

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

In the Chair: Mr. Clarke

Also present: Mr. Colgan, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Shufflebottom, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Langham (the Clerk),
Member of the public: Mrs. Shorland

The Parish Council met with the Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee and 3 other members of the Parish Plan Planning, Infrastructure, Recreation & Communications Group at 7 pm, prior to the Parish Council meeting. The Group presented a proposed plan for improving the centre of Nether Alderley based upon local views expressed in the Parish Plan survey. The Parish Council resolved that it would be in full support of the Group's aims and would be willing to 'champion' the proposals with Cheshire East Council and other interested parties.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs. McKeown.

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. Matters Arising

5.1 Parish Plan

The Parish Council revisited discussion relating to the earlier presentation by members of the Parish Plan Planning, Infrastructure, Recreation & Communications Group.

The Parish Council concurred that to take such a significant project forward, there would need to be involvement by a range of interested parties including local residents, the Parish Council, the National Trust, Cheshire East and the Parish Plan Groups; that the project would require a group of individuals with a mix of skills and interests and with the time available to manage the scale of work involved. The Parish Council concurred that it could not be in a position to 'own' the project due to its involvement and commitment to all other areas of Parish Council business but should be involved to contribute to the aspects that it is best placed to deal with.

The Parish Council resolved to contribute an amount for the purchase of bulbs for planting locally, the amount to be decided once a final quotation is obtained and a request has been received in writing.

The Parish Council concurred that the Maintenance and Pride of Nether Alderley Group would need to contact Cheshire East Council for permission to plant bulbs.

5.2 Meeting with Manchester Science Parks

The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to confirm and clarify plans for the meeting next week.

6. Burial Ground.

6.1 Replacement Memorial.

The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve matters relating to a replacement memorial for Graves 155 and 156 as detailed in a letter composed by the Clerk to send.

6.2 Boundary Wall

Mr. Clarke detailed a conversation that he had with the owners of the land and tree that fell on the Burial Ground boundary wall.

The Parish Council considered two quotations from Memorial Masons for repair of the wall.

The Parish Council resolved to approve:

- that a third quotation is not sought
- that repair of the wall at a quoted cost of £700 by Mr. Heathcote be pursued, further to a reference being obtained and a meeting held with him to confirm plans for repair.
- That the Parish Council will not pursue a claim through the insurance company
- That the landowner will be asked to make a contribution to the cost of the repair
- That Mr. Clarke will discuss access through the field for burial ground purposes and public liability insurance with the landowner

6.3 Signing of deed to new Grave

The Parish Council resolved to approve the purchase and signing of a new Grave, Grave 256

6.4 Grave Alignment

The Clerk explained discussion with the regular grave digger relating to the alignment of graves and the site of the concrete rafts for memorial fixing. The Clerk explained that three concrete rafts were instated on the left hand side of the new burial ground. Further rafts will be required once next two rows are used.

6.5 Burial Inspection Actions Completed.

Most of the benches have now been re-treated, concrete stones have been placed under the new bench and a request has been made to St. Marys for cutting back of the branches overhanging the steps. Rabbit holes have been addressed.

7. Finance

7.1 Receipts

£600	JW Brocklehurst and Sons	Purchase Grave 256
£7350	Cheshire East Council	Half precept

7.2 Payments

1114 Henshaws Waste Collection August 2014 £39.28 (£39.28 plus £6.54 VAT)
A,C,E,F,G

7.3 Direct Debits.

Utility Warehouse £34.15 (£32.24 plus £1.19 VAT) Electricity July 2014
To be debited on or after 29th August 2014. E,F,G

7.4 Expenses to approve for sending to CVS Cheshire East Payroll.

£96.97 stationery and stamps

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

7.5 Permission to access NatWest Documents.

The Parish Council resolved to permit the Clerk access to the Parish Council documents stored at NatWest bank if access or information is ever required for Parish Council use. A letter was signed to this effect.

7.6 Removal of Signatories from Bank Mandate

The Parish Council resolved to approve that, for the Parish Council accounts, details are changed in accordance with section 5 of the bank mandate form where the names of Mr. Dick and Mrs. Worthington are removed.

8. Planning

8.1 Application 14/3733M

Construction of replacement dwelling,
Bewdley, Congleton Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, SK9 7AL

Approved Response: No objection

8.2 Application 14/3711M

Proposed replacement dwelling – further to Planning approved scheme ref
06/2443P
The Spinney, Bradford Lane, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10
4TR.

Approved Response: No objection

Planning responses were proposed by Mrs. Shufflebottom, seconded by Mrs. Walker and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.

9. Matters Arising Continued.

9.1 Sale of Land, Congleton Road.

Communication has been received from local residents regarding the sale of land on Congleton Road. The Clerk has contacted Cheshire East Council for more information but has not yet received confirmation or more details of the sale.

9.2 Speed Study.

The Clerk circulated details of the company suggested by the Parish Plan Road Safety and Security Group to conduct a speed assessment on Congleton Road including information relating to the survey. The company confirms that it will notify the local authority and receive the required permissions to carry out the work.

The Clerk has contacted Cheshire Association of Local Councils for confirmation that it can commission a speed survey and has received verbal assent together with the information that other Council's have conducted similar surveys.

The Parish Council resolved to approve:

- Payment of the quoted cost of £175 using expenditure provision s137
- The commissioning of a speed survey on Congleton Road in the vicinity of the Primary school for a period of 7 days and nights during September 2014
- The commissioning of Transport Data Collection to undertake the work
- That it would instigate a written request for the survey, receive the results and pay for the survey.
- That it would share the result of the survey with the Parish Plan speed and Safety Group, once received
- That the Clerk makes enquiries of the Parish Plan Group regarding the recommendation of the company
- That the Parish Council requests, of the company, a copy of the notification of Cheshire East Council and the permission obtained.

9.3 Local Plan Hearing Sessions.

The Clerk explained recent communication from Cheshire East Council that gives an opportunity for consultees to submit further information relating to the Inspectors' comments in the Matters and issues document. The Parish Council must submit anything relating to the document by 19th September 2014. All previous submissions will continue to be considered and further submissions are not required.

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