

NETHER ALDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.00 pm at Nether Alderley Parish Hall.

In the Chair: Mrs. Shufflebottom
Parish Councillors present: Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Shorland, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Wilkinson
Also present: *Cheshire East Councillor George Walton and Mrs. Langham, Parish Council Clerk
Chairman of the Parish Plan Speed and Safety Working Group (to item 6)

1. To receive apologies for absence

The Parish Council received apologies for absence from Nether Alderley Parish Councillors Mr. Dave Colgan, Mr. Simon Lewis and Mrs. Caroline McKeown

2. To receive Declarations of Interests and confirm Code of Conduct expectations and procedures

The Clerk re-affirmed expectations relating to Councillor action should pecuniary interests be declared and proposed to seek further advice regarding non-pecuniary interests

2.1 To Declare Disclosable pecuniary interests.

No declarations were made.

2.2 To Declare interests conflicting with the seven Nolan principles.

No declarations were made.

3. To consider and approve Applications for Dispensations

No applications for dispensation were submitted

4. Meeting Minutes

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve that the Minutes of the Nether Alderley Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th August 2015 are a true and accurate record.*

5. To consider the outcome of requests to Cheshire East Council regarding speed, speed limits and road safety on local lanes and information and advice received from Cheshire East Highways Officers

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve that notes taken at a meeting with Cheshire East Highways and Cheshire Constabulary representatives on 10th September 2015 were a true and accurate record.*

The Parish Council considered and discussed a meeting held with Cheshire East Highways Officers, representatives of Cheshire Constabulary and representatives of two Parish Plan Working Groups in relation to its letter sent to the Strategic Commissioning Manager for Highways in May 2015 asking for measures to be put in place to address speed, speed limits and safety on Congleton Road and other local lanes.

DECISION: *In response to Parish Council requests for safety improvements and speed limit reductions, the proposals and responses from Cheshire East Highways Officers were considered and the Parish Council resolved to make the following responses:*

- reluctant acceptance of maintenance of the 40 mph speed limit on Congleton Road, with support for additional speed enforcement mechanisms instated to effectively regulate traffic at this limit but continued support for a speed limit reduction to 30 mph.
- support of the adoption of the new Cheshire East Council advisory 20 mph speed limit on Congleton Road in the vicinity of the Primary School, at school entry and exit times and within this financial year
- support for the instating of road markings to denote a crossing area within the 20 mph zone on Congleton Road.
- support for the installation of a new speed camera on Congleton Road, near to the Primary School, operating in both traffic directions with a request for funding from Cheshire East Council

- Support for the proposal to reduce speed limit to 40 mph on Sand Lane and Welsh Row but still in favour of reduction to 30 mph
- continued serious concerns about speed and safety on Artists Lane with a request that speed limit is still considered for reduction and query whether 40 mph could be considered
- not to pursue signage for a ban on parking in the bus lay by at this time. Addressing the visibility to the south of Congleton Road was discussed and decision to seek further advice approved
- that Cheshire East Highways will look at signage and highways hardware and will look to improving safety by optimizing and reviewing signage.

6. Public Presentation

The Parish Council received representation regarding Planning Application 15/4117M

7. Matters Arising

7.1 To consider progress of Work to Oak Tree in Burial Ground

The Clerk confirmed and described work carried out to the oak tree in the Burial Ground, further to tree works permission granted by Cheshire East Council.

The Parish Council confirmed approval that the Chairman had replaced a planter damaged during the works.

7.2 Cheshire East Local Plan.

DECISION: The Parish Council resolved to approve that Mrs. Shorland attends a meeting on 6th October that will provide an update on progress of the Plan and resumed hearings.

DECISION: The Parish Council discussed communication received regarding the Local Plan and resolved that it does not request to participate in the resumed hearing sessions that will address recent additional evidence and does not intend to submit a further statement. The Parish Council resolved that it does wish to participate in hearing sessions it has already applied to participate in.

7.3 s106 Provision

DECISION: Taking in to account responses to the Parish Plan survey and matters of local need raised with the Parish Council and identified by the Parish Council over previous years, the Parish Council resolved to approve that the following matters are identified local considerations for s106 provision:

- Children's play area
- Restoration and upgrade of the Parish Hall
- Installation of a speed camera on Congleton Road, near to the Primary School
- Nether Alderley welcome boundary signs
- Traffic calming/strips in the vicinity of the Mill
- Restoration of the Saxon Cross
- Engagement of a lengthsman
- Extension of Burial Ground land

Mrs. Shufflebottom explained advice received from Cheshire East Council regarding each suggested area of local need/benefit and it was agreed that restoration of the cross and engagement of a lengthsman may not be considered to fit s106 parameters. The Parish Council agreed that it hoped that Cheshire East Council would fund a speed camera.

DECISION: The Parish Council resolved to approve that Mrs. Shufflebottom represents the Parish Council at a meeting to raise the other s106 proposals identified.

7.4 Nether Alderley Roundabout

The Parish Council is awaiting arrangement of a meeting with Cheshire East Council to discuss landscaping of the roundabout.

DECISION: The Parish Council approved that a sculpture on the roundabout may be a valuable feature and that Alderley Park may be approached to consider involvement with this.

7.5 Parish Hall Renovation.

DECISION: The Parish Council resolved to consider at the next Parish Council meeting.

7.6 Telephone Kiosk

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve that a Working Group of Councillors meets to consider a draft Highways licence received by Cheshire East Council and the next stage of the kiosk 'adoption' process, to feed back to the Parish Council at its next meeting.*

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve expenditure of £125 for purchase of the required Kiosk Highways licence.*

DECISION: *Further to advice from Cheshire Association of Local Councils and consideration of Parish Council powers for expenditure, the Parish Council resolved to approve that the Parish Council allocates funding for purchase of the telephone kiosk and highways licence by way of Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 in that the expenditure is for a benefit to the community where there is no other specific power covering the action and that the expenditure is commensurate with the benefit to the community.*

Proposed by Mrs. Shorland, Seconded by Mrs. Bentley and approved by resolution of the Parish Council

7.7 Highways Licence – Jubilee Bench

The Clerk explained recent communication with Mr. Simon Davies, Cheshire East Highways, who is still pursuing an updated licence for the bench.

7.8 Painting Work.

The Clerk explained recent communication with Public Rights of Way Department regarding the painting of the kissing gate. The Parish Council agreed that further consideration is given to painting the gate at the Burial Board meeting.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Life Links, Cheshire East

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve that this correspondence is considered at the next Parish Council meeting.*

8.2 Cheshire Constabulary.

The Clerk explained a policing update received from the Parish PCSO and update regarding the Saddlebridge Unit from the Knutsford Beat Officer.

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve that other policing correspondence is moved to the next Parish Council meeting.*

8.3 Revised Statement of Gambling Principles

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved that it did not have a response to send to this Cheshire East Council consultation.*

8.4 Manchester Airport Meeting

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve that Councillors Mrs. Shorland and Mrs. Wilkinson will represent at the Manchester Airport Parish/Town Council meeting on 29th September 2015.*

8.5 Cycling Event

The Clerk gave details of communication received regarding a cycling event.

9. Policies and Procedures

8.1 To consider Clerk's working hours August/September 2015.

The Parish Council noted the Clerk's hours worked since the meeting on Monday 10th August.

8.2 To report progress of the new bank mandate

The Clerk has been verbally informed that the new bank mandate is operational but is awaiting written confirmation.

8.3 To review the Parish Hall electricity supply company

The Clerk reported details of the standing, and other charges, on electricity.

8.4 Review of Document Retention Policy

The Clerk explained the current levels of retention of documents.

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve continued adoption of the Parish Councils Document Retention Policy with amendment for retention of e-mails to 4 years.*

8.5 Amendment to Standing Orders.

The Clerk explained direction from the National Association of Local Councils in relation to amendment required to existing Standing Orders in relation to recording of meetings as a result of amendment to the 1960 Act.

The Parish Council requested that the Clerk seeks further advice and information.

10. Planning

10.1 To consider and approve responses to new planning applications

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:

Planning Application 15/4012M

Loft Conversion with front dormer window

14, Orchard Crescent, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, SK10 4TZ.

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to submit the following response:*

Nether Alderley Parish Council has no objection to the proposed plans providing that it doesn't have a detrimental effect on neighbouring properties.

15/4117M

Construction of one part two-storey, part three-storey detached infill dwelling with detached garage, new access and landscaping

LAND ADJACENT TO HIGHLANDS, CONGLETON ROAD, ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE, SK9 7AD

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to consider a full response to this planning application at its next meeting but in view of dates allocated for response by Cheshire East Planning and the nature of the application, the Parish Council resolved to request that the application is called to Committee for the following reasons:*

1. The proposed development would set a precedent for new development within the Green Belt (on Green Belt land) and within the Conservation area.
2. The proposed development would be on Green Belt land; not on brown field within Green Belt
3. The size of the proposed property is very extensive
4. The style of the proposed property is not in keeping with surrounding properties.

10.2 To consider other Planning matters

There were no further planning matters

11. Finance

11.1 To note receipt of income as listed in Financial schedule

The Parish Council noted receipt of payment as listed in Appendix A1

11.2 To consider and authorise payments as listed in Financial schedule

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve payments, as listed in Appendix A2*

11.3 To consider direct debits, as listed in financial schedule

DECISION: *The Parish Council resolved to approve direct debits, as listed in Appendix A3*

11.4 Administration costs and expenses

The Parish Council noted that there are not expenses or administration costs to approve.

Expenditure/ Payments were proposed by Mrs. Shorland, seconded by Mrs. Wilkinson and approved by resolution of the Parish Council

12. Burial Board

No reports were received or matters required to be discussed.

13. Parish Hall

To receive reports from members of the Parish Hall Joint Management Committee.

Mrs. Walker, Chairman to the JMC, reported that the next Parish Hall JMC meeting will be held on 27th October.

14. Future Meetings.

The Parish Council noted that the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th October 2015 at 7 pm.

The Parish Council noted that the next Burial Board meeting will now take place on Monday 23rd September 2015 at 6.00 pm, the meeting on 7th September having been cancelled due to unavailability of the Hall.

Minutes taken by: the Clerk.

Minutes confirmed and approved at the Nether Alderley Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6th October 2015.

Signed..... Date.....

APPENDIX A

**Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.00 pm.
Nether Alderley Parish Hall.**

Schedule of Receipts and Payments

A1. Receipt of Income

27/8/15	BACS	Cheshire East Borough Council	half precept	£7500.00
25/8/15	BACS	HMRC	VAT reclaim	£917.75
4/9/15	BACS	Albert R Slack	Burial	£660.00

A2. Invoices for payment

1173 Mrs. P Langham Clerk's salary plus admin expenditure £838.36 September 2015

Comprising:

Salary September 2015 £517.16

Plus Administration costs £321.20 H

Salary and expenditure reviewed and approved 9/3/15 Minute ref 9.5

Administration costs approved 27/7/15 ref 9.2 and 10/8/15 ref 9.4

1174 Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire Pension Fund £132.63 Pension
contribution, September 2015 H

Pension contribution level reviewed and approved 9/3/15 Minute ref 9.5

1175 HMRC National Insurance £5.61 H

1176 Legal and General Ill health 'sweep up' account for 1/4/14 to 31/3/15 £3.71 H
Cover approved 19/9/12 ref 5.1, ordered 22.10.12; reviewed 25/3/15 ref 8.5

1177 Cheshire Association of Local Councils Training course for Councillor and Clerk
£60.00 H

Approval 10/8/15 ref 7.5

1178 Tree surgery work £180.00 (£150.00 plus £30.00 VAT) A,C
Work approved 24/2/15

1179 Henshaws Waste collection £39.28 (£32.74 plus £6.54 VAT) A,C,E,F,G
Waste collection review and approval 15/9/14 Minute Ref 9.3

Service ordered 11/6/2009. Minuted approval 21/5/2009 ref 5.10

1180 Mr. N Moore Burial Ground Maintenance £1060.00 A,C

Review of maintenance 12/11/14 10.2

A3. Direct Debits for approval

Utility Warehouse Parish Hall electricity £11.11 (£10.30 plus £0.81 VAT) for July 2015,
to be debited on or after 28 August 2015 E,F,G

Utility Warehouse Parish Hall electricity £151.44 (£126.20 plus £25.24 VAT) plus £0.81 VAT) for August 2015, to be debited on or after 30th September 2015 E,F,G

Service approved Minute reference 23.11.06 p 256 , Service ordered 23.11.06, Service last reviewed for continued use Minute reference 15.9.14 ref 9.1

A4. Approval to send to Payroll Provider for inclusion in Payroll Report for Clerk's expenses/salary H

None

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 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 provide and maintain and 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

Subsidiary powers of local authorities – to facilitate, or conducive or incidental to, the discharge of functions

LGA 1972 s111 H

Litter bins

Provision of litter bins L

Litter Act 1983, ss 5, 6

Research and collection of information

Power to carry out research

LGA 1972 S 141 M

Parish Plans S141 LGA 1972 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 £7.36 per elector in 2015/16. Expenditure must be commensurate with the benefit N