

Nether Alderley Parish Council

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7th March 2024

Meeting Summons

Dear Councillors

I hereby give notice that the Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Glass House Alderley Parish Hall on:

Tuesday 12th March 2024 1.30pm
at The Glass House Alderley Park

All members of the Council are hereby summoned for the purpose of discussing and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the Meeting as set out hereunder.



David Naylor
Clerk to Nether Alderley Parish Council

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.

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).
- 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.

3. To consider and approve Applications for Dispensations

4. To resolve to approve that the Minutes of the Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting,

5. 1.35 pm Public Presentation

To adjourn the meeting to receive representation from members of the Nether Alderley Parish.

6. To resume the meeting.

7. Neighbourhood Planning Progress

NAPC's Section 14 Consultation Responses – The Clerk and Cllr. Gleave have completed the amendments to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to accommodate all the section 14 responses. [Link to Section 14 Responses including Cheshire East's response.](#)

[Link to A Copy of the Amended Neighbourhood Plan](#)

We are currently awaiting the design guides to attach and complete the inspector version.

8. Parish Hall Renovation Progress. Cost and resources of the renovation works to the end of the next financial year i.e. 31st March 2025.

8.1 The Contract meeting at the Parish Hall on 5th March, attended by the Architect, the Contractor the Quantity Surveyor, the Parish Council Chairman and the Clerk confirmed the following:

- The contract price would have to be increased because of increased material costs. The Contractor had been able to mitigate this reduction to circa 5% which amounted to an increase of £30k.
- The Contractor put forward an opportunity to reduce this cost by not using lime mortar in the lowering of the Hall floor. However, the Architect advised that this would need another Faculty approval and whilst starting the renovation work on the whole building before full Faculty approval had been granted may not be a high risk issue given the ample public consultation and extensive approvals in terms of planning etc., changing the specification without permission would elevate that risk.
- Discussions took place about needing tight control of costs because of the Parish Council's budget. In the contract there was a total of £72k of

contingency and PC sums and these would need to be watched very carefully and if necessary saving would have to be made in the scale of the project or in the materials used, for example in terms of the lime pointing - this may not be needed on some external walls.

- A member of the PCC had been present before the meeting to discuss toilets and the positioning of site buildings. He had agreed that the paddock could be used for this purpose and it was confirmed that the Church would have access to the toilets. The first floor of the Parish Hall would become the site office for the Contractor.
- It was agreed that signing of the contract should be the week commencing 11th March and work would commence on 15th April. Good access would be made for the Church at all times.

8.2 Cost and resources of the renovation works to the end of the next financial year i.e. 31st March 2025. Bank Reconciliation, Reserves Balance, and Resources and Costs table for the Hall Renovation attached. The work will now be in the 2024/2025 financial year and this is advantageous in budget terms and brings in increased resources. The Clerk has provided a full cost and resources budget and explanatory notes see **Enclosure 1 in the Documents Pack**

8.3 VAT Registration. The Clerk has submitted the remaining section 126 VAT Claim for October 1st 2023 to 31st March 2024. This amounts to £1,879.06. The total Vat claim for the financial year is £7460.99. This is just within the HMRC range for Parish Councils to incur within a financial year. This £1,879.06 can be added to the Parish Hall resources for 2024/25 and is in addition to the resources shown in Enclosure 1 above once it is posted in our bank account. The Clerk will apply to HMRC to be VAT Registered from April 2024 following the Council meeting on 12th March.

8.4 Update on progress with the Faculty Application. We understand from our solicitor that the deed and deed of covenant documents are now complete except for the PCC's solicitor asking the PCC for clarification on one issue. Rev. Jarvis has responded to them and urged them to produce the copy for both parties to sign urgently. The Clerk will provide a further update at the Council meeting

9. Further Letter to EDF Energy concerning a catalogue of errors and delays in rectifying the Parish Hall's electricity meterage and accurate billing. This is still ongoing. **Enclosure 2 in the Documents Pack**

10. BHIB Parish Hall Insurance Quotation 2024/25 (Note BHIB have been taken over by Clear Councils Insurance - brokered at Lloyds)

Policy Number: LCO02446

Current Premium 2023/24 £2,513.06.

This new premium has been requested from BHIB including the potential for the Hall's closure for 24 weeks for the renovation. The Clerk has asked for quotes for one year and three year renewal periods. The latter of course will be cheaper. Both will be reported to members when available.

11. Finance Schedule (Appendix A)

11.1 To note receipt of income, as listed in schedule (A1)

Proposed Seconded

Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of planning permission granted under 21/5719M – ‘Variation of conditions 2, 5 and 10 on application 21/2628M - Replacement dwelling’ Sandle Heath Farm, Bollington Lane, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4TB

14 Beacon Lodge Diversion of Footpath

Application from the resident of Beacon Lodge on Macclesfield Rd in Nether Alderley. They met with a PROW officer to discuss the diversion of a public footpath (FP12) which passes through their garden and part of the NT land which is almost impassable. The proposed redirected footpath already has a part gravel walkway and has always been used by the public. It runs adjacent to the back of their house. I have attached a map of the local area to show both footpaths.

Link to [MAP](#)

They say the current path has never been used and they have paperwork from previous owners back to the 1920`s for this. There has never been an access point onto their property or an exit point back onto NT land. They would also like to officially secure their garden from the public as they have family and dogs safety to now consider.

They are acquiring a letter of agreement for the redirection of the path from the NT and support in the matter would be greatly appreciated once we had become notified.

We are more than welcome to come and visit their home and garden if needed.

15. Symphony Park - preparation for the Application being considered by CEC's Strategic Planning Board. Potentially 28th February 2024

Application [23/3619M](#) Resubmission of Application [22/2819M](#)

In spite of a robust objection from the Parish Council and from the local community Cheshire East's Strategic Planning Committee, followed the Officer recommendation, approved the application. It has been noted that a judicial review could take place. However, this would have to be based on CEC not following due process. I understand that leaving the planning website open after the closing date for responses is not an issue, in that CEC will generally consider all responses up to the time of report preparation and will also consider responses at the meeting from those registered to speak. Also, ward councilors can be lobbied up to the meeting date. A judicial review would also be expensive and the Parish Council could not afford to fund it especially at this time.

16. Report from Cheshire East Ward Cllr. Anthony Harrison.

17. Councillor Reported Issues at the end of the January Meeting

17.1 Marketing Strategy for the Renovated Parish Hall – Cllr. Gleave and Keith Farrell are prepared to help to develop this and David Fairbottom would also be asked.

17.2 Fund Raising for the Hall and other issues. Cllr Raphael raised the issue of sponsorship on our boundary signs – there would be 5 in total (an extra 3 on the two already provided) It would be possible to add a rectangular sign beneath advertise a prominent local business with their logo. Cllr Raphael also called into the Churchill Tree, and they would be willing to have a regular advert out in our parish newsletter. The Clerk will find out the cost of appropriate advertising panels attached to the signage posts

17.3 Cllr. Farrel raised the issue that on 25th January at 6 – 7 pm a King's Award for Voluntary Service talk will be given to recognise individuals in local communities who should receive such an award or be invited to a Royal Garden Party. She will listen to the talk. She felt that we did not do enough to recognise such individuals.

17.4 The Clerk raised the issue of the need to develop a local emergency response plan. This would be below CEC's Plan and would assist in communication and secure contacts of

local people in the Community who could assist with help especially if CEC was overwhelmed by a large-scale incident which could delay local help from them. Alderley Park has been contacted to understand the preparedness they have.

17.5 CEC's Green Waste Charging Scheme. The Clerk has advertised it on the Parish Council's Website

18. 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 at this meeting).

19. To confirm the next Council meeting is:

**Tuesday 9th April 2024 1.30 pm
at
The Glass House Alderley Park**

APPENDIX A

Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 12th March 2024

Schedule of Receipts and Payments

A1. Receipt of Income - Month of February

Current Account Nil Interest

Reserve Account £29.17 Interest 31st February

Unity Trust Savings Account Interest is quarterly at 31 December 2023 was £139.20 Interest

A2. Invoices for payment

Ch. No.	Provider	Total Cost	Net of VAT	Service Provided	VAT	Power
1734	David Naylor Parish Clerk	£707.07	£695.71	Clerk's Salary and Expenses October for December Payment	£11.36	H
1735	HMRC	£418.30	£No VAT	Tax/NI for October for December Payment	£0.00	H
1736	Greensplash Design Ltd	£255.00	No VAT	Web Hosting	£0.00	H
1737	Clear Insurance	Cost to be added at Meeting	No VAT	Parish Hall Insurance	£0.00	F
1738	Print it	£201.80	No VAT	Spring Newsletter 2024 Inv 26860	£0.00	H

A3. Direct Debits/Standing Orders for approval

Provider	Total Cost	Net of VAT	Service Provided	VAT	Power
None. See Minute 9 on this Agenda	£0.00				

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

Travel 102 miles @ 45 pence per mile = £45.90

Phone Sim monthly £9.17 plus £1.83 VAT = £11.00

Rymans Paper and Postage Stamps (no VAT on stamps) £15.83 plus £1.16 VAT = £16.99

Cartridge Discount Ink Cartridges £9.15 plus £1.83 VAT = £10.98

Amazon Business Algae Removal Liquid for Hall External Environs £24.99 plus £5.00 VAT = £29.99

Amazon Business Algae Spray Equipment £7.72 plus £1.54 VAT = £9.26

Total Expenses £112.76 plus £11.36 VAT = £124.12

Salary: Contracted 65 hours @ 14.95 per hour = £971.75 (Gross)

Total Salary Gross = £971.75

Total Gross including expenses = £1095.87

Total Less Tax of £388.80 = £707.07 (including VAT of £11.36)

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

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

N

Websites Local Government Act 1972 s142

P

Life-saving appliances – Power to provide life-saving appliances (e.g. life belts, defibrillators)
[Public Health Act 1936, s234]

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