

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

In the Chair: Mr. Clarke

Also present: Mr. Colgan, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Shufflebottom and Mrs. Langham (the Clerk)

Attendance by a member of the Parish Plan Speed and Safety Group at the beginning of the meeting. Progress of the group and issues being addressed were explained and discussed, including consideration of speed survey and the speedwatch scheme. ***The Parish Council resolved to approve financial support of £175 for the group in relation to speed surveys.***

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. Lewis, Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. Walker and Cheshire East Councillor George Walton.

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 Tuesday 10th June 2014 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and approved ***by resolution of the Parish Council.***

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Parish Plan updates

The Clerk explained that the Chairman of the Steering Group was not available to attend the July or September meetings. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should extend an invitation to the October meeting.

6.2 Cheshire East Council Local Plan, Hearing sessions

The Clerk has received confirmation from Cheshire East Council that the Parish Council has been allocated an attendance date of 28th October in relation to the Local Plan Inspector's Hearing. The Hearing sessions commence on 16th September. Mr. Clarke confirmed that he intends to represent the Parish Council. Information about the Hearings has also been received from NARPA. Mr. Clarke is due to attend a pre-hearing meeting this week.

6.3 Matters arising from Burial Ground inspection

A new bench is now in place in the Burial Ground. ***The Parish Council approved the addition of three Burial Ground benches to the Parish Council's insurance.***

6.4 Alderley Cross

The Clerk explained communication with English Heritage and the Historic Environment Record Office, regarding their views on restoration of The Cross. The Clerk is awaiting contact from another officer at English Heritage. Mr. Colgan explained communication that he had had with the National Trust and suggested that, if restoration was not a viable possibility, a plaque could be considered, that detailed information about the Cross.

6.5 Confirmation – WW1 commemoration service

Three representatives of Nether Alderley Parish Council will attend the event at St Mary's Church.

6.6 Confirmation of meeting with Alderley Park

Meetings with representatives of Alderley Park in July and September were confirmed.

6.7 Parking at Parish Hall

Communication has been received from St. Mary's Sites and Building Committee asking for the Parish Council's views on instating disability accessible parking spaces at the Parish Hall car park. Parish Councillors viewed the area and approved support for two spaces with appropriate notices fixed to posts.

6.8 Nether Alderley family history weekend

A rota for representing at this event was discussed.

6.9 Nether Alderley Mill scale model

The National Trust has confirmed that they are unable to house the model at the Mill. The Parish Council approved that the Clerk offers housing in the Mausoleum with a view to a more permanent storage/display in the future and to express the interest in the model being displayed at the Open weekend in September.

6.10 s106 Provision.

A letter has been received from Cllr Michael Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Council, regarding s106 provision.

7. Finance

7.1 Receipts

None

7.2 Payments

1105 Clerk's salary and expenses, July 2014 £668.03: Salary £508.84 and travel expenses £159.19 (4 months, approved at Parish Council meeting June 2014) **H**

1104 Cheshire West and Chester Cheshire Pension Fund Pension contribution
July 2014 £127.08 **H**

1106 Classic Garden Furniture Co £585.00 (£487.50 plus £97.50 VAT) Burial Ground
bench **A,C**

1107 Henshaws Waste Collection £39.28 (£39.28 plus £6.54 VAT) **A,C,E,F,G**

7.3 Direct Debits.

Utility Warehouse £60.73 (£57.55 plus £3.18 VAT) Electricity May 2014
To be debited on or after 30th June 2014. **E,F,G**

Payments were proposed by Mr. Colgan, seconded by Mr. Clarke and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.

8.4 Bank Reconciliation to 30th June 2014.

The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve the bank reconciliation to 30th June 2014, together with Bank printout statements at 30th June 2014.

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

8.5 Comparison of Receipts/Expenditure with Budget Headings to 30th June 2014.

The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve the analysis of receipts and expenditure in comparison with budget headings to 30th June 2014.

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

8.6 Clerk's expenses submitted 13th May 2014.

The Parish Council approved for the Clerk not to submit a reclaim for VAT on a black printer cartridge due to the incorrect listing of the VAT amount on the invoice.

8. Planning

8.1 Application 14/0992M

Change of the ground floor of a barn and associated land from agricultural to dog day care use. Retrospective.

Dumvilles Farm, Chelford Road

The Clerk gave details of correspondence received from the appointed planning officer, in reply to the Parish Council's points raised about hours of operation and number of dogs housed.

8.2 Mere Farm Quarry.

Mrs. Shufflebottom gave a report on a recent Quarry Liaison meeting, held in response to requests from Nether Alderley and Chelford Parish Councils and local residents, to clarify the details of and purpose behind planning applications 14/1788W and 19/1944W.

The Parish Council resolved to write to the Planning Officer assigned to these applications with the following comments:

The Parish Council strongly believes that condition 42 should remain within the current planning applications, rather than being removed and dealt with at a later date.

The Parish Council requests that the issues relating to Condition 42 are addressed at this stage.

The Parish Council objects to the applications being re submitted, taking account only of the time extension to Quarry workings and not also dealing with the restoration plans as required by Condition 42 and other Conditions of previously submitted planning applications relating to Quarry workings.

Planning responses were proposed by Mrs. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Colgan and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.

9. Policies and Procedures

9.1 Review of Document Retention Policy.

The Parish Council considered and resolved to maintain the current Nether Alderley Parish Council Document Retention Policy.

Proposed by Mrs. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Colgan and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.

9.2 Review of Banking Mandate and Banking terms.

The Parish Council reviewed and considered the Parish Council's bank mandate and banking terms and resolved to approve to continue with the Parish Council's current banking arrangements.

The Parish Council resolved to approve that the Clerk submit an application to remove out of date signatories but not to initiate a new mandate until the election next year.

Proposed by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Colgan and approved by resolution of the Parish Council

10. Correspondence

10.1 Route Management study A34 and Bollington Lane

The Parish Council considered and discussed details of a current study of speed along the route of the A34 from Congleton to Nether Alderley roundabout.

The Parish Council resolved to approve support for a reduction to 50 mph along the route with a request for a reduction to, at most, 40 mph along Bollington Lane.

10.2 'Resident First' communication

The Clerk detailed communication received from Cllr. Michael Jones at Cheshire East Council regarding Resident First Plans and Neighbourhood planning.

10.3 Annual Garden Waste shut down

The Parish Council considered and discussed the consultation and resolved to approve the following response:

The Parish Council received several complaints, last year, regarding the timing of the garden waste collection shut down.

The Parish Council believes that the cessation of collections took place too early last year and that collections should not cease until after leaves have fallen, in mid December.

The Parish Council requests that collection shut down should be for a shorter period of time, from mid December to mid February.

10.4 Communication Local Resident – noise.

The Clerk confirmed communication received from a local resident and action taken.

10.5 Police Report.

The Clerk gave details of a police update received from PCSO Lindsey Whitehead.

10.6 Speed Watch Equipment.

The Clerk had circulated information about the sale of second hand speed watch equipment by Adlington Parish Council, prior to the meeting.

11. Burial Board

The Parish Council resolved to approve that Mrs. Shufflebottom takes responsibility for Burial Board books and administration while the Clerk is on annual leave.

12. Parish Hall Joint Management Committee

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had sent a letter to the Treasurer of St. Mary's PCC to explain the levels of income and expenditure to date this financial year.

Mrs. Reynolds explained the repair of the main hall lintel over the fire doors.

Painting of the Main room at the Hall is being considered.

Mrs. Cockburn is retiring from the role of Clerk to the JMC and a new Clerk is being sought.

Minutes taken by: the Clerk.

Minutes confirmed and approved at the Nether Alderley Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th September 2014.

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

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