OVER ALDERLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD

MONDAY 19TH MARCH, 2018 at 7:45 p.m.

at OVER ALDERLEY & BIRTLES READING ROOM, BIRTLES LANE, OVER ALDERLEY.

PRESENT - Councillors: S. Clarke (Chairman), D. Burns, I. Beaumont.

Members of Public (5).

Cheshire East Borough Councillor P. Findlow.

Dr. E. M. Maddock - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, Over Alderley Parish Council.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillors D. Caplin and J. Venables.
- 2. MINUTES -

1/APM/18 Resolved a) That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 20th March, 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Councillor D. Burns

Seconded Councillor I. Beaumont

All in favour

3. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2017/18 -

Councillor S. Clarke reported that 2017/18 had been a relatively quiet year for the Parish Council. Work to bring forward the sale of the former primary school site has progressed over the last year with further progress expected next year. Efforts continue to be made by the Parish Council for the speed limit along Macclesfield Road to be reviewed. The National Trust has, this year, supported a review of the speed limit in the vicinity of their property. Highway defects continue to be reported to Cheshire East Council and monitored for repair. The Parish Council is represented at the Alderley Park Liaison Committee meetings and it is anticipated that funding will be available for improvements to the Reading Room. During the year Councillor S. Wren resigned her position of Parish Councillor and residents have been invited to express an interest to join the Parish Council. The Parish Council has adopted the telephone kiosk on School Lane and residents are invited to make suggestions for its future use.

4. FINANCE & ACCOUNTS -

The Clerk reported that the financial position of the Parish Council is reported to each meeting and detailed information is available should anyone have any queries. The latest financial statement shows that the Parish Council has remained within budget during the year.

5. PUBLIC FORUM -

A resident expressed concern regarding the condition of the highway and persistent flooding which occurs on School Lane (Outside School Lane cottages). Cheshire East Highways have recently been to assess the area, however, were unable to jet the drain as the manhole had collapsed.

2/APM/18 Resolved a) That the Clerk request an update from Cheshire East Highways on when the road is to be repaired and the drainage issue resolved. (All in favour)

A resident expressed concern regarding the sewerage system which currently serves the Ashbrook Road area of the Parish. It had been previously reported that the system appears inadequate to cater for the proposed additional dwellings at the garage site. A number of contractors have visited the site to investigate issues relating to the septic tank, however, no positive action has been taken to resolve the problems. It was reported that, at present, the system is discharging foul water into a water course that leads to a pond in nearby agricultural land. This has had a negative impact upon the use of this land.

3/APM/18 Resolved a) That the Clerk contact The National Trust to establish whether they have taken any action in respect of the sewerage system serving Ashbrook Road. (All in favour

A resident reported that he and his neighbours are presently experiencing difficulty in securing a satisfactory broadband service and mobile phone signal. These are both having a negative impact upon the ability of residents to communicate with others along with having a detrimental impact upon those residents who wish to work from home.

It was reported that whilst it may be possible to lobby BT and Connecting Cheshire to secure an improved service it may be necessary to explore alternative options such as ViSPA. Initial contact has been made with ViSPA, however, in order to proceed it is necessary to have expressions of interest from at least 25 properties.

4/APM/18 Resolved

- a) That the Clerk contact Connecting Cheshire in order to establish the present position in respect of the ongoing rollout of fibre broadband services.
- b) That an article be published in the Monthly Messenger raising awareness of this issue and inviting residents to submit an expression of interest to ViSPA.
- c) That the Clerk make representations to the relevant body to raise awareness of the poor mobile telephone signal in Over Alderley.

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A resident reported that he had attended the meeting to express concern about a recent planning application which had been submitted. The proposed development at Highlees, Birtles Lane (Application Ref: 18/0371M) was considered to be detrimental to the setting of the Grade II* listed St. Catherine's Church and, following research, appeared to be a forerunner to a larger scale commercial development of the land beyond the access point. Concern was raised regarding the impact upon the highway, the potential future loss of agricultural land and potential disturbance to residents in this quiet, rural area.

5/APM/18 Resolved a) That the comments of the meeting be taken forward to the Parish Council meeting when the planning application will be considered.

8:35p.m. - Borough Councillor P. Findlow joined the meeting (during Item 5).

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8:55p.m.

Signed:	Approval Date -	21 st May, 2018