4TF

Non-Material Amendment to 20/1970M - Full planning application for residential development (Use Class C3) with associated infrastructure, landscaping and access.

20. Boundary Signage the Clerk had placed the order with "Signs of the Times" for two signs as approved at June Meeting. Arrangements had been made for Geoff Beeby to install them.

21. Progress in Co-opting two new Parish Councillors. Members had been canvassing potential Councillors and it was also decided to add an advert to the reverse side of the loan consultation news sheet to all residents as mentioned in Minute 8.2 above.

22. Cheshire East Council - Survey Regarding Criteria to be Used to Prioritise Future Bus Support. Enclosures Pack – Document 4

Cheshire East has £2.4 million annually to support bus services. This survey is not about bus services themselves at this stage but on three criteria Cheshire East will use to allocate appropriate support to them which are:

- Contribution to carbon reduction to consider bus service carbon emissions, in line with the council's environment strategy and the authority's commitment to be carbon neutral by 2025 and its further pledge to make Cheshire East a carbon neutral borough by 2045
- Areas of deprivation covered by the bus route; and
- Passenger numbers since the Covid pandemic

It could result in reductions in future services or requests for Parish and Town Council support payments next year depending on the outcome of the survey. Cllrs will recall that the local bus was to be supported by a Nether Alderley Parish Council top up of £2,000 last year but CEC had more Government support funding for buses, and this was not needed.

The Clerk will complete the survey in consultation with Cllrs to meet the 6th August deadline.

22. Burial Board Matters. The Meeting will move into Part II by Resolution of the Councillors and the public will be excluded in accordance with Standing Order 3D if the matters to be discussed are likely to involve personal or sensitive information.

No members of the public were present.

Formal approval was sought for the purchase of a Grave NBG 296 and approval was given.

Proposed: Cllr. Farrell and **Seconded:** Cllr. Wilkinson (both burial board members)

24. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas (not for debate or decision making).

25. To confirm the next Council meeting:

Tuesday 8th August 2023
6.30pm at Nether Alderley Parish Hall

APPENDIX A
Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 11th July 2023

Schedule of Receipts and Payments

A1. Receipt of Income - Month of June 2023

Current Account

Nil

Reserve Account.

£23.71 Interest 30th June 2023

A2. Invoices for payment

Ch. No.	Provider	Total Cost	Net of VAT	Service Provided	VAT	Power
Ch 1682	David Naylor Parish Clerk	£700.64	£692.48	Clerks Salary and Expenses April May Payment	£8.16	H
1683	Print IT -	£269.75	£269.75	Newsletter Setting Up and Printing 550 Copies X	£00.000	H
1684	The Information Commissioner ICO	£40.00	£40.00	Renewal or Registration Ref Z2142153	£00.00	H
1685	HMRC	£443.13	£443.13	Tax/NI for May June Payment	£0.00	H
1686	UnityTrust Bank	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	Opening of the Savings Account	£00,00	H
1687	Signs of the Times	£3,786.54	£3155.45	2 x Boundary Signage with posts incl. carriage	£631.09	H
1688	Shires Accountants	£67.80	£56.50	Pension Redecoration	£11.30	H
1691	Greensplash Design Ltd	£189.00	£189.00	Website Hosting 1 st July 2023 – 31 st March 2024 Replacement Cheque for Cheque1679 cancelled due to change of business name.	£00.00	H

A3. Direct Debits/Standing Orders for approval

Provider	Total Cost	Net of VAT	Service Provided	VAT	Power
Utility Warehouse	£206.93	£196.79	Electricity at Parish Hall for May – June Invoice	£10.14	E F G

A4. Approval to forward to Payroll provider for inclusion in Payroll Report for Clerk's expenses/salary: Power H

Travel 90 Miles @ 45 pence per mile = £40.50

The Cartridge People Ink Cartridges £31.66 plus £6.33 VAT = £37.99

Phone Sim monthly £9.17 plus £1.83 VAT = £11.0014

Total Expenses £81.33 plus £8.16 VAT = £89.49

Plus, Salary - Contracted 65 hours @ 13.95 per hour = £906.75 (Gross)

Plus Overtime 8 hours @ 13.95 per hour = £111.60 (Gross)

Total Gross including expenses = £1,107.84

Total Less Tax of £407.20 = £700.64 (£692.48 plus 8.16 VAT)

Signed.....

Chairman of Meeting

Signed.....

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Parish Council Powers for Expenditure and Activity

Note that the Parish Council has adopted the Power of Competence

Audit

[Audit Regulations 1996]

I

Benches

Power to provide and maintain roadside seats and shelters [Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1]

K

Burial Grounds, Cemeteries and Crematoria

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

A

Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials

Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s.1

B

Power to provide and maintain and Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries

Local Government Act 1972, s.214

Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 (no 204) C1 Memorials (16 (1) (a) and 16 2 (b))

C

Bus Shelters

Power to provide and maintain shelters

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s.4

Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1

D

Crime prevention

Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s31, Crime and Disorder Act 2000

Q

Community Centres

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

E

Power to provide buildings for clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

F

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

G

General Administration/Running Costs

Subsidiary powers of local authorities – to facilitate, or conducive or incidental to, the discharge of functions
LGA 1972 s111

H

Parish Hall – public meetings

K

1. LGA 1972 s 142 “ arrange for the delivery of lectures and addresses and the holding of discussions on such matters - provision of information etc relating to matters affecting local government
2. s133 ‘Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies or contribute towards the expenses of providing such buildings’
3. LGA 1972 S111

Litter bins Provision of litter bins [Litter Act 1983, ss 5, 6]

L

Neighbourhood Plans [Localism Act 2011 Sch 9]

R

Research and collection of information

Power to carry out research [LGA 1972 S 141]

M

Parish Plans [LGA 1972 S 141]

J

Section 137

N

Local Government Act 1972. Power of Local Authorities to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised. Power to do something that will benefit the community where there is no other specific power covering the action; Set at £8.12 per elector in 2019/20. Expenditure must be commensurate with the benefit

Websites Local Government Act 1972 s142

P

Life-saving appliances – Power to provide life-saving appliances (e.g. life belts, defibrillators)

S