

## NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00 p.m. at Nether Alderley Parish Hall

**In the Chair:** Cllr. N.Howick

**Parish Councillors present:** 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** – Cllr. Y.Bentley
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** – No declarations were made.
  - 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and the Extra-ordinary Planning Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 are a true and accurate record.**

*Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick*

*Seconded: Cllr. S.Joseph*

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 **Parish Hall renovation update:**
    - 8.1.1 **Parish Hall Lighting** – Councillors considered and discussed replacing the sodium light bulbs with low energy bulbs which would be more cost effective.

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve to replace the current sodium light bulbs with low energy bulbs including the cost to fit them which will require scaffolding.**

**Proposed: Cllr. N.Howick**

**Seconded: Cllr. S.Farrell**

- 8.2 Parish freesheet newsletter** – Cllrs. Shufflebottom and Farrell will arrange to meet Revd. Jon Hale to formalise the practicalities of producing/distributing the newsletter.

Cllr. Marc Asquith left the meeting to attend a Parish Council meeting at Marthall (7.16 p.m.)

- 8.3 Community Speed Watch update** – The Clerk reported a local parish was interested in purchasing the speed gun, subject to approval at their next Parish Council meeting.

**8.4 Highways:**

- 8.4.1 Nursery Lane** – The Clerk reported the problem to Cheshire East Highways on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 via their website (Ref.: 3363998). Councillors noted the response emailed on 21<sup>st</sup> August and will continue to monitor the situation:

*'All roads and footways on the highway network are regularly inspected as part of our scheduled safety inspection regime.*

*The Ditches at Nursery Lane, Nether Alderley has been assessed and will be considered for inclusion in an appropriate future programme. At this stage, I am unable to give you any indication on timescale.*

*In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the condition of this location via the scheduled inspection regime, and keep it in a safe condition for all highway users.'*

- 8.4.2 Congleton Road/bus stop facing north entrance to Alderley Park** – A notice has been issued by Cheshire East Highways to the land owner regarding the overgrown hedges.

- 8.4.3 A34 Bypass** – Cheshire East Highways confirmed they are awaiting quotations to reinstate the fence panels which have blown down along the A34 Bypass and will keep the Parish Council updated.

- 8.4.4 Boundary Sign** – There has been no update from the Clerk at Great Warford Parish Council regarding repairs to the boundary sign which Cheshire East Highways have agreed to undertake. The Clerk will pursue this matter and report back to Council.

**9. New Matters**

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

- 9.1 Future working arrangements with Alderley Park** – Councillors noted the Alderley Park Liaison Committee meetings were moving away from issues which it had originally been formed and should be brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Alderley Park Liaison Committee and copied to Adrian Crowther (CEC Planning Inspector for Alderley Park).

Cllrs. Howick, Shufflebottom, Bentley and Farrell recently met with Nick Hynes of Alderley Park Ltd. to discuss and consider forming a working party to increase better working relations and communications with issues directly relating to Nether Alderley. It was agreed the meetings would be informal and on an adhoc basis as required and Cllrs. Howick, Clarke, Bentley and Joseph would represent the Parish Council.

Other items which were discussed were:

- Alderley Park participation in a future public exhibition of the proposed plans for the refurbishment of the Parish Hall.
- Guidance in the procurement of services i.e. Quantity surveyor
- Support in the development of a new Parish Council website
- Allocation of s106 money against the proposed 25 additional dwellings currently going through the planning application process.
- Precept (which will be on the agenda of the next Alderley Park Liaison meeting)
- The state of the general landscaping surrounding Alderley Park which is the responsibility of Cheshire East Highways
- Rogue advertising signs
- Nether Alderley Parish Council being included in the 'Alderley Park Collective' which is invaluable

- 9.2 St. Mary's contribution towards JMC finances** – The Parish Council discussed and considered the request to defer the second instalment of St. Mary's contribution of 50% of the 2019 forecast deficit of the Parish Hall.

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve to defer the second instalment of St. Mary's contribution until the JMC accounts for 2019 have been finalised.**

**Proposed: Cllr. S.Lewis**

**Seconded: Cllr. D.Clarke**

- 9.3 Invitation to Manchester Airport Town/Parish Council meetings (September 2019)** – Cllr. Howick will represent the Parish Council at this meeting and report back at the next meeting.
- 9.4 Manchester Airport Future Airspace** – In 2017 the Government published a policy on the future of UK airspace. This made it clear that modernisation is essential and also led to the industry's regulator, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), developing the Airspace Modernisation Strategy (CAP1711). The strategy reflects the fact UK airspace is among the busiest in the world, having been designed for a different era. One of the foundations of this strategy is the need to respond to changes in technology and the improved navigational capabilities of current aircraft. To see the full article, please go to Nether Alderley Parish website <https://www.netheralderleyparish.com/?p=3968&preview=true> Manchester Airport confirmed the Parish Council will be kept updated and informed of any future developments/consultations.
- 9.5 Police Surgeries for Gawsworth/Chelford Wards** – Councillors noted the dates of the forthcoming surgeries which have been uploaded to the Parish Council website.
- 9.6 Police Report for August 2019** – The Parish Council noted there were no police incidents in Nether Alderley during August 2019.
- 9.7 Planting of Summer/Wild flowers in Nether Alderley (Cllr. Joseph)** – The Parish Council considered and discussed planting summer/wild flowers in 2020. Cllr. Joseph will research possible locations, materials, costs, sponsors etc. and report back to Council with a view to any associated costs being included in the budget for 2020/21.

## 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 September 2019 and will be reported at the Parish Council meeting in October 2019. Cllr. Lewis volunteered to carry out the inspection for consistency.
- 10.2 ChALC Annual Meeting, Middlewich (24<sup>th</sup> October 2019: 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.)** – Noted
- 10.3 To review the Ill Health Liability Insurance (IHLI)** – Legal and General have confirmed the rate for the Cheshire Pension Fund from £1.15% (1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019) to £1.25% (1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020) of LGPS pensionable pay.

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve the increase in rate for the Cheshire Pension Fund from £1.15% (1st April – 30th June 2019) to £1.25% (1st July – 31st March 2020) of LGPS pensionable pay.**

**Proposed: Cllr. S.Joseph**

**Cllr. D.Clarke**

- 10.4 To review the Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members** – Councillors were reminded of their Code of Conduct.
- 10.5 To review the Legal Powers of Parish and Town Councils** – Councillors were reminded of the Legal Powers of Parish and Town Councils.
- 10.6 Annual review of Clerk's Terms of Employment: Salary, expenses, pension contribution and annual leave** – Part 2 Minutes: Appendix E 09.09.19 (Subject to Pt. 7a)

## 11. Finance: Finance Schedule (Appendix A)

- 11.1 To note receipt of income, as listed in schedule (A1)** – Noted

- 11.2 To consider and approve items for payment as listed in schedule (A2)**

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council resolved to approve payments as listed in Appendix (A2)**

**Proposed: Cllr. S.Lewis**

**Seconded: Cllr. J.Shufflebottom**

- 11.3 To consider and approve direct debits/standing orders 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 administration and expenses costs 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:**

19.08.19 – Publication Draft: Site Allocations and Development Policies Document (SADPD)

Consultation: 19<sup>th</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Noted

29.08.19 – Healthy Living Workshop: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 (10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.) – Noted

02.09.19 – CEC Strategic Planning Update (September 2019) – Noted

**13. Planning**

**13.1 To consider and approve responses to new planning applications:**

**Application No: 19/3214M**

**Proposal:** Reserved Matters application for the extension and change of use of Blocks 113 and 114 (Tenants' Hall from conference centre (Use Class C1/ 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, CHESHIRE, SK10 4TF

**National Grid Ref:** 384562 374970

***NAPC Comment: Further to my email of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to Adrian Crowther requesting an extension of time to clarify some of the issues raised, 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 resident's visitor's 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 resident's 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.***

**Application No:** 19/3286M  
**Proposal:** Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for a residential development of up to 25 dwellings with associated landscaping and infrastructure.  
**Location:** Heatherley Woods, Alderley Park, CONGLETON ROAD, NETHER ALDERLEY  
**National Grid Ref:** 385029 375223

***NAPC Comment: Further to Nether Alderley Parish Council's meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and with respect to the number of dwellings included in the Local Plan for Alderley Park, the Parish Council have no objections to this application subject to it being based on 25 dwellings and not 27 referred to in the Design and Access Statement (Section 5 PROPOSED DESIGN Amount - Page 19 of 28 ) re: typo error?***

**Extract: Apartment Types**

***Apartment Block 1  
4 no. Apt. Type 1  
2 no. Apt. Type 2  
4 no. Apt. Type 3***

***Total 8 unit***

***Nether Alderley Parish Council look to discuss and negotiate with both Cheshire East Council and Alderley Park Ltd. to secure a financial contribution via a S106 agreement.***

**Application No:** 19/3818M  
**Proposal:** Two storey side extension  
**Location:** HIGHCLERE, CONGLETON ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, SK9 7AL  
**National Grid Ref:** 384506 377275

***NAPC Comment: No comment***

**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:**

- 14.1** Permission to inter ashes in an existing ashes plot (OBG C25) – Part 2 Minutes: Appendix B 09.09.19 (subject to Pt. 7a)
- 14.2** Permission to inter ashes in an existing ashes plot (OBG C25) – Part 2 Minutes: Appendix C 09.09.19 (subject to Pt. 7a)
- 14.3** Approval to replace an existing memorial tablet (OBG C25) – Part 2 Minutes: Appendix D 09.09.19 (subject to Pt. 7a)

**15 Parish Hall**

**15.1 To receive reports from members of the Parish Hall Joint Management Committee (JMC) –** There was nothing to report.

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

**15.2.1 Events Committee Update:**

- i) Art Exhibition** – The exhibition was a great success and will probably be repeated next year. Cllr. Farrell thanked all those who had helped with refreshments.
- ii) Quiz/Fish Supper** – Tickets have sold incredibly well and it looks like it will be 'sold out'.
- iii) Table Top Sale** – Following its success earlier this year, a date has been confirmed to hold another event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 from 11.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. which will be advertised locally.
- iv) Christmas Carols** – The committee intend to hold an evening in the Parish Hall during December (date to be confirmed). Further details should be available at the next Parish Council meeting.

**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)

Cllr. Howick will establish at the next Alderley Liaison meeting if the cricket pitch at Alderley Park is available for hire and report back.

**17 Next Parish Council meeting:**

To confirm the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Minutes taken by: The Clerk**

**Signed..... Date.....**

**Chairman of the Meeting**

**Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00 p.m.  
Nether Alderley Parish Hall**

**Schedule of Receipts and Payments**

**A1. Receipt of Income**

01.08.19	100532	<b>£410.00</b>	Donation	
01.09.19	BACS	<b>£1200.00</b>	BB: (NP) Purchase an exclusive right of burial (NBG 299A)	

**A2. Invoices for payment**

1446	Mrs. B.Thorpe	<b>£728.28</b>	<i>Salary and expenses, September 2019</i>	<b>H</b>
1447	SLCC Cheshire Branch Conference 2019	<b>£30.00</b>		<b>H</b>
1448	Shires Pay Services Ltd.	<b>£59.00</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Payroll, GDPR and Pension Delegate 2019</i>	<b>H</b>
1449	Norman Moore	<b>£1308.00</b>	Grounds Maintenance (1 <sup>st</sup> April-31 <sup>st</sup> August 2019)	<b>A</b>

**A3. Direct Debits/Standing Orders for approval**

Cheshire Pension Fund	<b>£185.00</b>	July 2019 pension contribution Debited on or after 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	<b>H</b>
Utility Warehouse	<b>£37.74</b>	Parish Hall Electricity for June 2019 debited on or after 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2019 (£35.66 plus £2.08 VAT)	<b>E,F,G</b>

**A4. Approval to forward to Payroll provider for inclusion in Payroll Report for Clerk's expenses/salary:  
Additional Hours, Travel and Administration/Stationery Costs: **£329.64** **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**

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

K

**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