

## NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 1.00 p.m. Nether Alderley Parish Hall

**In the Chair:** Cllr. N.Howick  
**Parish Councillors present:** Cllrs. Y.Bentley, D.Clarke, A.Farrell, S.Joseph and J.Shufflebottom  
**Also present** The Parish Council Clerk

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs. S.Lewis, J.Wilkinson and M.Asquith
2. **To receive Declarations of Interests**
  - 2.1 **To Declare Disclosable pecuniary interests** – None
  - 2.2 **To Declare interests conflicting with Nolan principles/non-pecuniary interests:** None
  - 2.3 **To allow Councillors to consider amendments required to their Declaration of Pecuniary interest forms** – None
3. **To consider and approve Applications for Dispensations** – None
4. **RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 are a true and accurate record.**

*Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick*

*Seconded: Cllr. A.Farrell*

5. **1.05 p.m. Public presentation** – None
6. **Meeting resumed**
7. **To exclude the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:**
  - a. Personal issues
  - b. Legal Issues
8. **Current Matters**

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

  - 8.1 **Cheshire East update by Ward Councillor**
    - 8.1.1 **Directional Pole (Welsh Row/Macclesfield Road) update** – There was no update due to Cllr. Asquith's absence.
    - 8.1.2 **Parish Council funding works request re: Ward Councillor (Highways Budget)** – Due to Cllr. Asquith's absence, Councillors were unable to determine how the Highways Budget was allocated to Parish Councils within the Chelford Ward. Cllr. Howick agreed to contact Cllr. Asquith to establish if there are any funds available and will report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.



decommissioned BT telephone box at Monks Heath for a quotation to prepare and paint the kiosk.

- 10.2 CEC Approval of Taxbase 2022/23** – Cheshire East Council confirmed approval of the Taxbase as 606.68 (electors) for Nether Alderley Parish Council.

**10.3 Review the Complaints Policy**

**RESOLVED:** *After due consideration, the Parish Council resolved to approve to continue using Nether Alderley Parish Council's Complaints Policy without amendment.*

**Proposed:** Cllr. N.Howick

**Seconded:** Cllr. Y.Bentley

**11. Finance: Finance Schedule (Appendix A)**

- 11.1** The Parish Council noted receipts of income as listed in schedule (A1)

- 11.2** To approve items for payment as listed in schedule (A2)

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve payments as listed in Appendix A2

**Proposed:** Cllr. A.Farrell

**Seconded:** Cllr. Y.Bentley

- 11.3** To approve direct debit/standing order as listed in schedule (A3)

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council resolved to approve direct debit/standing order as listed in Appendix A3

**Proposed:** Cllr. N.Howick

**Seconded:** Cllr. Y.Bentley

- 11.4** To consider and approve Clerk's expenses as listed in schedule (A4)

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council approved the Clerk's administration and expense amounts to send to the Payroll Provider for inclusion in the Clerk's payroll report.

**Proposed:** Cllr. N.Howick

**Seconded:** Cllr. Y.Bentley

- 11.5** To consider and approve the bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 – Councillors considered and discussed the bank reconciliation at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council resolved to approve the bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 together with analysis of receipts and payments to the current account and the bank statement for current and reserve accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. The Clerk confirmed Cllr. Wilkinson's independent analysis of the bank reconciliation in conjunction with assessment of bank statements/cash book and her confirmation of the accuracy of the figures recorded.

**Proposed:** Cllr. N.Howick

**Seconded:** Cllr. J.Wilkinson

- 11.6** To consider and approve the comparison of budget headings to receipts and payments at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 – Councillors considered and discussed the comparison of budget headings to receipts and payments at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council resolved to approve Cllr. Wilkinson's independent analysis of receipt/payment amounts and accuracy of the figures recorded in comparison with the cash book.

**Proposed:** Cllr. N.Howick

**Seconded:** Cllr. J.Wilkinson

**11.7 To consider and approve the proposed Budget for 2022/23**

• **The majority of income is derived from:**

- Burial Income which is difficult to predict and is based on the average of previous years' income.
- CEC Funding for the Parish Council to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. A provisional sum of £3,500 (Part 2) was added to the Neighbourhood Plan which was paid in two instalments (Part 1: 2020/21 £6,500 received).
- Income from advertisements in the newsletter

• **Payments derived from:**

- Existing Budget headings were increased in line with forecast costs to 31.03.22 and the previous year's actual costs
- A provisional sum of £194 was maintained for Payroll Services.
- A provisional sum of £804 was maintained for Stationery, travel and phone
- A provisional sum of £625 was increased for Other Admin Costs re: purchase of a new laptop for the Clerk.
- A provisional sum of £3,769 was calculated based on the current/previous years forecast plus 50% increase as electricity prices due to rise from April 2022.
- A provisional sum of £3,000 was maintained for Highways
- A provisional sum of £360 was maintained for Councillor/Clerk courses.
- A provisional sum of £25,664 was added to the Hall Redevelopment in line with forecast costs.
- A provisional sum of £280 was increased re: proposed parish hall renovation and neighbourhood public meetings
- A provisional sum of £760 was increased for the Community Fund re: newsletters and purchase of a planter to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the Budget for 2022/23**

**Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick**

**Seconded: Cllr. S.Joseph**

**11.8 To consider and approve the proposed Precept for 2022/23 - Councillors carefully considered and discussed maintaining the Precept due to the forthcoming Parish Hall renovation.**

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the Precept of £54,650 for 2022/23.**

**Proposed: Cllr. D.Clarke**

**Seconded: Cllr. A.Farrell**

**12 Correspondence:**

To receive and consider new correspondence sent to the Parish Council and agree actions to take in response to the following communication:

12.1 Cheshire East Local Plan: Crewe Hub Area Action Plan – Noted

12.2 Cheshire Constabulary Stakeholder Special: Budget Consultation 2022-23 – Noted

12.3 CEC Budget Consultation 2022-26 – Noted

**13. Planning**

**13.1 To consider and approve responses to new planning applications:**

**Application No:** 21/5996M  
**Proposal:** Construction of a single dwellinghouse and associated works - Permission in Principle Technical Details Stage 2 (ref. 21/1870M)  
**Location:** Springvale, WELSH ROW, NETHER ALDERLEY, SK10 4TY  
**National Grid Ref:** 383990.0945 376928.1782

**NAPC Comment:** *Whilst the Parish Council appreciates that in principle permission has been given for a single dwelling on this plot, we consider the proposed plans shows a dwelling that is oversized for the plot and in our view would be an overdevelopment of the site.*

*Please note, should any neighbouring properties have any concerns, the Parish Council ask that they are taken into consideration when determining this application.*

*However, should Cheshire East Council Development Management/Planning Department be minded to approve this planning application, the Parish Council requests that a condition is imposed that all contractors and visitors to the site, during the time of construction, park within the confines of the development and not on surrounding highways or verges, to prevent the inconveniencing of neighbouring properties and the damage to highways and verges. Should any damage be caused either directly or indirectly as a result of the building works, the developer or landowner should repair the damage before works are completed.*

Application No: 21/6227M  
Proposal: Erection of outbuilding  
Location: NORTH BARN, BOLLINGTON LANE, NETHER ALDERLEY, SK10 4TB  
National Grid Ref: 383503.2819 375004.2567

**NAPC Comment:** *Nether Alderley Parish Council supports this application. However, should any neighbouring properties have any concerns, the Parish Council ask that they are taken into consideration when determining this application.*

*Additionally, should Cheshire East Council Development Management/Planning Department be minded to approve this planning application, the Parish Council requests that a condition is imposed that all contractors and visitors to the site, during the time of construction, park within the confines of the development and not on surrounding highways or verges, to prevent the inconveniencing of neighbouring properties and the damage to highways and verges. Should any damage be caused either directly or indirectly as a result of the building works, the developer or landowner should repair the damage before works are completed.*

Application No: 21/6288M  
Proposal: Prior Approval for a proposed telecommunications mast, antennas and ancillary development  
Location: CORBISHLEY FARM, NURSERY LANE, NETHER ALDERLEY, SK10 4TX  
National Grid Ref: 382366.0968 375720.34

**NAPC Comment:** None

Application No: 21/6323M  
Proposal: Erection of single dwelling  
Location: LITTLE PADDOCKS, CONGLETON ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE, SK9 7AD  
National Grid Ref: 384400.2282 377283.4473

**NAPC Comment:** *The Parish Council cannot support this application as it is on garden land in the Greenbelt with absolutely no brownfield element to justify such a development. We see no special circumstances that could benefit this development and therefore it would be contrary to Planning Policy.*

*Please note, should any neighbouring properties have any concerns, the Parish Council ask that they are taken into consideration when determining this application.*

*However, should Cheshire East Council Development Management/Planning Department be minded to approve this planning application, the Parish Council requests that a condition is imposed that all contractors and visitors to the site, during the time of construction, park within the confines of the development and not on surrounding highways or verges, to prevent the inconveniencing of neighbouring properties and the damage to highways and verges. Should any damage be caused either*

***directly or indirectly as a result of the building works, the developer or landowner should repair the damage before works are completed.***

**Application No:** 21/6401M  
**Proposal:** Proposed Raising of Existing Garage Roof (Retrospective Application)  
**Location:** Serpentine Lodge, 1, VALE CRESCENT, NETHER ALDERLEY, SK10 4LU  
**National Grid Ref:** 384687.917 374816.2361

**NAPC Comment:** *This application does not represent the reality of the building that has been erected :*

- 1. *The window to the rear is significantly larger than on the plan.***
- 2. *There are 3 Velux windows on one side and the plan shows 2.***
- 3. *The roof pitch is not as the plan and overhangs/encroaches over the land of the adjacent property. The massing of the roof now takes light from the garden next door that is unacceptable.***

***In response to the original application 19/1440M the Parish Council did not give support and raised concerns that the proposed increase to the garage would significantly increase the massing in what is a relatively modest sized plot and we considered it would be overdevelopment. This is the reality and we would urge to you to take the necessary enforcement required by refusing this latest application.***

**The applicant has been asked to submit an application that mirrors the recently built garage and he has failed to do this.**

### **13.2 To consider any other Planning matters including decisions to Planning Applications:**

- 13.2.1 Land North-West of Mereside update (21/0630M)** – This application is due to be on Cheshire East Council's Northern Planning Committee agenda for January (TBC). Cllrs. N.Howick and Y.Bentley will attend the meeting and make a representation on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 13.2.2 Locoshed, Bollington Lane, Nether Alderley (21/4858M and 21/01042E)** – Cllr. Shufflebottom contacted the Enforcement Team at CEC to inform them that although no decision had been determined by CEC, all foundations for the pergolas have been laid and associated landscape works in progress. The Parish Council was informed a case reference had been allocated (21/01042E) and designated as Priority 2.
- 13.2.3 Ruthven, Sand Lane, Nether Alderley, SK10 4TS (20/01095E)** – Cllr. Shufflebottom reported a suspected breach of planning regulations to the Enforcement Team at CEC. The Parish Council was informed a case reference had been allocated (20/01095E) and that further information from the applicant had been requested,
- 13.2.4 Locoshed, Bollington Lane, Nether Alderley (20/5638M), GMC Waste Enforcement (NIRs 1890884) and GMMC 14626** – The Parish Council had been informed that the Environmental Agency was not taking the case forward as the environment is not at current risk and does not require further action and they consider the case to be closed. The Parish Council confirmed they have done everything in their power and wanted the Clerk to minute their disappointment with the lack of intervention by both CEC and the Enforcement Agency.
- 13.2.5 1 Oval Place, Alderley Park, SK10 1YT (21/4096M)** – A resident raised their concerns regarding disturbance of a tree in the applicant's garden which had allegedly not been shown on the original plans. Although the Parish Council had no objections to this planning application, based on the documents on the portal, Councillors agreed to submit a further comment to the case officer requesting that the resident's concerns are considered.

### **14. Burial Board**

**To consider communication and issues relating to the Burial Ground:** None

**15 Parish Hall**

**15.1 To receive reports from members of the Parish Hall Joint Management Committee (JMC):** Cllr. Farrell reported the following:

- Revd. John Hale has resigned from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) pending his imminent retirement.
- Current members of the JMC include: Cllrs. Farrell, Shufflebottom, Joseph and Fiona Ablett, representing the PCC.
- The JMC intend to produce 15 month financial accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 to come into alignment with the Parish Council financial accounts.

**15.2 To consider any other matters relating to the Parish Hall:**

**15.2.1 Government guidelines (COVID-19) update** – The Parish Council continues to adhere to Government guidelines which are updated on a regular basis and endeavours to maintain a safe environment. Due to the Omicron variant, the latest Government advice is to work from home where possible. Therefore, NALC have made a recommendation to the Government that temporary Legislation should be reintroduced for Parish Councils to return to virtual meetings. The Clerk will keep the Parish Council updated regarding further developments.

**15.2.2 Parish Hall bookings:**

- The Flower Club will return as from next week after a significant break due to COVID-19.
- Enquiries regarding booking the parish hall continue to be received which is generating much needed income.

**15.2.3 Events:** Cllr. Farrell confirmed the following events are to take place in the Parish Hall (unless otherwise stated):

- **Table top sale (26<sup>th</sup> February 2022)** – Tables are limited and will be on a first come basis.

**16 Councillor’s reports and items for future agenda:** None

**17 Next Parish Council meeting:**

To confirm the next Parish Council Meeting on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 1.00 p.m. in Nether Alderley Parish Hall.**

**Minutes taken by: The Clerk**

**Signed.....**  
**Chairman of the Meeting**

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**APPENDIX A**

**Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 1.00 p.m.  
Nether Alderley Parish Hall**

**Schedule of Receipts and Payments**

**A1. Receipt of Income**

None

**A2. Invoices for payment**

1582	Mrs. B.Thorpe	<b>£1,007.70</b>	Salary and expenses, January 2022	<b>H</b>
1583	HMRC	<b>£120.03</b>	Tax/NI, January 2022	<b>H</b>

**A3. Direct Debits/Standing Orders for approval**

Cheshire Pension Fund	<b>£285.00</b>	November 2021 pension contribution Debited on or after 15th December 2021	<b>H</b>
Utility Warehouse	<b>£589.16</b>	Parish Hall Elec. for November 2021 debited on or after 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 (£490.97 plus £98.19 VAT)	<b>E,F,G</b>

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

Additional Hours, Travel and Administration/Stationery Costs:	<b>£314.25</b>	<b>H</b>
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**Signed.....**  
**Chairman of Meeting**

**Signed.....**  
**Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**



**Parish Council Powers for Expenditure and Activity**

**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)  
[Public Health Act 1936, s234]

**S**