

Nether Alderley Parish Council

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Meeting Summons

Dear Councillors

I hereby give notice that the Parish Council Meeting will be held

**In the OAK Meeting Room Mereside, Alderley Park
Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 1.00pm**

Note New Venue and Time

All members of the Council are hereby summoned for the purpose of discussing and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the Meeting as set out hereunder.



David Naylor
Clerk to Nether Alderley Parish Council

Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th February 2025

AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence. It should be noted that Cllr. Raphael has resigned from the Council. This follows a heavy business workload which has prevented him from attending meeting.**
2. **To receive Declarations of Interests**
 - 2.1 To declare disclosable pecuniary interests (Councillors with disclosable pecuniary interest(s) must leave the room for the relevant items).
 - 2.2 To declare interests conflicting with the Nolan principles/non-pecuniary interests.
 - 2.3 To allow Councillors to consider amendments required to their Declaration of Pecuniary Interest forms.
3. **To consider and approve Applications for Dispensations**
4. **To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on the 14th January 2025 as a true and accurate record.
5. **Public Presentation**

To adjourn the meeting to receive representation from members of the Nether Alderley Parish.
6. **To resume the meeting.**
7. **Village Hall Renovation Progress.** Feedback will be provided from the Site Progress Meeting held on the morning of the Council meeting. Also copies of the Contractor's report will be available. We are nearing the end of the contact and the handover is scheduled for 24th February with a tutorial on the use of Hall equipment.

Works to complete before the handover include:

 - The external paving to the front entrance which is well underway
 - The siting of the bench at the front
 - An additional handrail to the external sand stone leading to the first floor
 - The potential to add something to help people to ascend and descend the small number of internal steps at the top of the external and stone steps. The entrance to the first floor at this point is quite narrow and will not allow traditional hand rails. Possibly rope "rails" would be appropriate.
 - The fencing and steps to the side Hall exit
 - The external clean up
 - The Internal clean up and sanding and polishing of the Hall Floor
 - Installing floor finishes in the Entrance Hall, Storeroom Toilets and first floor rear room and toilet

The Site Progress Meeting dates are shown below.

 - There may be a February Site meeting to be announced.
8. **Village Hall Cost and Resources Report. Enclosure 1 in the Agenda Documents Pack.** This Report continues to shows a moderate surplus, a large part of which can be used to populate the

2025/26 earmarked reserves for community improvements. £20,000 of this will be carried over into the 2025/26 general reserves to meet unforeseen emergency spending needs. See Agenda item 9 below which includes the forecast 2024/25 Budget Outturn Report and the proposed budget for 2025/26. The Clerk will show Enclosure 1 on the AV system at the meeting and go through it line by line. Adjustments can be made before final confirmation at the March Meeting.

- 9. Forecast 2024/25 Budget Outturn and Draft Budget for 2025/26 Enclosure 2 in the Agenda Documents Pack.** This forecast is based on actual figures up the end of January and projected cost to the end of March. The report has a last column for the draft budget for 2025/26 which has been populated with the knowledge of the 2024/25 projected outturn and spending suggestions raised at the 20th December Budget meeting and the January Council meeting. The earmarked reserves for 2025/26 have also been populated from issues raised at the budget meeting funded from the Village Hall Renovation surplus as referred to in Agenda Item 8 above. The Clerk will show Enclosure 2 on the AV system and go through it line by line. This can still be adjusted at this meeting and confirmed at the March Council meeting.

10. Finance Schedule (Appendix A)

11.1 To note receipt of income, as listed in schedule (A1)

11.2 To approve items for payments as listed in schedule (A2)

11.3 To approve direct debit/standing order as listed in schedule (A3)

11.4 To consider and approve the Clerk's expenses as listed in schedule (A4)

- 11. Broadband Supply Provider.** Sky has been appointed to supply the Parish Council with Broadband following quotes presented to the January Meeting. Openreach has confirmed access to the adjacent full fibre community scheme completed in 2021. The Clerk is meeting Openreach at the Hall on the 12th February 1pm – 5pm. Sky will then follow with the necessary internal equipment. The wi-fi will be high strength to reach all parts of the building and will have a guest provision. Two external phone “lines” will use the fibre connection and we need to consider if and how we used this function for hirers. Positioning of the router will potentially be in the Store Room.

- 12. Neighbourhood Planning (NP)** Cllr Gleave has sourced a planning consultant who can help us with the outstanding Basic Conditions and Consultation Statements. This follow a number of approaches to other companies without success. The Company is Kirkwells Ltd Planning Consultants. They will charge 4 days at £578.00 per day £2,312.00. Cllr Lesley has applied for a locality grant to cover this which is looking positive. This action needs retrospective approval of the Council because the closing date for grant application was 31st January. Work to be completed by 31st of March. The Clerk has sent a full chronology of Neighbourhood Plan events and documents between 2019 and 2024 to help Kirkwells to deliver the Consultation Statement.

- 13. Further update from the Parish Hall Marketing Group** - to be reported and discussed at the meeting. The Clerk has added funds to the 2024/25 and 2025/26 budgets for marketing

- 14. Flooding of Welsh Row** There had been severe flooding following the recent heavy rain and again it seemed to be related to water crossing into Welsh Row from Artists Lane and National Trust ponds and land. Also the drainage ditch on Welsh Row had become overgrown and volunteers had dug it out following the flooding. Road gulleys were blocked and presumably discharged into this overgrown ditch. In some respects the ditch could now present a hazard. Cheshire East had been contacted on their website application notifying them of the flooding and the potential cause. At the last meeting Councillors wished to visits National Trust land assessing the ponds and the condition of the overflow streams. A meeting with the National Trust was also proposed.

- 15. Bollington Lane Danger to Pedestrians.** Snow covered deep ditches had become a hazard because the ditches on the west side were in some cases shallow and then had a large step

change in depth. When covered with snow they were invisible. It was propose at the January Council meeting to fund poles to delineate the ditches and notices to identify deep stretches of ditch. The question was asked if Bollington Lane was adopted. Jenny Shufflebottom has advised [“the single tracked Bollington Lane is adopted by Cheshire East from the top down to and including the frontage - where the first house on the left hand side is - Mere Farm. After that the lane is private”](#). In this case Cheshire East should provide the necessary protection from these ditches but we could be waiting a while and may wish to action it ourselves

- 16. St Mary’s Church Website.** Their website will be important to help to increase the Hall hiring income but needs updated photographs and correct Parish Council contact details rather than the Church. After the handover and when the chairs and tables and AV equipmernts have been provided the Clerk and/or David Fairbottom could take photos and the Clerk could also produce a walk around video.
- 17. Members to be asked to Adopt Specific Roles to lead and progress items** - Please bring your suggestions to the meeting.
- 18. Progress in adopting .gov.uk suffixes to our emails and our website URL.**
The Parish Council Domains Helper Service Team have offered support in this process. The following are links to: The quote from Axon in the minutes was quite expensive. The Clerk has asked for a reduced cost quote where nor everyone has a business 365 account and others have we access into the system.
- 19. The procedure to advertise a casual vacancy for two councillors.** The Clerk has arrange a date with Cheshire East Council for the display of the 14 working-day notice allowing electors of the Parish to request an election rather than a co-option. The closing date is the 17th February. We have already had one firm expression of interest which has been circulated to all members.
- 20. The Clerk’s vacancy from the end of April.** ChALC will help with this in contacting Cheshire Town and Parish Councils and the Parish Council would advertised as widely as possible on social media and noticeboards. We need a well written promotion for the Job, Updated Job Specification and Job Contract the end February/ beginning of March would be an approtiate timer to Advertise. We know of one of our Councillors who may be interested and that would create another casual vacancy.
- 21. Planning Applications** Cheshire East Council (CEC) has launched a new On- Line Planning System (click on this [link](#) to access it. CEC is avoiding emailing the weekly planning list because they can now be searched via the above link and planning consultations can also be posted against each application.

Application No.	25/0151/PRIOR-6
Proposal	Prior Approval: Agricultural and Forestry Development Prior approval of Agricultural produce and machinery store
Location	Bradford Lane Farm Bradford Lane, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 4TR
Response Deadline	13 th February 2024
Application No.	25/0129/TP
Proposal	Oak Tree - reduce four lower limbs by 50% and to a suitable point to encourage fresh growth, all upper limbs over hanging the garden proposed to be reduced by 2 metres.

Location	2 Serpentine Square, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 4HQ
Response Deadline	None published for Tree Works

22. To consider any other Planning matters including decisions on Planning Applications:

[24/4988/PRIOR-1A](#) Prior Approval Not Required

Decision Date 20-01-2025

Prior Approval: Prior Approval: Larger householder extension

Prior Approval of a single storey side and rear extension to the south which projects 8m rearwards of the original dwelling and accommodates a guest bedroom suite. A single storey side and rear extension to the north, which projects 8m rearwards of the original dwelling and accommodates an open-plan kitchen/dining space Extending 8.00m beyond the rear wall, maximum height of 4.00m and eaves height of 2.70m
Beacon Lodge Macclesfield Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 4UB

[24/4932/DSC](#) Approved

Decision Date 22-01-2025

Discharge of condition 4 on approval [24/1426M](#)

Heathfield House Bollington Lane, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 4TB

23. Strengthening of Standards Framework Consultation [Enclosure 3 in the Agenda Documents Pack.](#)

24. Report from Cllr. Anthony Harrison Cheshire East Chelford Ward Councillor which includes Nether Alderley.

25. Items Raised at the Last Meeting

- Councillors have been asked to adopt specific roles – on this Agenda as item 17.
- The removal of leaves and the clearing of overgrown footpaths continues to be a problem.

26. Councillor items for the March Meeting:

27. Date of the Next Meeting:

**Tuesday 25th March 2025
1.30 pm at the Village Hall**

APPENDIX A

Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 11th February 2025

Schedule of Receipts and Payments

A1. Receipt of Income - Month of January

Current Account:

Alderley Edge Institute Grant (second £50%) £23,887.50

December HMR VAT Reclaim £26,028.26

Reserve Account £0.58 Interest Payment 31st January

Skipton BS Interest is annual at the end of March

Unity Trust Bank (Quarterly) next installment at the end of March

A2. Invoices for payment

Ch.	Provider	Total Cost	Net of VAT	Service Provided	VAT	Power
18	David Naylor	£706.81	£700.15	Salary & Expenses	£6.66	H
18	HMRC	£439.95	£439.95	TAX & NI	£0.00	H
18	WML Consulting	£1,911.60	£1,593.00	Set up and print Winter Newsletter 520 Copies	£318.60	E
18	KPS Architects	£666.73	£555.61	RIBA Work Fee based on contract sum increase of £16,708 @ 9.75% plus reasonable expenses plus VAT & contract extension of three months. 2 nd Installment of three	£111.12	E
18	Currie & Brown	Invoice Awaited		Site Progress Meeting & carry out Valuation 10		E
18	Greensplash Designs Ltd	£85.00	£85	SSL Website Certificate Renewal	£00.00	H
1825	Rosehill Furniture	1,665.12	£1387.60	New Tables for the Village Hall	£277.52	E

CHAPS	B&E Boys	Invoice Awaited Plus £23 Chaps		Hall Contract Valuation 8		E
CHAPS	Alpha Furnishing	£1,164.15. + £23 CHAPS Fee	£970.12 No VAT	Deposit - New Chairs for Village Hall	£194.03	E

A3. Direct Debits/Standing Orders for approval

Provider	Total Cost	Net of VAT	Service Provided	VAT	Power
Current Account Bank Charges	£5.25	£5.25	November to January. We have now exceeded the turnover limit for free banking.	£0,00	H

A4. Approval of the Clerk's expenses/salary: Power H

Travel 131 Miles @ 45 pence per mile = £58.95
 Phone Sim monthly £9.17 plus £1.83 VAT = £11.00
 Cartridge Discount £9.98 + £2.00 VAT = £11.98
 Ryman's Paper £6.66 plus £1.33 VAT = £7.99
 Amazon P.Touch Tape Labeling Cassettes £7.49 plus £1.50 VAT = £8.99
Total £92.25 plus £6.66 VAT = £98.91
 Plus, Salary - Contracted 65 hours @ 15.58 per hour £1,012.70 = £1,111.61 Gross
 Less £404.80 Tax = £706,81

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Signed.....
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Parish Council Powers for Expenditure and Activity

Note that the Parish Council has adopted the Power of Competence

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 [Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10]

A

Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials

Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s.1

B

Power to provide and maintain and Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries

Local Government Act 1972, s.214

Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 (no 204) C1 Memorials (16 (1) (a) and 16 2 (b))

C

Bus Shelters

Power to provide and maintain shelters

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s.4

Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1

D

Crime prevention

Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s31, Crime and Disorder Act 2000

Q

Community Centres

Power to provide and equip community buildings [Local Government Act 1972, s.133]

E

Power to provide buildings for clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

F

Power to provide a range of recreational facilities [Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1975 s19]

G

General Administration/Running Costs

Subsidiary powers of local authorities – to facilitate, or conducive or incidental to, the discharge of functions
LGA 1972 s111

H

Parish Hall – public meetings

K

1. LGA 1972 s 142 “ arrange for the delivery of lectures and addresses and the holding of discussions on such matters - provision of information etc relating to matters affecting local government
2. s133 ‘Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies or contribute towards the expenses of providing such buildings’
3. LGA 1972 S111

Litter bins Provision of litter bins [Litter Act 1983, ss 5, 6]

L

Neighbourhood Plans [Localism Act 2011 Sch 9]

R

Research and collection of information

Power to carry out research [LGA 1972 S 141]

M

Parish Plans [LGA 1972 S 141]

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 £8.12 per elector in 2019/20. Expenditure must be commensurate with the benefit

N

Websites Local Government Act 1972 s142

P

Life-saving appliances – Power to provide life-saving appliances (e.g. life belts, defibrillators)
[Public Health Act 1936, s234]

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