

## NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

In the Chair: Mr. Clarke

Also present: Mrs. Shorland, Mrs. Shufflebottom, Cheshire East Councillor George Walton\* and Mrs. Langham, the Clerk

#### 1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. Colgan, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Walker.

#### 2. **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No declarations were made

#### 3. **Declarations of Interests Conflicting with the Nolan Principles.**

No declarations were made.

#### 4. **Applications for Dispensations**

None made.

#### 5. **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and payments made at this meeting was confirmed as a true and accurate record and approved **by resolution of the Parish Council.**

The Parish Council noted Councillor Walton's comment that Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 included reference to the installation of a sign for the residential turning on Bollington Lane that is in process but may take a while longer to be installed.

#### 6. **Matters Arising**

##### **6.1 Parish Plan updates**

The Parish Council has still not received results of the recent speed survey. The Clerk explained the history relating to placement of the order for the survey, installation and removal of equipment, requests made of the company for the results and communication with the company both by the Clerk and the Chairman of the Parish Plan Road Safety and Security Group.

***The Parish Council resolved that a letter should be sent to the company giving a deadline for receipt of results, should the results not be received further to enquiries being made by the Chairman of the Parish Plan Road Safety and Security Group, and cancelling the survey with this company should the deadline not be met.***

The option of investigating alternative companies was discussed.

## **6.2 Cheshire East Council sale of Land off Sand Lane and Welsh Row and purchase of land off Congleton Road**

- No further information has been received regarding the sale of land off Congleton Road
- Councillor Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Council, has sent a letter of response regarding the Parish Council's request that Cheshire East Council considers retaining land off Sand Lane/Welsh Row, to protect it from possibility of future development. The assurance is given in the correspondence from Mr. Jones, that the land will be sold only as agricultural land and that he will consider the points raised by the Parish Council in relation to retention of the land.

## **6.3 Meeting with Manchester Science Parks**

A meeting was held with representatives of Manchester Science Parks at Alderley Park. A number of Parish Councillors attended. No new information was received but the meeting gave Councillors the opportunity to be introduced to key members of the Manchester Science Park's organisation. The Masterplan for the future development at Alderley Park is still being produced. Councillors understood that Manchester Science Parks will arrange a meeting for members of the public, once the Masterplan has been produced and, as such, will wait for MSP to organise, rather than the Parish Council.

Mrs. Shufflebottom and Mrs. Shorland are due to attend a meeting at Cheshire East Council tomorrow to keep the Parish Council in touch with Cheshire East Council regarding the future of Alderley Park.

***The Parish Council approved that the Councillor Representatives should re-emphasise the Parish Council's stance of keeping within previously developed land for any further development on the Alderley Park site. Also to re-emphasize that local community s106 provision is obtained, should development occur.***

## **6.4 Bollington Lane Planning application 14/4719M.**

The Clerk reported a conversation with the delegated Planning Officer who had explained that s106 provision is not being considered for this application, as policy dictates that the statutory requirement for s106 is a minimum of 6 units. The Parish Council discussed the potential for development of more than six units at the location where, should applications be submitted by a number of different developers, it would not be possible to access s106 provision.

The Parish Council is still awaiting the planning decision for the application.

The Parish Council agreed to confirm, at the meeting in January, the Parish Council's s106 priorities.

The suggestion of the setting up of a project group to begin the planning of Parish Hall renovations was considered, in order that a plan and potential costing would be available, should details of proposals be required in order to access the opportunity of any local s106 provision .

A letter has been received from Councillor Jones, further to the Parish Council's communication regarding this application, which expresses his support for local developments being appropriate to the local character of Nether Alderley and taking account of local residents' views. He explains that s106 provisions are not always possible for smaller developments, that Planning Officers must apply appropriate policies in assessing applications and that the Principal Planning Officer would be happy to discuss s106 matters should further information be needed.

### **6.5 Bypass Planting.**

The Parish Council has received a reply from Mr. Gomulski that confirms that he is in the process of putting together a list of replanting that needs to be undertaken this winter. He explains that the landscaping contract will end in March 2016. Also that, due to warm and extended autumns, it has not been possible to commence planting until later than usual in the season.

Mr. Gomulski will inspect footpath 24 for the state of planting along the route and determine whether further planting is required.

### **6.6 Local Plan Hearing Sessions**

A letter has been received from Councillor David Brown, Deputy Leader Cheshire East Council. It details the current status of the Local Plan process, in light of interim comments made by the Inspector of the Public Hearing.

\*Councillor Walton left the meeting

## **7. Correspondence.**

### **7.1 Cheshire East Council Sign Cleaning Programme.**

The Parish Council has received communication from the Local Area Highways Officer about a Cheshire East Council Highways county wide road sign cleaning programme. The correspondence details the scheme and explains that requests have been received from local volunteer groups, offering support for sign cleaning in areas around Cheshire East. The Highways Department would welcome the opportunity to work with local Groups within the framework of the scheme and asks that the names of any local Groups interested in being involved are passed on to the Highways Department.

***The Parish Council approved the Clerk's contact with the Nether Alderley Parish Plan 'Maintenance and Pride in Nether Alderley' Group, to pass on information about the Cheshire East sign cleaning programme.***

### **7.2 BT Telephone kiosk consultation.**

The Parish Council has been informed of a consultation that BT is undertaking regarding the potential removal of a number of red telephone kiosks nationwide, including named kiosks in the Cheshire East area. One kiosk, proposed for removal, is sited in Nether Alderley on the junction of Bradford Lane and Congleton Road. The kiosk is listed as having had zero usage over the last 12 month period. The details of the proposals, as received via Cheshire East Council, were reported by the Clerk to Councillors. Cheshire East Council received notification of the consultation in September but it has recently become apparent that Parishes were not aware of the proposals and the information has consequently recently been forwarded on to Parishes. The deadline for responses to the consultation is 29<sup>th</sup> December 2014, after which time kiosks will be removed if any objections made have not been sustained. Parish Councils are given the options of agreeing with proposals to remove kiosks, objecting to the proposals or 'adopting' kiosks so that they may be retained for their heritage value, for a sum of £1 per kiosk, whereby the telephony system would be removed and ownership transferred to the Parish Council who would be responsible for future maintenance and upkeep. Correspondence from BT details the possibility of Parishes converting kiosks for a number of different uses.

The Parish Council considered the information sent by BT, details of a previous consultation in 2009 and communication from BT and the Parish Council's insurance company at the time of the previous consultation.

**The Parish Council resolved that information about the consultation should be distributed within the community in the most accessible ways possible, given the short time frame of the consultation, giving local residents the opportunity to voice their support or opposition for Parish Council 'adoption' of the kiosk, taking account of the associated responsibilities and costs that 'adoption' would incur and support/opposition to the perceived heritage value of the kiosk. The Parish Council resolved that that details of the consultation should be posted on the Parish Council's notice boards, website and forwarded to the Parish Plan Group for mailing out to all residents on their mailing list. The Parish Council resolved that a response deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 should be given.**

**The Parish Council resolved that the Parish Council would consider 'adopting' the kiosk should there be at least a 70% positive response to the scheme.**

### **7.3 Rural Lanes Sub-Group invitation.**

The Parish Council has received an invitation to the Road Safety on Rural Lanes sub-group of the Cheshire East Local Access Forum, which will be meeting in the New Year.

**The Parish Council resolved to accept the invitation and discuss who will represent at the meeting in January.**

## **8. Finance**

### **8.1 Receipts**

497 Contribution to Burial Ground Wall repair	£357.50
BACS HMRC VAT repayment	£607.67

### **8.2 Payments**

#### **Direct Debit**

Utility Warehouse	Parish Hall electricity	£49.07	(£46.45 plus £2.62 VAT)
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**Payments were proposed by Mrs. Shufflebottom, seconded by Mr. Clarke and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.**

### **8.3 Clerk's Salary – National Salary awards.**

**The Parish Council considered and approved a pay increase to £11.545 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and a one-off non-consolidated payment of £100 in December 2014, for the Clerk, in line with the National Salary Awards agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.**

**Proposed by Mrs. Shufflebottom, seconded by Mr. Clarke and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.**

### **8.4 Parish Council Budget and Precept 2015/16.**

**The Parish Council considered and discussed a draft budget and approved figures, with amendments to levels of predicted Parish Hall expenditure and recommended that a final budget should be presented to the January Parish Council meeting, that also takes account of the Parish Hall Joint Management Committee budget for 2015.**

## 9. Planning

### New Planning Applications.

#### 9.1

##### Application 14/5189M

Certificate of Lawful Proposed Development to include the construction of a two storey rear extension; a single storey side extension and a single storey rear extension. The construction of a single storey outbuilding  
BENTLEY HOUSE, CONGLETON ROAD, NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE, SK10 4TW

*The Parish Council resolved that it required further information about the nature of Certificates of lawful development before responding to this application*

#### 9.2 Application 14/5116M

Single Storey rear conservatory, front porch and rear dormers  
Mere Farm, Bollington Lane, Nether Alderley, Cheshire, SK10 4TB.

*Parish Council's approved response: No objection*

#### 9.3 Application 14/5415M

Single storey side extension to existing dwelling  
Meadowside, Welsh Row, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4TY

*Parish Council's approved response: No objection*

*Responses to Planning applications were proposed by Mrs. Shufflebottom, seconded by Mrs. Shorland and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.*

## 10. Policies and Procedures

### 10.1 Review of Nether Alderley Parish Council Standing Orders.

*The Parish Council considered the current Standing Orders with minor amendments relating to presentation, and resolved to approve that they continue to be adopted, incorporating the minor amendments, and used by Nether Alderley Parish Council.*

### 10.2 Nether Alderley Parish Council Code of Conduct.

The Parish Council confirmed that the current Nether Alderley Parish Council Code of Conduct had been distributed to and received by Parish Councillors, prior to the meeting. The Parish Council confirmed that a copy of the up to date version of 'Good Councillor's Guide', incorporating guidelines to running Parish Councils, Councillor duties and responsibilities and powers of Parish Councils for spending, had been distributed to and received by Parish Councillors, prior to the meeting.

*The Parish Council resolved that an opportunity had been given to Councillors to update and familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct and the Parish Council's roles and responsibilities.*

**10.3 Nether Alderley Parish Council Assets Register.**

The Clerk presented an updated copy of the Asset Register, with additions since last review.

***The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve the asset register as an accurate record of the assets owned by the Parish Council and their recorded values.***

***Policy reviews were proposed by Mrs. Shufflebottom, seconded by Mr. Clarke and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.***

**11. Burial Board**

**11.1 Tree inspection**

Mr. Lewis is continuing to pursue.

**11.2 Permission relating to existing memorial.**

***The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve the request for repairs to and cleaning of the memorial to Grave 274.***

Minutes taken by: the Clerk.

Minutes confirmed and approved at the Nether Alderley Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Signed..... Date.....

**Parish Council Powers:**

**Burial Grounds, Cemeteries and Crematoria**

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

Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials B  
Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s.1

Power to provide and Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries C  
Local Government Act 1972, s.214

**Bus Shelters**

Power to provide and maintain shelters D  
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s.4  
Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1

**Community Centres**

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

Power to provide buildings for clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives F  
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

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

**General Administration/Running Costs**

LGA 1972 s111 H

**Audit**

Audit Regulations 1996 I

**Parish Plans S141 LGA 1972 J**

**Benches**

Power to provide roadside seats and shelters Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1 K

**Litter bins**

Provision of litter bins L

Litter Act 1983, ss 5, 6

**Power to carry out research**

LGA 1972 S 141 M

**Section 137**

Local Government Act 1972. Power to do something that will benefit the community where there is no other specific power covering the action; it cannot be used retrospectively. Can spend up to £6.44 per elector in 2011 and 2012. Expenditure must be commensurate with the benefit N