NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020 at 5.30 p.m. The meeting was accessed remotely via ZOOM

In the Chair: Cllr. N.Howick

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

Also present: The Parish Council Clerk

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- 1. To receive apologies for absence Cllrs. Y.Bentley and S.Lewis
- 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 No amendments were made.
- To consider and approve Applications for Dispensations No applications for dispensation were submitted.
- 4. RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2020 are a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. S.Joseph Seconded: Cllr. D.Clarke

- 5. 5.35 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 Cllr. Asquith did not attend the meeting.
- 8.2 Parish Hall renovation update:
 - Planning Application: A further extension of time has been requested in order to submit the Mitigation Report following the updated bat survey which was carried out in November 2020 The Chair was pleased to inform Councillors that the planning application (20/3419M) has been approved subject to compliance with the conditions specified in the Decision Notice.

- 8.3 Neighbourhood Plan update:
 - **8.3.1** Effect of the White Paper on Neighbourhood Plans The Neighbourhood Plan Consultant confirmed the results of the consultation would not affect Nether Alderley Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan at this time.
 - **8.3.2** Confirmation the CEC grant will be given in two instalments Funding for the Neighbourhood Plan will be apportioned over two financial years. Phase 1 and 2 during 2020/21 (circa £6,300.00) and Phase 3 and 4 during 2021/22 (circa £3,000.00).
- **8.4** Alderley Park issues Councillors agreed to defer the issues specifically relating to Alderley Park, to an Extra-Ordinary Meeting to be convened on Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at 2.00 p.m.
- 8.5 Alderley Park Walks update Please see 8.4
- **8.6** Nether Alderley/Chelford parish border signage (Soss Moss) update Councillors considered a draft of the art work for the border sign and agreed using a black background, edged in gold which included a picture of the mill.
- **8.7** Persistent flooding in the lay-by at Monks Heath update The Clerk reported the flooding issue to CEC Highways Department who requested the contact details of the resident concerned so that they could communicate directly.

9. New Matters

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

9.1 Highways Issues

- 9.1.1 A537 Chelford Road, Nether Alderley: Hedge removed and new road barriers installed on private land The Clerk reported the occurrence to CEC Highways Department who requested the contact details of the land owner so that they could communicate with them directly.
- **9.1.2** Resident's request to clear leaves off the pavements between the Eagle and Child and Alderley Park traffic lights The Clerk reported the problem to CEC Highways and was assured that ANSA would clear the leaves on Friday 11th December 2020.
- **9.1.3 National Trust car park** Councillors noted the National Trust car park near the Wizard is completely occupied from 7.30 a.m. and is causing vehicles to block the road. It was agreed that Cllr. Howick should contact the National Trust and PCSO Julia Short to inform them of the problem which may require some form of intervention.
- 9.1.4 Resident's concern of the proposed cycle lane from Royal London, Wilmslow to Alderley Park
 Councillors noted the resident's concern and will remain vigilant during the construction of the
 proposed cycle lane.
- **9.1.5** Increase in illegal and anti-social parking on Artists Lane Photographic evidence of the illegal and anti-social parking on Artists Lane will be included when Cllr. Howick notifies the National Trust/PCSO Julia Short of the problem (see 9.1.3).
- **9.1.6 Formation of a Highways Working Group** As there are so many highways issues to consider and discuss, Cllr. Howick suggested forming a Highways Working Group. The following Councillors volunteered to be on the working group: Cllrs. N.Howick, Y.Bentley, D.Clarke and S.Joseph. An initial meeting will be arranged in January 2021 (date to be confirmed).
- **9.2 Newsletter** The Parish Council Newsletter was delivered to every house in Nether Alderley. The newsletter continues to be a great success containing interesting local articles and offers of help from volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. shopping, collecting prescriptions, dog walking etc.). The next newsletter is due to be published and delivered in January 2021.
- **9.3** New funding available for community safety projects Councillors agreed to defer this item to the first Highways Working Group meeting in January 2021.
- **9.4 Commemorative plaque for circular bench (Sand Lane/Congleton Road)** Cllr. Farrell agreed to prepare a draft of the wording for the commemorative plaque which will be circulated to all Councillors for their approval.
- 9.5 Police Report for November 2020 Noted

10. Policies and Procedures

- 10.1 To receive a report on the quarterly inspection of Highways assets which is due at the end of December 2020 and reported to the Parish Council at the meeting in January 2021 Cllr. Lewis had previously volunteered to carry out the next inspection for consistency.
- 10.2 ChALC Virtual Training Session: Zoom, Zoom £25.00 (8th, 10th and 17th December 2020)

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the Clerk attend ChALC's Virtual Training Session on 8th, 10th and 17th December 2020 at a cost of £25.00 per session.

Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick Seconded: Cllr. J.Shufflebottom

10.3 ChALC Virtual Training Session: Year End Accounts and Audit – £30.00 (4th March 2021)

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the Clerk attend ChALC's Virtual Training Session on 4th March 2021 at a cost of £30.00

Proposed: Cllr. S.Joseph Seconded: Cllr. J.Wilkinson

- **10.4** Parish Precept and Taxbase arrangements for 2021/22 Cheshire East Council is due to fix its Taxbase for the financial year 2021/22 by Resolution of the Council on the 16th December 2020. The Taxbase for Nether Alderley Parish Council is likely to be 588.64 compared to a current amount of 592.83.
- **10.5** Review of the electricity supplier

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve to remain with the existing supplier (Utility Warehouse) for a further 12 months or until the heating system is replaced as part of the Parish Hall renovation when it will be reviewed (whichever is the sooner).

Proposed: Clir. A.Farrell Seconded: Clir. J.Shufflebottom

10.6 Increase in cost for photocopying

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the increase in cost from £4.00 to £6.50 per month with immediate effect.

Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick Seconded: Cllr. S.Joseph

- 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. N.Howick Seconded: Cllr. J.Shufflebottom

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. J.Shufflebottom

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. J.Shufflebottom

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 CEC Invitation to Cheshire Anti-Bullying Commission virtual launch event** Cllr. Shufflebottom reported she had technical difficulties in joining the virtual meeting as it was over-subscribed. However, CEC confirmed they propose to hold another virtual event as it was so popular.
- **12.2 CEC Launch consultations on transport and parking** Noted
- 12.3 CEC Launch of Pre-budget consultation for 2021-2025 Noted
- 12.4 Cheshire Constabulary Stakeholder update (8th December 2020) Noted

13. Planning

13.1 To consider and approve responses to new planning applications:

Application No: 20/5104M

Proposal: Proposed drainage and desilting of the moat, repair/restoration works of the moat

walls and removal of self-seeded trees

Location: The Old Hall, CONGLETON ROAD, NETHER ALDERLEY, SK10 4TW

National Grid Ref: 384480.0401 376269.8654

NAPC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections.

Application No: 20/5105M

Proposal: Listed building consent for proposed drainage and desilting of the moat,

repair/restoration works of the moat walls and removal of self-seeded trees

Location: The Old Hall, CONGLETON ROAD, NETHER ALDERLEY, SK10 4TW

National Grid Ref: 384480.0401 376269.8654

NAPC Comment: The Parish Council defers to the Listed Buildings Officer's judgement on this occasion.

Application No: 20/5159M

Proposal: Certificate of lawful proposed development of proposed single storey side extension

to the existing dwelling

Location: NORTH BARN, WHITEBARN ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE, SK9 7AN

National Grid Ref:

NAPC Comment: Nether Alderley Parish Council have no objections to the above planning application. However, Councillors noted the Parish Council was not officially listed as consultees and the immediate neighbours to this property were not notified and given an opportunity to comment. Therefore, the Parish Council can only assume on this occasion a mistake has been made?

Application No: 20/5359M

Proposal: Variation of condition 5 (hours of operation) on application 19/5529M - Full planning

application for the extension and change of use of blocks 113 and 114 (Tenants Hall) from conference centre (Use Class D1/Sui Generis) to a restaurant/gastropub (Use Class A3/A4) including car parking, landscaping, boundary treatments and other

associated works

Location: TENANTS HALL, CONGLETON ROAD, ALDERLEY PARK, NETHER ALDERLEY,

CHESHIRE, SK10 4TF

National Grid Ref: 384563.5984 374971.8557

NAPC Comment: On behalf of all residents in Nether Alderley, it is pleasing that this new business venture has finally opened and given Nether Alderley a pub once again, for all to enjoy and create a community spirit.

That said, we would ask that you take local residents' comments (already on the portal) into consideration when determining this application. Maybe a compromise at this early stage, with a view to re-addressing at a later date when the business has become more established.

Monday to Thursday 7am to 11pm

Friday and Saturday 7am to 12 midnight

Sunday 8am to 11pm

We hope that this compromise will be acceptable and offer something to all interested parties.

- 13.2 To consider any other Planning matters including decisions to Planning Applications:
- **13.2.1** Loco-shed, Bollington Lane (20/2000M) update The Parish Council had made a formal complaint to Cheshire East Council. The complaint has been acknowledged and awaiting a response.
- **13.2.2 Planning Applications: Clarification on the formal process of consultation** The Planning Officer had referred the Parish Council to CEC Spatial Planning document. Councillors considered the document to be conflicting in parts and it was agreed the Chair of the Planning Committee would make further enquiries to establish a clear process of consultation.
- 13.2.3 Alderley Park Pub Parking update (20/4620D Discharge of conditions 12, 20 & 21 on application 19/5529M) Councillors agreed to defer this issue to the Extra-Ordinary Meeting to be convened on Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at 2.00 p.m.

14. Burial Board

To consider communication and issues relating to the Burial Ground:

- 14.1 Consideration to clean and repaint the original inscription on an existing memorial (NBG 210)

 Part 2 Minutes (Appendix B 14.12.20)
- 15 Parish Hall
- 15.1 To receive reports from members of the Parish Hall Joint Management Committee (JMC):
- 15.1.1 Latest COVID-19 information from ACRE Noted
- 15.1.2 Recommended Winter checklist Noted
- **15.1.3** Water ingress detected in the Parish Hall which required urgent repairs The gutter/hopper of the Parish Hall was blocked with leaves and debris which had caused water damage to an internal wall. A local tradesman who had previously repaired the roof in a similar situation, was contacted as the repair was considered urgent by the Chairman and the Clerk. The gutter/hopper was cleared and it was suggested the gutters should be cleared during Spring and Autumn to avoid this happening again.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council retrospectively approved for the gutter/hopper to be cleared of leaves and debris at a cost of £25.00 and agreed the gutters should be cleared twice per year as suggested.

Proposed: Clir. A.Farrell Seconded: Clir. J.Shufflebottom

- **15.1.4** Insurance company officially notified that the Parish Hall remains closed The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Came & Co. had been informed of the extended closure. However, further clarification is required to establish if the hall is considered open following the decision to let St. Mary's Church use the toilet facilities when the church is open.
- **15.1.5** Consideration to re-open the Parish Hall Councillors agreed it was inappropriate to open the Parish Hall for private hire at this time but will continue to monitor the situation.
- 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 consistently updated.
- 16 Councillor's reports and items for future agenda: None

17 Next Parish Council meeting:

To confirm the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th January 2021 (via ZOOM)

Minutes taken by: The Clerk

Signed...... Date: 11th January 2021

Chairman of the Meeting

APPENDIX A

Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting Monday 14th December 2020 at 5.30 p.m.

(This meeting will be accessed remotely via ZOOM – Please contact the Clerk to obtain details)

Schedule of Receipts and Payments

A1. <u>Re</u>	eceipt of Income				
23.11.20 BA		BACS	£60.00 BB: Additional inscription to an existing memorial (NBG	217)	
A2. Invoices for payment					
1511	Mrs. B.Thorpe		£976.18 Salary and expenses, December 2020	Н	
1512	HMRC		£119.54 Tax/NI, December 2020	H	
1513	Cheshire Assoc.	of Local Councils	£30.00 ChALC Training Course: 19.11.20	Н	
1514	Cheshire Assoc.	of Local Councils	£25.00 ChALC Training Course: 03.11.20	Н	
1515	Shires Pay Serv	ices Ltd.	£46.80 (£39.00 plus £7.80 VAT) Payroll (Quarter 3)	Н	
1516	Leigh Ecology L	td.	£318.00 (£265.00 plus £53.00 VAT) Bat Survey (update)	K	
1517	London Hearts		£1,441.00 Defibrillator (Monks Heath)	S	
1518	Mr. G.Beeby		£850.00 Replace oak circular bench at Sand Lane/Congleton Rd	K	
1519	Mr. G.Beeby		£25.00 Emergency repair to Parish Hall	K	
A3. <u>Di</u>	rect Debits/Stan	ding Orders for app	<u>proval</u>		
Cheshire Pension Fund £200.00			November 2020 pension contribution Debited on or after 15th November 2020	Н	
A4. Approval to forward to Payroll provider for inclusion in Payroll Report for Clerk's expenses/salary: Additional Hours, Travel and Administration/Stationery Costs: £274.50 H					
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Nether Alderley Parish Council, Meeting Monday 14th December 2020 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]				
Burial Grounds, Cemeteries and Crematoria Power to acquire, provide and maintain [Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10]				
Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s.1				
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))				
Bus Shelters Power to provide and maintain shelters Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s.4 Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1				
Crime prevention Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s31, Crime and Disorder Act 2000				
Community Centres Power to provide and equip community buildings [Local Government Act 1972, s.133]				
Power to provide buildings for clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19				
Power to provide a range of recreational facilities [Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1975 s19]				
General Administration/Running Costs Subsidiary powers of local authorities – to facilitate, or conducive or incidental to, the discharge of functions LGA 1972 s111				
 LGA 1972 s 142 " arrange for the delivery of lectures and addresses and the holding of discussions on such matter provision of information etc relating to matters affecting local government s133 'Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies or contribute towards the expenses of provisuch buildings' LGA 1972 S111 				
Litter bins Provision of litter bins [Litter Act 1983, ss 5, 6]	L			
Neighbourhood Plans [Localism Act 2011 Sch 9]				
Research and collection of information Power to carry out research [LGA 1972 S 141]	M			
Parish Plans [LGA 1972 S 141]				
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				
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]				