MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

MONDAY 18TH JANUARY, 2016 at 7:45 p.m.

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

PRESENT - Councillors: J. Potts (Chairman), D. Burns (Vice Chairman), J. Venables, S. Clarke.

Members of Public (1).

Cheshire East Borough Councillor P. Findlow.

Dr. E. M. Maddock - Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Councillor S. Wren - Currently out of the country. Councillor D. Caplin - Work Commitments.

Decision a) To receive and approve the apologies for absence as listed above.

- 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.
- 3. MINUTES
 - i) The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 23rd November, 2015 had been previously circulated to all Members.

01/16 Resolved a) That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 23rd November, 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Councillor J. Venables

Seconded Councillor D. Burns

All in favour

- 4. PUBLIC FORUM FOR QUESTIONS
 - i) The Clerk presented two questions that had been received from members of the public:
 - 1. The Parish Council have been asked to consider whether they would be willing to receive a grant request from the community in respect of planned events to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. The Parish Council agreed that they would be willing to consider such a request on receipt of information specifying the value of grant requested and the proposed use of the funds.
 - 2. A resident had raised concern regarding "missing double white lines on the bend of the main road by the "Black Greyhound Smithy" and asked if the Parish Council could support his attempts to have the markings renewed by Cheshire East Council. The Parish Council acknowledged that some of the highway markings along the B5087 had deteriorated, however, they were unaware of this stretch having had double white lines.
- 5. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS
 - i) Macclesfield North & Poynton Policing Team No representatives of the Policing Team were present.
- 8:00p.m. Borough Councillor P. Findlow joined the meeting.
 - ii) Cheshire East Ward Member Councillor P. Findlow reported that the B5087 Safety & Speed Review report had been made available and asked for comments from the Parish Council. It was noted that this report had not been made available to the Parish Council. Councillor P. Findlow advised that he would forward the report to the Clerk. Councillor P. Findlow asked whether the Clerk could liaise with the Clerk to Mottram St. Andrew Parish Council in order to establish a calendar of meetings that minimised the number of meeting dates used by both Parish Councils. It was noted that, due to other commitments, the meetings of Over Alderley Parish Council would need to remain on third Mondays of the relevant months.
 - iii) Cheshire East Council Town & Parish Council Conference 10th December, 2015 The Clerk reported that she had attended the event at which the main focus was highway improvements. It was noted that there had been an 82% reduction in potholes within the borough along with a 72% reduction in the number of compensation claims associated with highway defects. Progress is being made with the investment programme to upgrade all street lights to LED which will result in a 26% saving in energy costs.
- 6. CO-OPTION OF MEMBER -
 - To receive the names of individuals who have expressed an interest to be co-opted to the Parish
 Council The Clerk advised that there had been two expressions of interest received in respect of being
 co-opted to the Parish Council. The names of the applicants and details provided within the expressions of
 interest were read to Members.
 - ii) To consider the co-option of a Councillor to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council from the candidates at (i) above A ballot of Members was held to determine which applicant was to be co-opted to the Parish Council. [Ballot result was unanimous.]
- 02/16 Resolved a) That Mr. Ian Beaumont be co-opted as Parish Councillor to Over Alderley Parish Council.

 Proposed Councillor S. Clarke Seconded Councillor J. Potts All in favour

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7. CORRESPONDENCE -

- i) To consider correspondence received by the Parish Council since the date of the last ordinary meeting and to determine such action as Members consider appropriate in relation thereto:
 - a) Cheshire East Council Payment of Council Tax Support Grant for 2016/17 in the sum of £31.00. The Clerk reported that this change of policy had been announced at the Town & Parish Council Conference in December, 2015. It had been noted that no payments would be made from 2017/18.
- ii) To receive and note correspondence received since the date of the last ordinary meeting: (Appendix A)

Decision a) To receive and note the correspondence received.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS -

i) Planning applications for consideration:

a) 15/5401M Full planning permission for the demolition of a number of specified buildings; and outline planning permission with all matters reserved for a mixed-use development comprising the following: Up to 38,000 sqm of laboratory, offices and light manufacturing floorspace (Use Class B1); Up to 1,500 sqm of retail, café, restaurant, public house and/or crèche floorspace (Use Classes A1, A3, A4 and D1); Up to 275 residential dwelling houses, where up to 60 units could be for retirement / care (Use Classes C2 and C3); Up to a 100 bed hotel (Use Class C1); Sport and recreational facilities including an indoor sports centre of up to 2,000 sqm (Use Class D2); Up to 14,000 sqm of multi-storey car parking providing up to 534 spaces (sui generis); A waste transfer station of up to 900 sqm (sui generis); Public realm and landscaping; Other associated infrastructure. - Alderley Park, Congleton Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield. SK10 4TF [Strategic Planning Board: 27/01/15]

Decision a) No observations.

b) 15/5441M Prior Approval of single storey rear extension extending 8m beyond the rear wall, maximum height of 4m and eaves height of 2.5m - Lower Yew Tree Farm, Birtles Lane, Over Alderley. SK10 4RY [12/01/16 - Decision: Approval not required]

Decision a) No observations.

c) 15/5856M Replacement mobile caravan/cabin used in connection with and ancillary to established use
of Highlees Wood for mixed forestry and leisure (non-commercial) - Highlees, Birtles
Lane, Over Alderley, Macclesfield, SK10 4RY

Decision a) No observations.

ii) To note the following Planning Decisions by Cheshire East Council since the last meeting:

- a) 15/5338M Proposed demolition of a single storey outbuilding and the erection of a two-storey side extension 1 Festival Drive, Over Alderley. SK10 4SQ [Approved with Conditions]
- b) 15/4472M The refurbishment and partial redevelopment of Block 15 with laboratory, office and manufacturing (assembly) spaces for research and development and associated uses (Use Class B1) Block 15 Former CTL, Alderley House, Alderley Park, Congleton Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield. SK10 4TF

[16/12/15: Approved with Conditions (Strategic Planning Board)]

Decision a) To receive and note the above planning decisions issued by Cheshire East Council.

9. FINANCE -

i) Financial Statement 2015/16 as at 18th January, 2016 - Appendix B.

The Clerk presented the financial statement 2015/16 which was unanimously accepted.

ii) To authorise the following payments - the Clerk outlined the basis of the following payment:

a) Cheque No. 000267 Over Alderley & Birtles £1,000.00 Grant towards upkeep & maintenance at Reading Room.

Over Alderley & Birtles Reading Room.

iii) **Receipts** - the Clerk reported that the following receipts had been received since 1st October, 2015:

a) Transparency Code Compliance Grant
 b) Allotment Rental - Plot 4
 c) Allotment Rental - Plot 5
 d) Allotment Rental - Plots 1 & 2
 £30.00

03/16 Resolved

- a) That the Statement of Account, as at 18th January, 2016 be received and the Clerk's observations duly noted.
- b) That the schedule of 1 payment be approved and duly authorised.
- c) That the report on receipts since 1st October, 2015 be received and duly noted.

Proposed Councillor S. Clarke Seconded Councillor J. Venables All in favour

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- iv) Future Audit Arrangements
 - a) Internal Audit Services 2015/16 The Clerk reported that it was necessary to appoint an internal auditor for the 2015/16 financial year.
- 04/16 a) That JDH Business Services be appointed as the internal auditor for the 2015/16 financial year. Resolved Proposed Councillor S. Clarke Seconded Councillor J. Potts All in favour
 - b) Sector Led Body Arrangments from 2017/18 onwards The Clerk reported that the current external audit arrangements were to cease from 2017/18. Smaller local authorities will be required to appoint their own external auditor, however, a national Sector Led Body is being appointed which can undertake this task on behalf of any councils wishing to participate. There is likely to be a fee (in the region of £100) to cover the initial five year period for this service.
- 05/16 a) That Over Alderley Parish Council agrees to use the external auditor as appointed by the Resolved national Sector Led Body.

Proposed Councillor S. Clarke

Seconded Councillor J. Potts

All in favour

MEMBER REPORTS -10.

- i) Over Alderley Primary School Charity Councillor D. Burns advised there was nothing to report. Councillor P. Findlow advised that he was still pursuing the matter with the Borough Solicitor.
- ii) Mottram superfast broadband Councillor P. Findlow advised that Mottram St. Andrew Parish Council are exploring a number of options including 'ViSPA' to attempt to secure improved broadband services to the area.

LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY -

- i) Ashbrook Road Allotments The Clerk advised that invoices had been issued in December, 2015 for which payment was awaited in respect of three plots. No Members were currently aware of anyone who wished to rent the currently vacant plot.
- a) That an advert be placed on the Parish Council Notice Boards inviting anyone interested in **Decision** occupying the vacant plot to make themselves known to the Parish Council.

12. **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE & ENHANCEMENTS -**

- i) **B5087 Route Review -** This had been discussed at item 5(ii) above.
- ii) Parking in vicinity of Varden Town Cottages A local resident was invited to update Members on the current position. It appears that the original complainants have now moved from the area, however, efforts are still being made with adjacent landowners to create an area suitable for parking and also for servicing the septic tank associated with the properties.
- iii) To receive highway matters for attention from Members None.
- MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA None. 13.
- **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 14th March, 2016 at 7:45 p.m. at Over Alderley & Birtles Reading Room. 14.

To consider passing a resolution under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (Section 100(a) of the Local Government Act 1972) to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

a) That the above resolution was not required as no items were to be discussed at Item 15. **Decision**

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION INCLUDING THOSE TRANSFERRED FROM ABOVE ITEMS - None.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 8:41p.m.

Signed:	Approval Date -	14 th March,	2016

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APPENDIX A

CORRESPONDENCE

Cheshire East Council

- Highways Minor Works Scheme Nominations Request for Schemes for 2016/17.
- Council Tax base Confirmation.
- Council Tax Support Grant Advice.
- Notes from Macclesfield Area Highways Group (18/11/15).
 (Date of next meeting 17th March 2016 at 6:30p.m. at Macclesfield Town Hall)

Cheshire East Council - Road Closures

- The Village, Prestbury from the junction with Macclesfield Road to junction with Springfields 13/12/15.
- Priest Lane, Kettleshulme from the junction with Kishfield Lane to junction with Higher Lane 17-18/12/15.
- Kishfield Lane, Kettleshulme from the junction with Priest Lane to junction with Side End Lane 14-16/12/15.
- Priest Lane, Kettleshulme from the junction with Kishfield Lane to junction with Higher Lane 11/01/16.
- Kishfield Lane, Kettleshulme from the junction with Priest Lane to junction with Side End Lane 06-08/01/16.

Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC):

- Introduction to Sector Led Body (Audit Regulations).
- Macclesfield Area Meeting 6th April, 2015 at Mottram St. Andrew Village Hall.
- Representations to Cheshire East Council re: Proposed changes to Council Tax Support Grant payments.
- Good Councillor's Guide (4th Edition) available.
- Revised spending limits for Transparency Fund applications.
- Deadline extended for Tesco Local Community Scheme.
- New Year 2017 Honours Request for nominations.
- Planning Training Session 2nd February, 2016.
- ChALC 2016 Training Programme.
- NALC Opportunities Bulletin.
- Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2016.
- Local Government Association Leadership Programme.

Other Correspondence

- Marton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Consultation. (Closing date: 01/02/16)
- Manchester Airport Runway Closures 2016.

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APPENDIX B

Financial Statement - 2015/16						
Actual 2014/15	as at 18 Januar Details	2015/16 Budget £.	Actual to Nov. 15 £.	Agenda Jan. 16 £.	Budget Balance £.	
~-	Receipts	~:	10 2.	~:	~:	
2,000.00	Precept	2,000.00	2,000.00		0.00	
0.00	Balances	221.00	0.00		0.00	
1.24	Investment Interest	0.00	0.63		0.00	
0.00	Sale of Assets	0.00	0.00		0.00	
80.00	Grants, Donations & Refunds	61.00	61.00	879.46	0.00	
143.00	Allotment Fees	0.00	0.00	74.67	0.00	
0.00	V.A.T. Refund	0.00	0.00		32.03	
2,224.24	Total Receipts	2,282.00	2,061.63	954.13	32.03	
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	Payments					
0.00	Salary (Clerk)	500.00	0.00		500.00	
0.00	National Insurance (Employer)	0.00	0.00		0.00	
0.00	Allowances (Clerk)	105.00	0.00		105.00	
0.00	Chairman/Member Allowances	0.00	0.00		0.00	
0.00	Publications & Stationery	25.00	0.00		25.00	
81.00	Audit Fees (internal & external)	85.00	119.00		-34.00	
243.80	Insurance	260.00	0.00		260.00	
1,000.00	Grant - Over Alderley & Birtles Reading Room	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	
84.63	Allotments - Water Charges	100.00	41.15		58.85	
75.90	Subscriptions/Affiliation Fees	85.00	80.96		4.04	
0.00	Room Hire	72.00	0.00		72.00	
0.00	Notice Board Maintenance	50.00	0.00		50.00	
0.00	Contingency	0.00	0.00		0.00	
28.99	V.A.T.		32.03			
1,514.32	Total Payments	2,282.00	273.14	1,000.00	1,040.89	
	Cash/Bank Reconciliation	01/04/15	23/11/15	18/01/16	31/03/16	
	Balance B/Fwd.	2,856.37	2,856.37	4,644.86	4,598.99	
	Add Total Receipts	0.00	2,061.63	954.13	32.03	
	Less Total Payments	0.00	-273.14	-1,000.00	-1,040.89	
	Balance C/Fwd.	2,856.37	4,644.86	4,598.99	3,590.13	
	Cumulative Balances	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance	
		01/04/15	23/11/15	18/01/16	31/03/16	
	General Funds	2,856.37	4,644.86	4,598.99	3,590.13	
	Earmarked Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		2,856.37	4,644.86	4,598.99	3,590.13	

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CASH/BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT - 18th January, 2016

CASH			
Balance Brought Forward 01/04/15 Current Account - Parish Council Business Reserve Account	377.07 2,479.30		
Plus Receipts	3,015.76		
-	5,872.13		
Less Payments	1,273.14		
Balance Carried Forward 18/01/16	4,598.99		
BANK (Natwest)			
Business Reserve Account -	2,479.93		08/10/15
Add income/transfer received since above Statement			
	0.00		
Less unpresented cheques			
	0.00		40.10.4.4.0
		2,479.93	18/01/16
Current Account -	3,089.06		30/11/15
Add income received since above Statement			
30.00	30.00		
Less unpresented cheques/ Transfer			
For approval 1,000.00 Less Payments already made 0.00	-1,000.00		
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Total Bank Balances 18/01/16

4,598.99