NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held at 9.00 am on Monday 16th December 2013 at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

Present: Mr. Lewis*, Mrs. Shufflebottom, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Worthington and the Clerk (Mrs. Langham)

1. Fibre-optic Broadband connections.

The Clerk explained that a local resident has contacted the Parish Council with concerns over the location of a new Utilities box, recently installed adjacent to the Jubilee bench on Welsh Row.

The Clerk gave details of her discussion with an officer from the 'Connecting Cheshire' team, where she had made enquiries about the process and rationale behind choosing the site and had asked whether the location could be changed to a less obtrusive position. These details had been forwarded by e-mail to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The outcome was that the Clerk had been informed that the site of the box could not be altered due to a number of significant issues, that the correct process had been undertaken to identify an appropriate location for the box and that changes at this point would result in missing the opportunity for the superfast connection in Nether Alderley. The Clerk confirmed that there had not been a consultation process for the siting of the cabinet, as she had been given information that the government had sped up the process of placing the cabinets in order that superfast broadband could be rolled out within a specific time frame. Mrs. Worthington agreed to contact the local resident with the information provided to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council resolved that it could not take further action due to the advice about the reasons for placement of the cabinet and the information that the process of re-siting the cabinet would prevent Nether Alderley receiving the broadband service due to the time schedule of the project.

2. Super fast Broadband – communication from the Connecting Cheshire Partnership.

The Clerk reported details of an e-mail received from the Connecting Cheshire Partnership which has asked Parish Councils, whose parishes are within the same super-fast broadband roll-out cluster, to communicate with each other and arrange a date and venue for local residents to attend a joint meeting to hear more about the plans for superfast broadband locally.

The Parish Council resolved to approve that the Clerk contact the Clerks of the other Parishes involved within the local Alderley Edge telephone exchange cluster, who will also receive the fibre optic connection in March 2013, to ask about their plans and ask whether they would like to consider arranging a joint meeting date.

*Mr. Lewis joined the meeting

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3. Planning Application

Application 13/4784M

Variation of condition 3 (starting position) attached to planning application 13/2226M. Proposed formation of a single residential unit and associated domestic curtilage (change of use)

The Pavilion, Whitebarn Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, SK9 7AN.

The Parish Council resolved to approve the following response:

The Parish Council has a strong objection to the proposed application.

The Parish Council strongly objects to the possibility of any further development on the site and is mindful that removal/variation of condition 3 of the permission linked to planning application 13/2226M, would allow further development outside the footprint of the current building.

The Parish Council strongly objects to the possibility of further development or extension of this building as it would change the character and nature of the site and of this area of Green Belt and would be very inappropriate to the plot on which the building is sited. Removal of condition 3 would set a precedent for development and extension of other outbuildings in the Green Belt

4. Speed of vehicles, Bollington Lane.

An incident of a vehicle travelling at extremely high speed along Bollington Lane was discussed.

The Parish Council resolved to approve that the Clerk contact PCSO Whitehead with all the details.

The meeting closed at 10.10 am