

# Nether Alderley Parish Council

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9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Meeting Summons

Dear Councillors

I hereby give notice that the Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Glass House Alderley Park.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 1.30pm**

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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### AGENDA

1. **To** receive apologies for absence.
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 that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 as a true and accurate record.
5. **To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Budget Working Group Meeting** held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 as a true and accurate record.
6. **Public Presentation**

To adjourn the meeting to receive representation from members of the Nether Alderley Parish.
7. **To resume the meeting.**
8. **Village Hall Renovation Progress.** The Parish Hall will now be referred to as the Village Hall so as to identify it as community building. The Contract outturn is likely to marginally increase and this will be discussed at the Site Progress Meeting held on the morning of this Council meeting. The issues are related to the steps and balustrade at the side of the Hall and particularly the materials they would be constructed of. Also the path leading to the front entrance (see photograph below)



It does not appear to be in character with the building is too bold and does not align with the entrance door. Changes to this will be required The Copies of reports presented to the site meeting will be available at the Council meeting for discussion.

The Site Progress Meeting dates are shown below.

- Site Progress Meeting 06: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 10:00 am
- There may be a February meeting to be announced if necessary

**9. Village Hall Cost and resources Report. Enclosure 1 in the Agenda Documents Pack.** The Report continues to shows a surplus i.e. £55,796 less £20,000. The latter will be carried over into the 2025/26 general reserve to meet unforeseen emergency spending needs. It is expected that a large part of the remainder will be used to populate the 2025/26 ea marked reserves. See the Agenda item 10 below and the Clerk's draft 2024/25 Budget Outturn Report and draft budget, which has been populated in this manner following the December budget meeting.

**10. Quarterly Budget, Forecast Budget Outturn and the 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 column for the draft budget for 2025/26 which has been populated with the knowledge of the 2024/25 projected outturn and issues raised at the 20<sup>th</sup> December Budget 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 9 and shown in Enclosure 2. You will see from this enclosure that the 2025/26 budget shows a deficit and it is recommended that this be filled from a modest rise in the precept so as to allow the ear marked reserves to be fully funded. Alternatively the deficit could be met or reduced by reducing the earmarked reserves. The Budget Group were of the opinion that the precept had not risen for 5 years and during this time all focus has been on the Village Hall and it was now time to deal with other community issues The report shows alternative levels of precept rise. It should be noted that the precept has to be reported to Cheshire East Council by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January which the Clerk will do.

**11. Finance Schedule (Appendix A)**

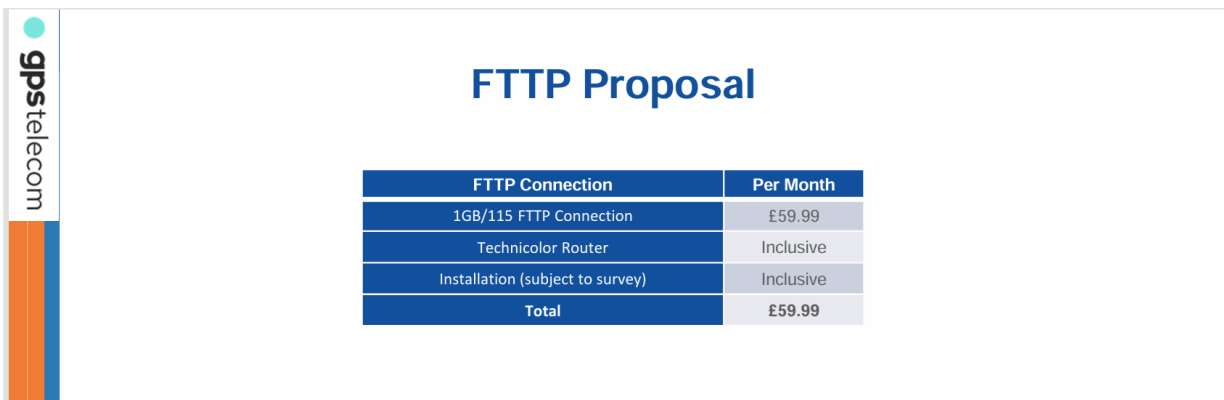
11.1 To note receipt of income, as listed in schedule (A1)

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)

**12. Potential Broadband Supply Company.** This is a recent proposal from gps telecom. The Clerk will source others from BT, Talk Talk etc., for comparison. Openreach have started work on identifying the best linkage point into the Full Fabre Community Scheme created in 2021. Sky has an offer of £52 per month. Talk Talk only provide a domestic service and it is suggested that we need a business service with a fixed IP address which will accord with potential business needs of hiring of the Hall and quicker response to any faults to minimise downtime. The Clerk will source a quote from BT to ensure we are getting the most value service.



The image shows a table titled "FTTP Proposal" from "gps telecom". The table lists the costs for different components of the FTTP connection, including a 1GB/115 FTTP Connection, a Technicolor Router, and installation (subject to survey). The total cost is £59.99 per month.

| FTTP Connection                  | Per Month     |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1GB/115 FTTP Connection          | £59.99        |
| Technicolor Router               | Inclusive     |
| Installation (subject to survey) | Inclusive     |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>£59.99</b> |

- 13. Neighbourhood Planning (NP) Progress.** The Clerk had submitted the final versions of the NP and the Design Codes to Cheshire East Council's Neighbourhood Planning Team with a summary and actual copies of the Section 14 responses which have been addressed in this final NP version. The response from Cheshire East requires another piece of work alongside the NP, Design Codes and the Summary of section 14 responses before the documents can start the Section 16 consultation carried out by Cheshire East Council prior to the submission of the documents to the inspector. These documents are: the Basic Conditions Statement and Consultation Statement. Examples of other plans in the borough which have such documents are in this link: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-plans/completed-neighbourhood-plans.aspx>. Local Examples: [Alderley Edge NDP - basic conditions statement \(PDF, 828KB\)](#) and [Alderley Edge NDP - consultation statement \(PDF, 21MB\)](#)
- Cllr Gleave suggested making contact with the planning consultancy Asteer Planning: Contact Jon Suckley Managing Partner. However they have advised that they cannot help with this. Cllr. Gleave has contacted Cheshire East Neighbourhood Planning Team and they also cannot help or suggest a person to help, although they did suggest contacting neighbouring authorities who could recommend the person who had assisted them. The Clerk has the email list used for the section 14 consultation and will send an email to selected authorities.
- The Clerk has also increased the NP allocation in the remaining Budget for January to the end of the year to £2000 to help to fund this work. See **Enclosure 2 in the Agenda Documents Pack.**
- 14. 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
- 15. Flooding of Welsh Row** - discussion to prevent a recurrence
- 16. Bollington Lane Danger to Pedestrians.** Snow covered deep ditches are a hazard. This is the second complaint received in the last 12 months about the deep roadside ditches.
- 17. St Mary's Church has a history of the Church and the Hall which includes out of date contact details.** Cllr Linnell referred to the [following link to their website](#) and another link is to [the History](#) The website has not been updated since 2019 but this needs to be addressed in a sensitive way.
- 18. Members to be asked to Adopting Specific Roles to lead and progress items** - Discussion and volunteering please.
- 19. 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: [Approved Registrars](#) and [Aubergine Website](#). We will need some Office 365 Licenses potentially [365 for Business](#). It may be possible to get some help and advice from Alderley Park. The quote from Axon in the minutes is quite expensive in recurring support costs.
- 20. The procedure to advertise a casual vacancy for a councillor.** The Clerk will arrange a date with Cheshire East and display the required notices on the website, noticeboards and Facebook etc. The notice has to give 10 electors of the parish the right to request that an election be held. However, it would be unusual for such requests to be made.
- 21. The Clerk's vacancy from the end of April.** ChALC will help with this in contacting Cheshire Town and Parish Councils and we would advertise as widely as possible on social media. We need a well written promotion for the job.

- 22. 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.   | <a href="#">24/4881/DSC</a>                                     |
| Proposal          | Discharge of condition 4 on approval <a href="#">24/2163M.</a>  |
| Location          | Hillcrest Congleton Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire East, SK9 7AD |
| Response Deadline | 29-01-2025  |

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

24/4883/PRIOR-1A Prior **Approval Not Required**

Decision Date 03-01-2025

Prior Approval: Larger householder extension

Silverdale Sand Lane, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 4TS

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

**25. Burial Board Issues to approve.**

1. Information about the Burial Ground (Attached)
2. Memorial Inspection Policy (Attached)
3. Recommendations to the Burial Board (attached)

**26. In accordance with Standing Order 3D, the meeting will now move into Part 2 due to the private and sensitive matters likely to be discussed. This will be actioned by Resolution of the Councillors.**

4. Minutes of the Burial Board Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (attached for members only)

**27. Items Raised at the Last Meeting**

Footpath obstructed with ferns and bracken from Monks Heath towards Macclesfield - needs attention. Still be done - referred to CEC

**28. Councillor items for the January Meeting:**

The removal of leaves and the clearing of overgrown footpaths continues to be a problem.

**29. To confirm the next Council meeting is:**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**1.30pm at the Glass House Alderley Park**

## APPENDIX A

### Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

#### Schedule of Receipts and Payments

##### A1. Receipt of Income - Month of December

Current Account:

£6,633 CEC for AV Equipment

Reserve Account £0.61 Interest Payment 31<sup>st</sup> December

Skipton BS Interest is annual in March Only

Unity Trust Bank (Quarterly) £3.63

##### A2. Invoices for payment

| Ch.   | Provider                 | Total Cost | Net of VAT   | Service Provided  | VAT      | Power |
|-------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|---|----------|-------|
| 1817  | David Naylor             | £718.70    | £708.82      | Salary & Expenses   | £9.88    | H     |
| 1818  | HMRC                     | £440.35    | £440.35      | TAX & NI  | £0.00    | H     |
| 1819  | Printit                  | £349.58    | £349.58      | Set up and print Winter Newsletter 520 Copies   | £00      | H     |
| 1820  | 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. 1 <sup>st</sup> Installment | £1111.12 | E     |
| 1821  | Currie & Brown           | £353.56    | £294.63      | Site Progress Meeting & carry out Valuation 8   | £58.93   | E     |
| 1822  | Clear Councils Insurance | £268.39    | 268.39       | Extension of Hall Renovation Insurance to end of January  | £00.00   | E     |
| CHAPS | B&E Boys                 | To Follow  | Not Yet Rcd. | Hall Contract Valuation 8   |          | E     |

**A3. Direct Debits/Standing Orders for approval**

| <b>Provider</b>   | <b>Total Cost</b> | <b>Net of VAT</b> | <b>Service Provided</b> | <b>VAT</b>    | <b>Power</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Cown Gas & Power  | £278.93           | £265.65           | Supply of Gas November  | £13.28 @ 5%   | H            |
| Crown Gas & Power | £896.36           | £746.97           | Supply of Gas December  | £149.39 @ 20% | H            |

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

Travel 86 Miles @ 45 pence per mile = £38.70

Phone Sim monthly £9.17 plus £1.83 VAT = £11.00

Ryman Tippex and Scotch Magic Tape £8.32 + £1.66 VAT = £9.98

Post Office Stamps £13.20 no VAT = £13.20

Sainsburys Printing Paper £6.25 plus £1.25 VAT = £7.50

Alderley Park (Sodexo) December Council Meeting Refreshments £25.68 plus £5.14 VAT =£30.82

**Total** £101.32 plus £9.88 VAT = £111.20

Plus, Salary - Contracted 65 hours @ 15.58 per hour £1,012.70 = £1,123.90 Gross

Less £405.20 Tax = £718.70

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]

S