

## NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

In the Chair: Mr. Clarke

Also present: Mr. Colgan, Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Shufflebottom, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Worthington, Cheshire East Councillor George Walton and Mrs. Langham (the Clerk)

#### **Attendance by Inspector Catherine Mitchell, Knutsford Police Station.**

Inspector Mitchell attended prior to the Parish Council meeting, at the Parish Council's invitation, due to concerns over speeding traffic in Nether Alderley.

Inspector Mitchell provided a verbal report on recent crime in the area. She drew attention to a rural newsletter that will be forwarded to the Parish Council and a new system being established by Cheshire Police to inform Cheshire residents of relevant issues – Cheshire Police Alert.

Parish Councillors raised and explained concerns relating to speeding along local roads and specifically in relation to Congleton Road near to the Primary School, Bollington Lane and the A34 Bypass. Issues were discussed in detail. Measures to address speeding were suggested by Inspector Mitchell. SID devices and Community Speed Watch were discussed.

Cllr. Walton reported on recent site meetings on Congleton Road and Bollington Lane that he and Parish Councillors had made with a Cheshire East Highways Officer to discuss traffic speed and safety.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. Lewis

#### **2. Approval of Minutes.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and approved **by resolution of the Parish Council.**

The Minutes of the Burial Board meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and approved **by resolution of the Parish Council.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Planning meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013, were confirmed as a true and accurate record and approved **by resolution of the Parish Council.**

#### **3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No declarations were made.

#### **4. Declarations of Interests Conflicting with the Nolan Principles.**

No declarations were made.

#### **5. Appointment of New Parish Councillor**

***The Parish Council resolved to appoint Mr. David Colgan as a member of Nether Alderley Parish Council.***

Mr. Colgan accepted the position and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## 6. General Dispensation.

***The Parish Council resolved to approve the following dispensation for all members of Nether Alderley Parish Council to May 2015, as originally approved at the Parish Council meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012.***

General exemption for a period of 2 years to all members and co-opted members of Nether Alderley Parish Council to allow participation in any discussion and to vote in the following cases:

- Setting the council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (or any subsequent legislation) or special expenses;
- School meals or school transport or travelling expenses where they are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education or a parent governor unless the matter relates specifically to the school which the child attends;
- An allowance, payment or indemnity given to members;  
Any ceremonial honour given to members.

## 7. Matters Arising.

### 7.1 Alderley Park.

Cllr. Walton attended a Cheshire East Council cabinet meeting on Tuesday where the Alderley Park prospectus was discussed. Mrs. Shufflebottom attended the meeting to observe the discussion, on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr. Walton and Mrs. Shufflebottom reported the findings of the meeting where the prospectus was unanimously approved by the Cheshire East Councillors.

***The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should write to Cllr. Michael Jones to confirm that it was pleased to identify that no further development on to Green Belt was proposed in the prospectus and to acknowledge and confirm the possibility of benefits to the local community.***

The Parish Council discussed communication received from NARPA, local residents group, in relation to Alderley Park and the Cheshire East Core Strategy.

### 7.2 Parish Plan.

***The Parish Council resolved to approve a request from the Parish Plan Steering Group to fund the hire of Nether Alderley Parish Hall for a meeting of local residents interested in taking forward the outcomes of the Nether Alderley Parish Plan, to be held at the end of January 2014.***

Mrs. Shufflebottom updated Councillors regarding the Parish Plan process and future meetings arranged.

### 7.3 Grass Cutting, Nether Alderley Roundabout.

The Clerk has received a quotation for grass cutting from a contractor who carries out work for Cheshire East Council. Cheshire East Council has consented to the Parish Council arranging the work, if using the approved contractor.

***The Parish Council resolved to approve that the Clerk should arrange for the contractor to undertake one cut of the grass on the Nether Alderley roundabout at the quoted cost of £120.***

Cost and purchase of Christmas tree lights were discussed.

#### **7.4 Superfast Broadband Public event.**

Information about the event, organised by Connecting Cheshire and due to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the Festival Hall, Alderley Edge, has been forwarded to Parish Councillors and advertised on the Parish Council website and notice boards. The event will be held to inform residents of the roll out of superfast broadband in the local area.

#### **7.5 Green Broadband Cabinet, Welsh Row.**

Further to contact from a local resident regarding the installation and position of a new Green cabinet on Welsh Row, the Clerk had contacted Connecting Cheshire who has provided information about the process of locating the cabinets.

***The Parish Council resolved that the information should be posted on the Parish website.***

#### **7.6 Nether Alderley Roundabout.**

The Clerk has made enquiries of Cheshire East Highways about landscaping the roundabout through a sponsorship scheme and is awaiting further information.

#### **7.7 Parish Council notice board.**

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Moore have examined the notice board. The posts require immediate attention and Mr. Lewis has reported that it requires wood treatment and a new pin board. The Clerk reported that the board has a broken strut and broken lock.

Mr. Lewis had provided an estimate of cost for purchase of the items required for repairing the board and a comparative quotation for a new notice board.

***The Parish Council resolved that Mr. Lewis should purchase the items required for repair, that repair should be effected at this point and that Mr. Moore should secure the board in position.***

#### **7.8 Bus shelter and litter bin, Monks Heath.**

The Clerk explained her communication with a local resident. The Clerk reported that the dilapidated bin has been given a resolution date of 6<sup>th</sup> February, by Cheshire East Council.

#### **7.9 Stone bollards, Welsh Row.**

The Parish Council has been given permission, by the Local Area Highways Officer, to use the bollards as it wishes. The Parish Council is not permitted to place the bollards on the Highway. The Parish Council approved that Mrs. Shufflebottom should contact the National Trust to ask whether the bollards could be accommodated by the Trust.

#### **7.10 Congleton Road, Cat's eyes.**

The centre of Congleton Road, near to the junction with Sand Lane, has been inspected by the Local Area Highways Officer. He reports that disintegration of the road surface is superficial and that the cat's eyes are adhered to the road, rather than built in to the road at this point.

#### **7.11 Congleton Road, pavement sweeping.**

Pavement sweeping along a section of Congleton Road, from the boundary with Alderley Edge to Church Lane, was carried out by Cheshire East Council in December. The Clerk is now following up a pavement sweep of the rest of the route.

## 8. Correspondence.

### 8.1 Manchester Airport.

Information has been received that Manchester Airport has arranged a series of 'surgeries' through 2014, to discuss Trust applications or concerns linked with the airport.

### 8.2 Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

The Parish Council approved that Mr. Clarke's name is submitted for the annual draw to attend the Garden Party.

### 8.3 Community Transport.

The Clerk gave details of information received from Community Transport explaining that it is making an application to East Cheshire Transport to provide a local service that supports mobility, access to services and community for those with barriers to transport.

### 8.4 Sand Lane

Concern was reiterated about the condition of the highway and verges, further to building work being carried out on the Lane. The matter has been referred to the Highways Department and the local area highways officer has inspected the site and taken some action.

Concern was expressed regarding the tipping of bricks near to a footpath that leads off Sand Lane.

***The matter was discussed and the Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should refer the matter to the Public Rights of Way department.***

Concern was expressed about the presence of a green container in a field adjacent to Sand Lane. ***The Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should contact the Planning Enforcement department for further information.***

## 9. Finance.

### 9.1 Burial Ground Maintenance Payments.

Further to the Burial Board meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the Parish Council approved the addition of lawn mower and strimmer petrol claims to maintenance payments.

### 9.2 Receipts

None

### 9.3 Payments made prior to the meeting.

1065 Henshaws Waste collection , November 2013 £37.42 (£31.18 plus £6.24 VAT) **A,C,E,F,G**

### 9.4 Payments

1066 Mr. G. Beeby Replace tiles to Mausoleum floor  
£48.00 (£40.00 plus £8.00 VAT) **A,B,C**

1067 St. Mary's Church Mausoleum Fire Extinguisher inspection £22.18 **A,B,C**

1068 Mr. N. Moore  
Burial Ground maintenance work, February to October 2013 £1,182.00 **A,B,C**

1069 Cheshire West and Chester – Cheshire Pension Fund  
Pension contribution , January 2014 £129.77 H

1070 Clerk's salary, January 2014 £503.46 H

1071 Henshaws Waste collection, December 2013  
£56.13 (£46.77 plus £9.36 VAT) A,C,E,F,G

### 9.5 Direct Debits to approve

Utility Warehouse Parish Hall electricity November 2013  
£279.40 (£232.83 plus £46.57 VAT) E,F,G

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

### 9.6 Bank Reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

***The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve the bank reconciliation to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013, together with Bank printout statements at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.***

### 9.7 Comparison of Budget Headings to receipts/expenditure at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

***The Parish Council considered and resolved to approve the analysis of receipts and expenditure in comparison with budget headings to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.***

### 9.8 Nether Alderley Parish Hall JMC Accounts for 2013, Budget and contribution to Parish Hall running costs in 2014

Mr. Clarke presented the JMC accounts for 2013 and drew attention to various aspects of receipts and expenditure.

The Parish Council noted that it has contributed £148.38 more in 2013, through payment of waste and electricity, than the £2100 approved contribution.

Mr. Clarke presented a proposed budget for the JMC for 2014 and explained that the budget has to be considered and approved by the Nether Alderley Parish Hall Committee.

The proposed budget estimates a required contribution by the Parish Council and St. Mary's Church PCC of £2450 each for 2014. This requires approval by the JMC and will be confirmed.

***The Parish Council resolved to approve the contribution of £2450 towards the running costs of the Parish Hall for 2014, pending approval of the amount by the Parish Hall committee. The Parish Council resolved that it would contribute to the Parish Hall running costs through payment of electricity and waste supplies and a one-off contribution if necessary.***

### 9.9 Nether Alderley Parish Council Budget.

The Clerk presented a proposed Parish Council budget for 2013-14.

The Parish Council considered and discussed, in detail, each budgetary area of receipt and expenditure and agreed amendments to the proposed budget based upon predicted expenditure and income

***The Parish Council appraised and resolved to approve the finalised budget for 2014-15.***

***The budget was proposed by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mrs. McKeown and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.***

**9.10 Precept Request for 2014/15**

The Parish Council discussed the precept amounts in relation to annual household contributions through Council tax.

***On the basis of the budget, the Parish Council discussed and approved the request for a precept of £14,700 for 2014-15.***

***The Precept amount was proposed by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mrs. Walker and approved by resolution of the Parish Council.***

**10 Parish Hall, Joint Management Committee**

Mrs. Reynolds explained new rates and hourly arrangements for booking the Parish Hall for weddings.

Mrs. Reynolds explained additions to the Parish Hall booking terms and conditions including a fire plan and fire procedure.

**10. Planning.**

**No new planning applications**

**Next Meeting:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Minutes taken by: the Clerk.

Minutes confirmed and approved at the Nether Alderley Parish Council meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 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 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**

**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