

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 22nd December 2020 at 2.00 p.m.
The meeting was accessed remotely via ZOOM**

In the Chair: Cllr. N.Howick

Parish Councillors present: Cllrs. Y.Bentley, D.Clarke, A.Farrell, S.Joseph, S.Lewis, J.Shufflebottom and J.Wilkinson

Also present: The Parish Council Clerk

1. **To receive apologies for absence – None**
2. **To receive Declarations of Interests**
 - 2.1 **To Declare Disclosable pecuniary interests –** Cllr. Clarke is a resident on Alderley Park and has an interest in item 7.1 – 7.7 on the agenda. The Parish Council granted a dispensation [Localism Act 2011 - Section 33 (2)(c)].
 - 2.2 **To Declare interests conflicting with Nolan principles/non-pecuniary interests –** There were no declarations made.
 - 2.3 **To allow Councillors to consider amendments required to their Declaration of Pecuniary interest forms -** No amendments were made.
3. **To consider and approve Applications for Dispensations -** No applications for dispensation were submitted.
4. **2.05 p.m. Public presentation –** A resident from Alderley Park was present.
5. **Meeting resumed**
6. **To exclude the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:**
 - a. Personal issues
 - b. Legal Issues
7. **Alderley Park Issues**

To consider and agree actions relating to new and ongoing matters as follows:

 - 7.1 **Alderley Park walk-ways update –** A resident from Alderley Park attended the meeting and thanked the Parish Council for their on-going support regarding this issue. Councillors considered and discussed the removal of one of the established walk-ways and its effect on the community. The Public Rights of Way (PROW) officer at Cheshire East Council confirmed the walk-way is not a PROW but is permissive and as such could be removed by the developer at any time. However, they will investigate whether it was part of the original planning application. Residents maintain the walk-ways were part of the original planning application and referred to in the developers marketing literature.

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After careful consideration, Councillors agreed in principal this is not an issue for the Parish Council but will support residents as much as possible and recommend:

- i) Residents seek legal advice from their conveyancing solicitors which may enable them to challenge the issue with the developer.
- ii) The Parish Council will arrange a meeting with the developer, the planning officer and PROW officer from Cheshire East Council and a representative of the resident's association to discuss this issue further.

- 7.2 Alderley Park pub parking update** – The Churchill Tree is currently open to the public but operating at less than 50% capacity due to social distancing re: COVID-19 pandemic. Councillors noted there are currently no issues as yet but the Landlord also has concerns that non-patrons may use the car park (i.e. residents). As there are concerns from both the residents and the Landlord, the Parish Council suggested this issue should be referred to the Alderley Park Liaison meeting.
- 7.3 P.J.Livesey signage update** – Despite Cheshire East Council (CEC) confirming they would contact the developer to have any unnecessary signs removed, the signage remains in-situ. It was agreed Cllr. Shufflebottom, Chair of the Planning Committee, will contact Adrian Crowther, Planning Officer at CEC and readdress the issue in the new year.
- 7.4 Installation of a gate to the entrance of the East Courtyard (18/0868M)** – An enforcement order has been issued by Cheshire East Council to the developer (20/000873E) to install a gate which was part of the original planning application. Councillors noted there has been no enforcement action to date and agreed Cllr. Shufflebottom, Chairman of the Planning Committee, should write to the enforcement officer for an update. In addition, all correspondence should be copied to Cllr. Marc Asquith, Ward Councillor for Chelford. The Parish Council is aware the Landlord supports the sentiments of the enforcement.
- 7.5 Air conditioning units (Watergarden apartments)** – Councillors considered, discussed and viewed photographs of the installation and agreed this is a Management/Resident issue as it is not part of a planning application.
- 7.6 Proposed new football pitch** – The Parish Council was notified that one of the developers at Alderley Park had informed their residents of a proposed new football pitch which would be situated near the commercial part of the development. Councillors noted the new pitch would be available to the local school and agreed the Parish Council will consider and discuss the proposal when it officially comes before them as part of the planning application process.
- 7.7 Promotion of Woodland walks** – Councillors concurred this issue is currently hearsay and should be referred to the Alderley Park Liaison meeting which was established as a condition of the original planning consent.

In summary, Cllr. Howick suggested the Alderley Park Liaison meeting was not a vehicle to discuss specific issues raised above and confirmed there had been no Liaison meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, he recommended raising any relevant issues at a meeting to be arranged early in the new year (date to be confirmed).

8. 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) - None

9. Next Parish Council meeting:

To confirm the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th January 2021

Minutes taken by: The Clerk

Signed..... Date 11th January 2021
Chairman of the Meeting