

# 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 Village Hall, Church Lane, Nether Alderley  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 1.30pm**

**Note 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 25<sup>th</sup> March 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 the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings** held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 as a true and accurate record and to approve the amended minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 as a correct record.
5. **Public Presentation**

To adjourn the meeting to receive representation from members of the Nether Alderley Parish and then to resume the meeting.
6. **A Casual Vacancy Co-option Panel** was given delegated authority (February Council Meeting Minute 20) to interview and co-opt new members to two vacancies. The panel comprised Cllr. Gleave, Cllr, Farrell, and Cllr. Joseph. Their actions were dependent on a request not being submitted by ten electors of the Parish to Cheshire East's Returning Officer requiring an election to be held. No such request was submitted and the panel co-opted. Cllr Rachel Horsefield and Cllr Susan Clarke.
7. **Welcome to the new members.** The Clerk will provide an induction session for them, date to be confirmed at the meeting. Cllr Joseph will also be included in relation to Financial Regulations and Standing Orders which she was unable to attend an update provided by the Clerk in January.
8. **Village Hall Renovation Progress.** The following matters will be open for discussion at the meeting.
  - The renovation has now been completed and the Hall handed over
  - Snagging meeting 24<sup>th</sup> February - feedback
  - Bookings made and fulfilled to date - feedback
  - Any other matters of concern or relevance
9. **Village Hall Renovation Cost and Resources Report. Enclosure 1 in the Agenda Documents Pack.** This Report shows a healthy surplus now that the contract is complete. 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 also Agenda item 11 below which includes the forecast 2024/25 Budget Outturn Report and the proposed budget for 2025/26. In the absence of the imminent Village Hall AV system, the Clerk will show the Agenda 10 and 11 reports on a screen, which he will provide, and will through them line by line. Adjustments can still be made

before final confirmation of the 2025/26 budget at this March Meeting.

- 10. Forecast 2024/25 Budget Outturn and Draft Budget for 2025/26 Enclosure 2 in the Agenda Documents Pack.** This forecast is based on actual receipts and payment commitments up the end of March. The report has a last column for the draft budget for 2025/26 which has been populated with knowledge of the projected 2024/25 outturn and spending suggestions raised at the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 10 above. These can also be amended at this meeting.
- 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. 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 met Openreach at the Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. However it was apparent that there was still work for them to do before SKY could install the router. This work constitutes three poles to support the fibre optic cable from the node on the pole at the entrance to Church Lane. One at the entrance to the Church Car Park, one on the corner of Ladies Lane in the Paddock and a further one in the paddock near the Village Hall. The ones in the paddock will be adjacent the fence. The cable would then be strung from the poles and then into the Village Hall at first floor level connecting to the router situated either in the storeroom or in the first floor of the old school house.

The cable would then be extended and exit the Hall at an appropriate point to serve Church. Note that the Hall's capacity would not be shared and the Church would only be sharing the mean of access.

The only alternative to this would be another cable stretching from the last pole serving the Hall across to the frontage of the Hall to the Church. This would be unsightly.
- 13. Neighbourhood Planning (NP)** Cllr Gleave had sourced a planning consultant who could help with the outstanding Basic Conditions and Consultation Statements. Engagement with them was approved at the last Council meeting and they have very recently sent there work for review with a number of additional questions – Feedback will be provided at meeting.
- 14. The Marketing Group Feedback** including the Hall's Open Events on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March and the following Saturday and Sunday.
- 15. Flooding of Welsh Row** An update on progress will be provided at the meeting.
- 16. 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. An update on progress will be reported at the meeting.
- 17. St Mary's Church Website.** Their website will be important to help to increase the Hall's hiring income but needs updated photographs and correct Parish Council contact details rather than the Church's. This matter is being progressed and an update will be provided at meeting
- 18. Members have been asked to be asked to adopt specific roles and action and lead on specific items.** Confirmation of those roles at the meeting.

- 19. Progress in adopting .gov.uk suffixes to our emails and our website URL.** The quote from Axon was quite expensive. The Clerk has asked for a reduced cost quote where not everyone will have a business 365 account and will have web access into the system. The Clerk is having a final discussion with AXON on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March and will update the meeting accordingly.
- 20. Renewal of the Council's Insurance.** Members will recall that this the second year of a three year agreement with Clear Councils Insurance Brokers. To obtain the best deal they have now engaged with Ecclesiastical Insurance which specialises in local council insurance. They do provide hirer's liability cover within their policy for hirers other than organised group who would be expected to have their own public liability cover. **Enclosure 3 in the Agenda Documents Pack.**
- 21. The Clerk's vacancy from the end of April\*.** **Enclosure 4 in the Agenda Pack.** 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. Attached is the job specification previously circulated. Closing date to be decided \*The Clerk will delay his departure as necessary until a new Clerk is in post and been introduced into the role.
- 22. Example of a Social Media Policy.** **Enclosure 5 in the Agenda Documents Pack**
- 23. Use of the Village Hall other by formal booking arrangements.** Added to the Agenda by Cllr Linnell for clarification and a short discussion.
- 24. 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="#">25/0653/CLPUD</a>
Proposal	Certificate of proposed development for the construction of side and rear extensions, outbuildings and associated hard standings.
Location	Beacon Lodge Macclesfield Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 4UB
Response Deadline	27-03-2025

Application No.	<a href="#">25/0572/FUL</a>
Proposal	Alterations to existing site access including provision of electricity substation, associated engineering operations and landscaping.
Location	April House Congleton Road, Nether, Alderley Cheshire East, SK9 7AL
Response Deadline	11-03-2025

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

**[25/0151/PRIOR-6](#) Prior Approval Refused**

13 February 2025

Bradford Lane Farm Bradford Lane, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 4TR

Prior approval of Agricultural produce and machinery store

**[25/0129/TPO](#) Consent for works in TPO with conditions**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### Works to TPO Trees

2 Serpentine Square, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 4HQ  
Oak All upper limbs over hanging the garden of No.2 Serpentine Drive, reduce by 1-1.5 metres. Limb 1 (North) – Leading over the lawn area, remove back into the main stem. Limb 2 (Northwest) – Leading towards the property, reduce the left hand branch when viewed from the property into the secondary scaffold union. Removal of deadwood (Exempt)

#### **25/0022/TPO Consent for works in TPO with conditions**

25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### Works to TPO Trees

11 Vale Crescent , Macclesfield

Tree 1 - Beech - Crown reduction of lateral Canopy by 2 metres overhanging garden, reduction in height by 1.5 - 2 metres. Tree 2 - Oak - Crown reduction of lateral Canopy by 2 metres overhanging garden, reduction in height by 1.5 - 2 metres. Tree 3 - Silver Birch - Crown reduction of lateral Canopy by 1-1.5 metres overhanging garden, reduction in height by 2 metres

#### **24/4881/DSC Approved**

10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### Discharge of conditions

Hillcrest Congleton Road, Alderley Edge, Cheshire East, SK9 7AD

Discharge of condition 4 on approval [24/2163M.](#)

#### **24/2844M Withdrawn**

19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

The Bungalow, Heawood Hall Congleton Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 4TN

Increase in roof height to create new habitable space on first floor, addition of 4no. dormer windows on front and rear elevations. Single storey side and rear extension and internal replan.

#### **23/3554M Refused**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Street Record Sand Lane, Nether Alderley, Cheshire East,

Erection of haybarn adjacent to stables for the storage of Haylage

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

#### **27. 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.

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

**29. Date of the Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**1.30 pm at the Village Hall**

# APPENDIX A

## Nether Alderley Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Schedule of Receipts and Payments

#### A1. Receipt of Income -the last Meeting up to this meeting ( 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025)

##### Current Account:

VAT Reclaim (Month January) £10,123.21

VAT Reclaim (Month November) £15,717.62

Vat Reclaim (Month June) £2,273.74 (held up because of review of first Claim since VAT Registration)

Just Giving Transfer in £.48.20

Neighbourhood Planning Grant (Locality) £2,312.00

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Payment March 2025 £26,253.12

Reserve Account £0.49 28<sup>th</sup> February

Skipton BS Interest not available until end of March

Unity Trust Bank Interest not available until end of March

##### Invoices sent and awaiting payment to NAPC

Invoice Ref 001-2/25 £150.00 + £30 VAT - Village Hall Booking 27/28 February 2025

Invoice Ref 002-3/25 £750.00 plus £150 VAT - One Day ITV Filming at the Village Hall 21/03/25

#### A2. Invoices for payment

Ch.	Provider	Total Cost	Net of VAT	Service Provided	VAT	Power
1832	Curtain Services Ltd	£1,914.00	£1,595.00	Fitting of Blinds at Parish Hall	£319.00	E
1833	David Naylor	£1,030.13	£975.85	Salary & Expenses	£54.28	H
1834	Cancelled Cheque					
1835	KPS Architects	£3,560.32	£2,966.93	RIBA Work stages 5 & 6 Construction Phase and Handover Fee increase based on Valuation 11 of £666,430= 666,430 - £636,000 = £30,430. 9.75% of £30,430 = £2,966-93 + VAT.	£593.39	E
1836	Currie & Brown	£353.56	£294.63	Site Progress Meeting & carry out Valuation 10	£58.93	E

<b>CHAPS</b>	B&E Boys	£40,505.30 +£23 Nat West CHAPS Fee	£33,754.42	Hall Contract Renovation Valuation 10	£6750.88	E
<b>CHAPS</b>	Alpha Furnishing	£3,492.45. + £23 Nat West CHAPS Fee	£970.12	Final Payment - New Chairs for Village Hall	£194.03	E
<b>1837</b>	Overdales Legal on Behalf of EDF Energy	£1,000.00	0.00	Settlement of £1813 claim for energy used.	0.00	H
<b>1838</b>	HMRC	£440.35	£440.35	TAX & NI	£0.00	H
<b>1839</b>	STMC	£2889.60	£2408.60	Building Control	£481,60	H
<b>1840</b>	Kirkwells Planning Consultants	£2,080.80	£1,734.00	Neighbourhood Plan Basic Conditions &Consulation Statements	£346.80	H
<b>1841</b>	Print -it	£349.58	£349,58	Set up and Print Spring Newsletter 520 copies Colour A4 x 4 pages	£.0.00	H
<b>1842</b>	Clear Council's Insurance (See this Council Agenda Item 21 for the Policy.	£2,754.54	£2,754.54	Village Hall Insurance Renewal Fee for 2025/26	No VAT Insurance Tax £290.31 (included)	
<b>1843</b>	Greensplash Design Ltd	£275.00	£275.00	Web Hosting	£0.00	H
<b>1844</b>	Fire Queen	£77.54	£64.62	Service Attendance Fee Unit Service Cost Sm+Service Parts Tamper Proof Seal [Standard] Gauge Patch Discharge Hose Ring	£12.92	H
	Fire Queen	£950.67	£792.21	Replaced units which were out of date since last service prior to the Hall Renovation	£158.46	H

1845	G Beeby	£392.00	£392.00	Repair of Benches at the Village Hall	£0.00	H
1846	Print It	£194.95	£194.95	30 Extra Copies of the Spring Newsletter and 6 Photo Books for the Village Hall Opening Event	£0.00	H

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

Provider	Total Cost	Net of VAT	Service Provided	VAT	Power
Crown Gas & Power Refund	-1,039.00	-£865.83.	Supply of Electricity 20/11/24 – 31/1/25	-£173.17	H
Crown Gas & Power	£122.42	£116.59	Electricity Standing Charge 20/11/24 – 17/02/25	£5.83 & 5%	H
Crown Gas & Power	£117.75	£98.13.	Supply of Electricity 17/02/25 – 26/2/25	£19.62 @ 20% <sup>9</sup>	H
Crown Gas & Power	£10.22	£9.73	Supply of Electricity 26/02/25 – 28/02/75	£0.49 @ 20%	H
Crown Gas & Power	£897.52	£747.94	Supply of Gas 27/12/24 – 27/01/25	£149.58 @ 20%	H
Current Account Bank Charges	£8.05	£8.05	Bank Charges 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 186 Miles @ 45 pence per mile = £83.70  
 Phone Sim monthly £9.17 plus £1.83 VAT = £11.00  
 Electrical Extension Lead £19.17 + £3.83 VAT = £23.00  
 Post Office Stamps £13.20 No VAT = £13.20  
 Village Hall Washroom equipment and baby Change Unit £243.11 plus £48.62 VAT = £291.73  
**Total** £368.35 plus £54.28 VAT = £422.63  
 Plus, Salary - Contracted 65 hours @ 15.58 per hour £1,012.70 = £1,435.33 Gross  
 Less £405.20 Tax = £1,030.13

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