NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 6.00 p.m. The meeting was accessed remotely via ZOOM

In the Chair: Cllr. N.Howick

Parish Councillors present: Cllrs. Y.Bentley, D.Clarke, Cllr. A.Farrell, S.Joseph, S.Lewis

J.Shufflebottom and J.Wilkinson

Also present: Cheshire East Councillor Marc Asquith (Chelford Ward), Cllr. Craig

Browne (Deputy Leader of CEC) and the Parish Council Clerk

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- 1. To receive apologies for absence None
- 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

Cllr. Farrell declared an interest re: Planning Application 21/0836M

- Cllr. Bentley declared an interest re: Planning Application 21/0837M
- 2.3 To allow Councillors to consider amendments required to their Declaration of Pecuniary interest forms No amendments were made.
- 3. To consider and approve Applications for Dispensations None
- 4. RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting held on 8th February 2021 are a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. SJoseph Seconded: Cllr. J.Wilkinson

- **5. 6.05 p.m. Public presentation** A member of the public attended the virtual meeting and left the meeting at approximately 7.00 p.m.
- 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** Yarwoods Planning Application update Cllr. Asquith confirmed this planning application has been referred to the Strategic Planning Board at Cheshire East Council (CEC).
 - **8.1.2** Pinch Points on Welsh Row/Sand Lane update Councillors noted CEC has done little to promote the 'Quiet Lanes' initiative in the past as there is no funding available. However, there is a new initiative '20s Plenty' which the CEC recently voted for. Cllr. Asguith confirmed the

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- following roads will be nominated: Artists Lane, Welsh Row, Sand Lane, Soss Moss and Nursery Lane and will keep the Parish Council updated.
- **8.1.3** Loco Shed update Cllr. Asquith reported he had asked for both planning applications (20/2000M and 20/5638M) to be 'called in' but was refused on the following basis:
 - i) 20/2000M had been decided approved with conditions
 - ii) 20/5638M had insufficient planning issues
 - Councillors were disappointed with the lack of enforcement from CEC and as planning application 20/5638M does not address the illegal dumping of waste, the Parish Council have referred the issue to the Environmental Agency.
- **8.1.4** Alderley Park Liaison Committee Cllr. Asquith was asked to contact Nick Hynes (Alderley Park Ltd.) and Cllr. Paul Findlow (Ward Councillor for Presbury) to reinstate the meetings as soon as possible.
- **8.1.5 Parish Boundaries** Councillors were informed that Cllr. Asquith is part of a local working group investigating whether existing parish boundaries are balanced which will result in a consultation and recommendation document. However, Councillors were also made aware that constituency boundaries may change in the future.
- **8.1.6 Ward Councillor** Cllr. Asquith informed the Parish Council he will be stepping down as Ward Councillor at the next election.
- **8.2** Parish Hall renovation update Cllr. Howick reported:
 - **8.2.1** Cllr. Howick and Cllr. Farrell had recently met with members of the PCC to discuss storage.
 - **8.2.2** A meeting with the Quantity Surveyor has been requested (date to be confirmed).
 - 8.2.3 Cllr. Howick will contact Mark Pearce (KPS) for an update regarding the Faculty Application.
- **8.3** Neighbourhood Plan update Cllr. Howick had emailed the Neighbourhood Plan Group for feedback on the Visioning and Policy Mapping Report produced in 2019 but has not received any replies to date and will contact them again.
 - 8.3.1 Consideration to approve URBME/37 (Visioning and Mapping Workshop/Report)

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve invoice URBME/37 (Visioning and Mapping Workshop/Report) for payment (£2,500).

Proposed: Cllr. J.Wilkinson Seconded: Cllr. J.Shufflebottom

8.4 Highways Issues

- **8.4.1** The Highways Working Group met on Tuesday 16th February 2021 (via Zoom) to consider and discuss the following issues:
 - Recent appointment of a new highways officer (Libby Bowers) at CEC
 - Flooding on Welsh Row (remedial, long-term and annual maintenance)
 - Dangerous Driving, including the introduction of pinch points on Welsh Row/Sand Lane and 'Quiet Lanes'
 - Inconsiderate/dangerous parking on Artists Lane
 - National Trust Car Park by the Wizard Pub:
 - the dangers of queuing on Macclesfield Road
 - the lack of litter bins
 - The verge collapse on Bollington Lane
 - Remedial work required to both directional poles on Welsh Row and facing The Wizard Pub
 - Repairs/replacement of fence panels on the A34 by-pass (Nether Alderley)
 - The notice board on Alderley Park
 - Damage to the directional signs on the roundabout to the south of the A34 by-pass
- **8.4.2 Broken Stile** Cllr. Lewis reported the stile on Bradford Lane is broken and will report it to the Public Rights of Way (PROW) officer at CEC.
- 8.5 Alderley Park Liaison Committee meeting update Cllr. Howick reported things are moving forward and hopefully there will be a meeting in April. However, he suggested the existing structure is too corporate and recommended a further meeting in April/May should be arranged with George Walton (Chair), Nick Hynes (Alderley Park Ltd.), Cllr. Bentley and Cllr. Clarke, to discuss the option of restructuring with a view to discussing issues which are more pertinent to the Parish Council.
- **8.6** Alderley Park Walks update This issue will be referred to the Alderley Park Liaison Committee.
- 8.7 130 Bus service update Cllr. Craig Browne specifically attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on the 130 bus service. Councillors were informed of the annual cost of maintaining the service (currently approx. £120k) and without the proposed funding subsidy, the 130 bus service would cease to exist from 1st April 2021.

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The proposed funding structure for other partnership funding is as follows:

| Cheshire East Council | £40,000 |
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| Alderley Park Ltd. | £40,000 |
| Wilmslow Town Council | £20,000 |
| Handforth Parish Council | £10,000 |
| Alderley Edge Parish Council | £ 6,000 |
| Nether Alderley Parish Council | £ 2,000 |
| Henbury Parish Council | £ 2,000 |
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RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve contributing £2,000 subsidy towards the annual cost of maintaining the 130 bus service for a period of one year, subject to a further review by CEC no later than December 2021.

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

Cllr. Craig Browne left the meeting

- **8.8** Newsletter Cllr. Shufflebottom informed the Parish Council the next newsletter is due to go out in April and would be pleased to receive any articles of local interest which could be included.
- 9. New Matters

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

- 9.1 New Homes Bonus Conclusion Noted
- 9.2 Police Report for February 2021 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 March 2021 Cllr. Simon Lewis kindly offered to carry out the quarterly inspection of highway assets and will report back at the April meeting.
- 10.2 Idox Software Ltd. Webinar: Helping Local Councils secure external funding FOC (3rd March 2021) Cllr. Farrell and Cllr. Joseph attended the webinar and found it to be very useful.
- 10.3 ChALC Virtual Training Session: Introduction to Town Planning from a Local Council Perspective £30.00 per session (Session 1: 4th March 2021, Session 2: 18th March 2021 and Session 3: 1st April 2021) Noted
- 10.4 ChALC Virtual Training Session: Dealing with individual planning applications £25.00 (12th April 2021) ChALC have confirmed places for: Cllrs. Shufflebotton, Farrell and Bentley. As the training session proved to be very popular, Cllr. Lewis will attend the repeat training session in May 2021 (date to be confirmed).
- **10.5** Annual Insurance Policy (AXA: Came and Company) The Parish Council had received an invitation to renew the third year of a 3 year agreement and associated premium.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve to renew the final year of a 3 year agreement and associated premium of £1179.80 which is due on 1st April 2021.

Proposed: Cllr. A.Farrell Seconded: Cllr. S.Lewis

- 10.6 Review JMC Parish Hall Terms of Reference Councillors noted the JMC Terms of Reference for the Parish Hall have not been reviewed since 2017. The Clerk informed Councillors this is due to the development of a Business Plan which incorporates a review of the current Terms of Reference which is currently subject to clarification of the legal status of the JMC as recommended by Steve Parkinson (The Parkinson Partnership LLP).
- **10.7** Review JMC Accounts (2020) The Clerk presented the JMC Accounts (2020), including Receipts and Payments and the provisional budget for 2021 which had been approved by the JMC.
- 10.8 To consider and approve the final standing order payment to the Cheshire Pension Fund for 2020/21 and review the monthly standing order payment for 2021/22

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the final standing order payment to the Cheshire Pension Fund for 2020/21 (£1,028.94) and increase the monthly standing order payment for 2021/22 from £200.00 to £285.00 as from 15th April 2021.

Proposed: Clir. Y.Bentley Seconded: Clir. A.Farrell

10.9 Shires Payroll Services: Continued engagement to provide payroll services including Terms of Business 2021/22 – Councillors noted the Terms of Business and charges for processing payroll remain unchanged for the forthcoming year and acknowledged there will be an additional charge of £1.50 per cheque (as in previous years and in line with their bank charges) to process payments made by cheque.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to continue to engage Shires Payroll Services, subject to their Terms of Business 2021/22, to provide payroll services as outlined in their letter of engagement.

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

- 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.Wilkinson

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.Wilkinson

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.Wilkinson

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 Contaminated Land Strategy Consultation Noted
- 12.2 EPC1-21 Right to Regenerate: NALC Policy Consultation briefing on the MHCLG Noted
- 12.3 NALC Policy Consultation E-Briefing EPC2-21 Model Design Code and Funding Bulletin Noted
- 12.4 Cheshire Constabulary: Stakeholder Special Police Budget (February 2021) Noted
- **12.5** Office of National Statistics (ONS): 2021 Census Two posters have been displayed in each of the notice boards and uploaded to the website.
- 13. Planning
- 13.1 To consider and approve responses to new planning applications:

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Application No: 21/0527M

Proposal: Proposed engineering works

Location: MILLERS GATE, CONGLETON ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE,

SK9 7AD

National Grid 384247.0674 377424.6832

Ref:

NAPC Comment: No objections

Application No: 21/0596M

Proposal: Variation of conditions 2, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 13 on application 19/1895M.

Location: LAND ADJACENT TO, The Pantiles, 40, CONGLETON ROAD,

ALDERLEY EDGE

National Grid 384401.9512 377569.4397

Ref:

NAPC Comment: No objections

Application No: 21/0630M

Proposal: Full planning application for the formation of a senior football pitch,

associated ancillary building, access road, landscaping and other

associated infrastructure.

Location: Land North-West of Mereside, Alderley Park, Congleton Road, Nether

Alderley, SK10 4TF

National Grid 384419.824 376015.1515

Ref:

NAPC Comment: Councillors are very concerned about this application and have asked the Ward Councillor for Chelford, Cllr. Marc Asquith, to call this planning application to a planning committee.

There are several concerns:

- The land is greenbelt
- There are 2 football pitches already on Alderley Park
- The land is adjacent to The Old Hall (Listed), is behind Nether Alderley Mill (National Trust Listed) and opposite the Eagle and Child (Listed). All significant historic buildings that would be affected.
- Alderley Park Ltd had an outline planning permission for a football pitch adjacent to the Heatherley Wood Development and chose not to build it out. They went on to secure a planning permission for 25 dwellings on this site. (Planning App no. 19/3286M)
- There is a great amount of resistance to this application from neighbours living along Congleton Road
- The proposed lighting and potential noise would adversely affect the local residents
- There would be disruption and damage to ecology, including the large Heronry of nesting Grey Herons which is relatively rare

Please note, it has not been confirmed, as yet, if the call in to committee has been accepted. Therefore, should the request be declined, the Parish Council will submit a further detailed comment in due course.

Application No: 21/0806M

Proposal: Single storey extension to rear, new outbuilding, alterations to existing

conservatory and installation of a wooded framed canopy

Location: CROFT COTTAGE, CHELFORD ROAD, GREAT WARFORD,

ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE, SK9 7TL

National Grid 382470.4727 376983.6715

Ref:

NAPC Comment: No objections

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21/0836M **Application No:**

Proposal: Relocation of existing site entrance, construction of new gates and garden

NETHERFIELD HOUSE, NURSERY LANE, NETHER ALDERLEY, Location:

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK10 4TX

National Grid

382498.8709 376083.8237

Ref:

NAPC Comment: No objections

21/0837M **Application No:**

Proposal: Alterations and extensions to the existing property to include additional

> accommodation on the first floor including raising of roof, the addition of a pitched roof to the garage, new porch to front door, conversion of garage

and amendments to elevations.

THE COPPICE, WELSH ROW, NETHER ALDERLEY, MACCLESFIELD, Location:

CHESHIRE, SK10 4TY

National Grid 384133.4219 377032.1714

Ref:

NAPC Comment: No objections

Application No: 21/0876M

Proposal: Proposed single storey garage side extension - refer to previously

approved application 02/2640P. Alteration works to replace existing garage door with new windows. Existing gate piers to be replaced with

new brick piers and timber entrance gates

Location: NORTH BARN, WHITEBARN ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE,

SK9 7AN

National Grid 384919.4977 377560.2319

Ref:

NAPC Comment: No objections

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

13.2.1 Loco-shed, Bollington Lane (20/2000M/20/5638M) update - Cllr. Asquith had requested both planning applications to be 'called in' (please see 8.1.3) which resulted in the Parish Council contacting Sally Shaw (Environmental Protection Officer at Cheshire East Council). Ms. Shaw advised the Parish Council to report the issue to the Environmental Agency who suggested it is a potential illegal waste site and have referred the matter to the Environmental Management team who will visit the site and report back to the Parish Council.

13.2.2 New Street Name Proposal (20/2717M) – The following comment was submitted:

Councillors were very disappointed indeed with the proposed two street names which have a strong London connotation and suggested this is an opportunity to reflect the heritage of the Alderley Park site which is nestled within the ancient parish of Nether Alderley which once belonged to the Stanley family for hundreds of years.

Please note, it is very important to the residents of Nether Alderley that the names have relevance to the history of the parish and we would ask that you take the names below into serious consideration:

Eagles Drive rather than Regents Drive

Stanley Crescent rather than Mayfair Crescent

14. Burial Board

To consider communication and issues relating to the Burial Ground:

- **14.1 Consideration and approval to re-open an existing grave for interment (NBG 267B)** Part 2 Minutes (Appendix B 08.03.21)
- 15 Parish Hall
- 15.1 To receive reports from members of the Parish Hall Joint Management Committee (JMC):
- 15.1.1 Parish Hall Insurance
 - Came&Co. had increased the insurance valuation by 3% on 1st April 2021
- **15.1.2 Consideration to re-open the Parish Hall –** Cllr. Farrell informed the Parish Council that subject to Government Guidelines, the Parish Hall will re-open after 21st June 2021.
- 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.
- 16 Councillor's reports and items for future agenda:
 - The Clerk informed the Parish Council that a local resident had requested a letter of support for her daughter to attend a secondary school in Cheshire East. The child had been offered a place at a Stockport school as they had moved from Reddish to Nether Alderley in December 2020. Due to the urgency of the request, the Chairman and Clerk composed a letter of support which was emailed to School Admissions at Cheshire East Council.
- 17 Next Parish Council meeting:

To confirm the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th April 2021 at 6.00 p.m. (via ZOOM)

| Minutes taken by: The Clerk | |
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| Signed | Date: 12th April 2021 |
| Chairman of the Meeting | |

APPENDIX A

Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting Monday 8th March 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

(This meeting was accessed remotely via ZOOM)

Schedule of Receipts and Payments

A1. Receipt of Income

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| | voices for payment | | |
| 1528 | Mrs. B.Thorpe | £1,076.03 Salary and expenses, March 2021 | Н |
| 1529 | HMRC | £199.13 Tax/NI, March 2021 | Н |
| 1530 | G.Beeby | £157.00 Installation of defibrillator (Monks Heath) | S |
| 1531 | Shires Pay Services Ltd | . £46.80 (£39.00 plus £7.80 VAT) Payroll services – 4 th Quarter | Н |
| 1532 | D.A.Proudlove | £2,500.00 Neighbourhood Development Plan | R |
| 1533 | Greensplash Ltd. | £96.00 (£80.00 plus £16.00 VAT) SSL Certificate for website (1 yr renewal) | P |
| 1534 | Greensplash Ltd. | £144.00 (£120.00 plus £24.00 VAT) Annual website hosting 2021/22 | P |
| 1535 | Basic Key Ltd. | £20.00 (£16.67 plus £3.33 VAT) Parish Council Laptop repair | Н |
| A3. <u>Direct Del</u> | oits/Standing Orders for | r approval | |
| С | heshire Pension Fund | E200.00 February 2021 pension contribution Debited on or after 15th February 2021 | Н |
| U | tility Warehouse £247 | '.41Parish Hall Electricity for January 2021 debited on or after 26th February 2021 (£206.17 plus £41.24 VAT) | E,F,G |
| | | ayroll provider for inclusion in Payroll Report for Clerk's expenses/saland Administration/Stationery Costs:£343.68 | ar <u>y</u> : H |
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Nether Alderley Parish Council, Meeting Monday 8th March 2021 Parish Council Powers for Expenditure and Activity

| Audit [Audit Regulations 1996] | I |
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| 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 | В |
| 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)) | С |
| 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 | Н |
| LGA 1972 s 142 " arrange for the delivery of lectures and addresses and the holding of discussions on such material 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 prosuch buildings' 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 Local Government Act 1972. Power of Local Authorities to incur expenditure for certain purposes not othe authorised. Power to do something that will benefit the community where there is no other specific power conthe 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 656 |