

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.00 p.m. at Nether Alderley Parish Hall

In the Chair: Cllr. N.Howick

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

Also present: Cheshire East Councillor Marc Asquith (Chelford Ward) and the Parish Council Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence – None
2. To receive Declarations of Interests
 - 2.1 To Declare Disclosable pecuniary interests – No declarations were made.
 - 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.
3. 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 11th November 2019 are a true and accurate record.**

Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick

Seconded: Cllr. J.Wilkinson

5. 7.05 p.m. Public presentation – No public present
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 (Chelford) – Cllr. Marc Asquith updated the Parish Council on the following issues:
 - 8.1.1 **Area Highways Group meeting (September 2019)** – Cllr. Asquith confirmed he was unable to attend the meeting and it was noted there is no reporting back procedure in place.
 - 8.1.2 **Planning Application 18/5047W** – This application is due to be considered at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on 29th January 2020.

- 8.1.3 Planning Application 19/3286M** – Cllr. Asquith confirmed he was unable to attend the site meeting on 1st November and the Northern Planning Committee meeting on 6th November 2019 where this application was considered. However, Cllr. Shufflebottom reported the application has been approved subject to conditions which included s106 monies being allocated to the Science Park. The Parish Council were very disappointed at not being allocated any s106 monies despite having had previous discussions with Alderley Park and had communicated Nether Alderley Parish Council's interest with the Planning Officer. Cllr. Howick confirmed he will raise this matter at the next Alderley Park Liaison meeting in January 2020.
- 8.1.4 Planning Application 19/0752M (Approved 19.09.19)** – The Parish Council had raised their concern with CEC regarding the decision and were disappointed with their response. Cllr. Asquith agreed to look into this application further.
- 8.1.5 General Flooding in Nether Alderley** – It is evident the pumps which were originally designed to clear excess water from the A34 Bypass are not working effectively. Cllr. Asquith confirmed the Highways Department are currently working at ways to improve their efficiency and hopefully resolve the problem.
Cllr. Asquith agreed with the Parish Council the gullies have been neglected through lack of maintenance and noted that Highways have confirmed Welsh Row will be cleared asap.
- 8.1.6 Excessive speeding in Nether Alderley/Alderley Village** – Regular and not just 'high powered' commuter vehicles travelling on Congleton Road had been reported to the Highways/Traffic department and the Parish Council had received an unsatisfactory reply based on previous statistical data. Cllr. Howick recommended joining forces with other local Parish Councils and suggested raising this issue at the next Parish Council Cluster meeting in January. Cllr. Asquith also suggested that an invitation should be extended to himself and Cllr. Craig Brown (Ward Councillor for Alderley Edge/Deputy Leader of Cheshire East Council) to attend the meeting.
- 8.1.7 Safety concerns re: A34 Bypass** – Cllr. Asquith informed the Parish Council that both himself and Cllr. Craig Brown will be investigating the reasons for accidents/fatalities since the A34 Bypass was opened and which have been recorded by the police.

Cllr. Marc Asquith left the meeting

8.2 Parish Hall renovation update:

8.2.1 General Update:

- In order to avoid duplication, the new Quantity Surveyor has requested the original working papers which were previously prepared. Cllr. Howick agreed to get them to him asap.
- Cllr. Howick confirmed he will email an update of the renovation to all councillors.

8.2.2 Ownership of the Parish Hall – A meeting with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will be confirmed early in the new year at the request of Revd. Jon Hale.

8.3 Highways:

8.3.1 Concerns of speeding motorists on Welsh Row/Congleton Road (update) – Please refer to 8.1.7

9. New Matters

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

9.1 Arrangements at the time of the death of Her Majesty the Queen – Noted

9.2 Hall Security – Due to the attempted theft of lead from the Parish Hall and St. Mary's Church, the Parish Council considered and discussed increasing the current level of security. Cllr. Farrell has made preliminary enquiries regarding costs and Cllr. Lewis will obtain a further quotation.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve to purchase additional equipment required to increase the current level of security of the Parish Hall.

Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick

Cllr. A.Farrell

9.3 Cutting down trees in the local area – A local resident was concerned the electricity company, responsible for overhead power lines, were removing trees rather than pruning them. The Parish Council noted his concerns and understand that individual residents are given the choice to have them pruned or removed and the cost is met by the electricity company.

9.4 Consideration to provide refreshments at the Christmas Carol event (15th December 2019)

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve to supply refreshments at the Christmas Carol event for the benefit of the community (s137 £94.02)

Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick

Seconded: Cllr. J.Wilkinson

9.5 Police Report for November 2019 – Noted

9.6 Police Cluster Meeting – Due to circumstances beyond their control, the Police Cluster meetings have been suspended until further notice.

10. Policies and Procedures

10.1 To receive a report on the quarterly inspection of Highways assets –The next inspection is due at the end of December 2019 and will be reported at the Parish Council meeting in January 2020 by Cllr. Simon Lewis.

10.2 Community Buildings Network Event (7th November 2019) – The event was attended by Keith Farrell who is currently responsible for Parish Hall bookings as it gave him the opportunity to look at bookings software which could be used in the future when the hall is in greater demand.

10.3 Review of the Electricity Supplier – Cllr. Shufflebottom had received a competitive quotation for the supply of electricity to the Parish Hall. Councillors discussed the benefits of moving to an alternative electricity supplier to reduce costs.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve moving the account with Utility Warehouse to an alternative supplier to reduce costs.

Proposed: Cllr. A.Farrell

Seconded: Cllr. S.Joseph

10.4 ChALC Course: Internal Auditor Support Session (29th January 2020)

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the Clerk attend the Internal Auditor Support Session on 29th January 2020 (£75.00).

Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick

Seconded: Cllr. Y.Bentley

10.5 Review Asset Register

RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the Asset Register, including the website version which excludes any insurance valuations.

Proposed: Cllr. J.Shufflebottom

Seconded: Cllr. J.Wilkinson

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. J.Shufflebottom

Seconded: Cllr. Y.Bentley

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. J.Shufflebottom

Seconded: Cllr. N.Howick

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. Shufflebottom

Seconded: Cllr. N.Howick

PCSO Julia Short joined the meeting

This item was excluded from the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:

a. Personal issues

b. Legal issues

Part 2 Minutes (Confidential): Appendix B 09.12.19

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 Cheshire Community Buildings Newsletter (Winter 2019) – Noted

13. Planning

13.1 To consider and approve responses to new planning applications:

Application No: 19/4380M
Proposal: Place a storage unit on site to safely and securely hold tools used to maintain the land.
Location: Land on the side of Welsh Row, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield
National Grid Ref: 383817 376858

NAPC Comment: Further to Nether Alderley's Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th December 2019, Councillors considered the amendment and confirmed that the original comment submitted on 12th November still stands:

'Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application which was considered and discussed at Nether Alderley Parish Council's meeting on Monday 11th November 2019.

The Parish Council noted this application has been made retrospectively as the storage unit has been in-situ for some considerable time.

The storage unit is presently situated on the curtilage of Welsh row and is an eyesore for neighbouring properties and disproportionate to the area of land it is sited on.

Councillors noted the storage unit is to 'safely and securely hold tools used to maintain the land'. However, it is evident there has been no maintenance of the site for several years, with the exception of chopping down a mature historic oak tree, without permission, to accommodate the storage unit.

The Parish Council strongly recommend this application be refused as it is inappropriate use of the greenbelt and suggest the storage unit is removed.'

Application No: 19/5529M
Proposal: 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: UPPER HISTORIC COURTYARD, ALDERLEY PARK, CONGLETON ROAD, NETHER ALDERLEY, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK10 4TF
National Grid Ref: 384755.99 375642.17

NAPC Comment: Further to Nether Alderley Parish Council's meeting on Monday 9th December 2019, Nether Alderley Parish Council have given this application much thought having taken into consideration comments from the few residents living on Alderley Park.

There is whole hearted support from all Nether Alderley residents, including the residents of Alderley Park, for a pub to be opened once again in Nether Alderley and for it to be a "straight forward" gastropub rather than a high-end restaurant.

The Parish Council acknowledge that car-parking issues have been re-addressed to accommodate more spaces generally. However, there remains on-going concern that individual applications on the residential area of the park, have offered the minimal number of spaces which the Parish Council consider will cause future issues.

Access to the residents visitors car park at the East Courtyard remains a concern as this will be shared with the gastropub which could potentially be used by their customers. It is stated in the application that there will be a 'parking management system' but no further detail is given. The Parish Council do not consider a reporting mechanism is a viable protection for residents as it will be retrospective and is unlikely to be operational 24/7 or late into the evening i.e. if a car misuses a residents car park and is then reported, the inconvenience will already have occurred. Councillors noted the application's documentation originally stated 'signage and security' without reference to the type of security.

The Parish Council strongly recommend proactive preventative measures are required and would suggest an electric gate/barrier should be installed and maintained as part of the gastropub development. Whilst the residents living on the park bought their houses in the knowledge that a pub was proposed, we need to do everything we can to protect their residential amenity.

In conclusion, the Parish Council understand that visitor parking is minimal and therefore any designated car parking is precious and should not be taken up by gastropub customers.

13.2 To consider any other Planning matters including decisions to Planning Applications: None

14. Burial Board

To consider communication and issues relating to the Burial Ground:

Item 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3 are excluded from the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:

a. Personal issues

b. Legal issues

- 14.1 Consideration and approval to purchase an ashes plot in the New Burial Ground and grant an Exclusive Right of Burial (NBG CP9) – Part 2 Minutes: Appendix C 09.12.19
- 14.2 To consider and approve an inscription to a new memorial tablet (NBG CP9) – Part 2 Minutes: Appendix D 09.12.19
- 14.3 Consideration and approval to re-open an existing grave for interment (NBG 217) – Part 2 Minutes: Appendix E 09.12.19

15 Parish Hall

15.1 To receive reports from members of the Parish Hall Joint Management Committee (JMC) – Cllr.

Farrell reported the following:

- St. Mary's Christmas Fair was supported by the Parish Council and was a great success.
- It was suggested the gutters of the Parish Hall may be blocked as some damp patches have appeared on the wall. Cllr. Farrell will contact Mr. Geoff Beeby, a local tradesman, to investigate the problem further.

15.2 To consider any other matters relating to the Parish Hall:

15.2.1 Annual Inspection of the Fire Equipment in the Parish Hall – Fire Queen Ltd. carried out the annual inspection of the fire equipment in November 2019.

15.2.2 Events Committee Update:

- i) **Carols by Candlelight** – Sunday 15th December 2019 from 7.30 p.m. It was noted that numbers are limited and will be by invitation only due to insurance liability.
- ii) **Events for 2020** – The Events Committee will meet early in the new year to discuss events for 2020

16 Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas (not for debate or decision making) – None

17 Next Parish Council meeting:

To confirm the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th January 2020

Minutes taken by: The Clerk

Signed..... **Date** 13th January 2020

Chairman of the Meeting

APPENDIX A

**Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting
Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.00 p.m.
Nether Alderley Parish Hall**

Schedule of Receipts and Payments

A1. Receipt of Income

18.11.19	100534	£50.00	Sale of Radar Gun
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A2. Invoices for payment

1460	Mrs. B.Thorpe	£771.74	Salary and expenses, December 2019	H
1461	HMRC	£33.75	Tax and NI, December 2019	H
1462	Mrs. B.Thorpe	£94.02	Christmas Carol Event - Refreshments	s137 N

A3. Direct Debits/Standing Orders for approval

Cheshire Pension Fund	£185.00	October 2019 pension contribution Debited on or after 15 th November 2019	H
Utility Warehouse	£135.76	Parish Hall Electricity for October 2019 debited on or after 29 th November 2019 (£129.01 plus £6.75 VAT)	E,F,G

A4. Approval to forward to Payroll provider for inclusion in Payroll Report for Clerk's expenses/salary:
 Additional Hours, Travel and Administration/Stationery Costs: **£299.99** **H**

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Signed.....
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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]	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	B
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))	C
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	H
Parish Hall – public meetings	K
1. LGA 1972 s 142 “ arrange for the delivery of lectures and addresses and the holding of discussions on such matters - provision of information etc relating to matters affecting local government	
2. s133 ‘Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies or contribute towards the expenses of providing such buildings’	
3. 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 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	N
Websites Local Government Act 1972 s142	P