# Parish Council Meeting - Monday 12th May 2014

Over Alderley Reading Room 1945

# Attendees:

Chair – John Potts, Clerk Susan Clarke, David Burns, Councillor J Fndlow, Susan Wren, David Caplin, Donald Hobson, Martin Ostick

# **Apologies:**

John Venables

# Minutes:

- 1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- 2. Election of the chairman
  - a. Following a discussion of potential volunteers, John Potts was proposed as Chairman by Sue Wren and seconded by David Caplin. John Potts appointed as Chairman.
- 3. Election of the Vice Chariman
  - a. David Burns was proposed as Vice Chair by John Potts and seconded by Susan Wren. David Burns appointed as Vice Chairman.
- 4. Resignation of Martin Ostick as Clerk
  - a. MO had consulted CHALC and the local auditor. Legislation allows the appointment of a parish councillor to the post of clerk. However, there is a conflict of interest if the position is paid. It was agreed that Susan Clarke will act as parish clerk, waiving all payments.
  - b. The council held a vote of thanks for Mr Ostick's 20 years of excellent service.
  - c. Handover of all files, correspondence and archives was confirmed by Sue Clarke
- 5. Minutes of the previous meeting
  - a. 17/3 were read and confirmed.
- 6. Matters arising from previous minutes
  - a. Beech Cottage planning application as rejected
  - b. A discussion was held about the drainage on Hocker Lane with news that Andy Simpson of Highways believed the land drainage may now be working.
  - c. Action SC to call Andy Simpson about a hole in the road at Baguley Farm, on right (field side), 2 foot square and a yard deep.
- 7. Annual Parish Meeting
- 8. Correspondence
  - a. Peaks and Plains Trust plans for new homes in Ashbrook Road were deemed at "insufficient level of detail". It was agreed that they were within their rights to receive polling information. It was noted that some land needed for the

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development is owned by Cheshire East Council. Paul Findlow queried the basis of tenure and rental for the garages. There are variable tenures on leasehold with annual ground rents paid. A concern was registered about the scale of services e.g. sewage, to support a further 5 homes, as previously an additional 6 had been built with no improvements made.

b. Action clerk to invite Cheshire Peaks and Plains to present at the September meeting.

# 9. Planning

- a. Whirley Hall no comment
- b. Hare Hill Hall no comment
- c. Hayman's Barn no comment
- d. It was noted that the council approach to notify parishes of planning has changed and only a single sheet will be posted. It was agreed the new process will be for Sue Clarke to call the chairman, who will review relevant planning requests and decide whether to bring forward for discussion.

## 10. Vote to accept annual financial statement

a. Proposed to accept by John Potts, seconded by Donald Hobson

#### 11. Members reports

a. Sue Wren noted that Manchester Airport are running a school leavers work experience scheme that should be posted on parish noticeboards. The next Airports meeting is in 4 months time.

## 12. Allotments

- No standard rental statement provided, so the parish council need to provide tenancy agreements
- b. We have now received the list of tenants with addresses
- c. Awaiting the status of current rents and rental request letter.
- d. Cheshire East are responsible for water rates.
- e. New rents are due in October.

### 13. Over Alderley Primary School Charity

- a. No change in the status
- b. Paul Findlow noted that he has not yet received a promised report from Cheshire East. This report is now overdue.

### 14. 2014/15 Meetings calendar

a. All dates are suitable

# 15. Any other business

- a. Julie Bradley has requested permission to put a commemorative plaque onto the Findlow Hill bench. Agreed.
- b. Action John Potts a new map is needed for the Prestbury Road noticeboard, which will be provided by parish Paths Partnerships
- c. Paul Findlow to bring the Astra Zeneca site map, to allow the council to check whether any buildings will be included. The understanding currently is woodland only is impacted by the approved change of use.

Date of next meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.45 pm.

7/7/2014