

## Parish Council meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### Over Alderley reading Rooms 1945

#### Attendees

Parish Council members: John Potts (Chair), Councillor P Findlow, Susan Clarke (Clerk), David Burns (Deputy Chair), David Caplin, Donald Hobson

Parishioners : Mr Redfern, Dr Matt Davies, Mr Damien Davenport

**Apologies:** John Venables, Susan Wren

#### Minutes

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Matters arising

*a. Birtles Lane speed limit update*

Wilmslow police will not act as only two accidents have ever been logged by them.

Macclesfield more receptive, and put up a speed monitor for a week. Unfortunately, it was the quiet week before Christmas, so not representative.

*b. Birtles Lane parking*

Residents spoke with the land agent, who have engaged to raise the hard standing for the septic tank traffic with Mrs Guinness.

*c. Macclesfield Road speed limit*

There was a general review of the number of unreported accidents on the B5087, and the traffic speed being higher than 60 mph and the lack of police enforcement of the national speed limit. The number of footpaths crossing the main road, and at blind spots, was also noted. The discussion compared the traffic speed limitations newly applied to the Holmes Chapel roads, (30-50) as a healthy precedent, as they have lower usage and therefore risk. It was noted that the accident data used by the police is flawed as near misses and some hospitalisations aren't included.

**Action Mr Redfern**, who kindly offered to write a report, detailing the accidents and identifying them on an OS map, usage issues and state of road markings, in preparation for a review with the Highways department at east Cheshire Council. Also to enlist support for the report from the national trust, a major interested party. Potential escalation routes, following a review (see next point) are to local papers and websites.

Update from Don Hobson on Cheshire Local Access meeting: not possible to provide double white lines for the blind dip. Meeting recommendation was for **P Findlow to request a route review in a special meeting with highways** (complete – 1-3pm Macc Town Hall, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb),

**Action P Findlow** to request a special meeting with the Highways engineer, to present to the Parish Council 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> February proposed. **Action J Potts** to arrange for the room. **Action Sue Clarke** to invite local police representatives.

#### 4. Correspondence

- a. Peaks and Plains revised plans now show new houses clear of the green. There is still a concern about the state of repair of the septic tank, as its soak away capability has been compromised and it is now illegal. **Action Don Hobson** to enquire of maintenance company who pays, as we need to understand who has accountability for fixing it. **Action Sue Clarke** to request a full plan of the road, to give broader context. Also, **action SC** to email P Findlow (as planning committee member), to express concern about the septic tank capacity and maintenance increase, as well as emergency vehicle access due to reduced parking space for existing residents. Combined with visitors for new housing adding the need for visitor spaces.
- b. No invite was received to the Alderley Park consultation. P Findlow received minutes from the meeting and noted that there is some proposed development in the woods behind the mere. **Action PF** to check clerk's contact details (complete, next meeting Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30 at Macc Town Hall).

5. **Planning notifications** received for: 2 Higher Yew Tree farm, 2 hare Hill, 2 Festival Drive, Slade lane telecoms base station, footpath change. No comments on any.

#### 6. Finances

- a. 3 allotment payments received, one allotment not released. **Action SC** to give names to D Hobson for follow up. DH volunteered to kill weeds on the large vacant ot, to ready it for rent.
- b. Precept request submitted and receipt confirmed. Second half of Reading Room grant paid.

#### 7. Member reports

- a. Over Alderley Primary School – no change.

8. Local service delivery – allotments covered in 6a.

9. Date of next meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> march 2015 at 7.25. Advice to be provided of special meeting with Highways.



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