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Minutes of the Thirty Ninth Annual General Meeting held on 27th November 2009 in the Council Chamber, Festival Hall, Alderley Edge

In the Chair: - Mr Martin Steiger

Apologies: - Dr and Mrs Forshaw, Mr and Mrs Jennings, Ms J Brock and Mr R Jones, Mr D Barraclough, Mr and Mrs Copeland, Mr and Cllr Wrinch, Mr and Mrs Abbott and Mr A Jones

Present: - Mr M Sinker, Mr D Whittingham, Mr and Mrs S Napper, Mr and Mrs J Waller, Mr P Binder, Ms J Wilkinson, Mrs Z Theofilopoulos, Ms P Hendry, Mr and Mrs R Estridge, Mrs S Shorland, Mr I Daglish and Mr M Whitaker

Minutes of last AGM: - The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2008 were approved.

Chairman's Report: - In his third report to the AGM, the Chairman started by thanking the officers for their continued support. The full text of his report may be read on our website at www.edgeassociation.com.

Our annual formal dinner was held on 16 October. Next year we intend holding an informal dinner at the Cricket Club. The meeting was asked for its views on a mid week event (Fridays and Saturdays being impossible for the Club). By general acclaim, this suggestion was supported. A firm date will now be sought.

The newsletter will be issued about two months earlier next year – to avoid problems for the scouts having to deliver it in the dark.

The Association's Committee felt that defeating the Dobbies scheme was vital to the future well-being of the village and so resolved to contribute £1,000 to the fighting fund to help with the costs of a planning consultant. If the application is refused and Dobbies then go to appeal, further help will be necessary. Anyone with relevant professional experience that would be useful in fighting this proposal is asked to contact Ian Standen as soon as possible. A Public Meeting of affected Parishes, similar to the one organised in Alderley Edge about development is also being considered.

Ian Daglish then described progress on the Village Plan. The first full draft is nearly complete. It looks at ways of improving life in the village (e.g. transport, parking, services, youth and possible extensions to the Conservation Area). The group will shortly be turning their attention to the Village Design Statement. He also mentioned that there were now digitised Tythe maps of Cheshire on the internet for who are interested (<http://maps.cheshire.gov.uk/tithemaps/>).

Treasurer's Report: - In Philip Forshaw's absence, Ian Standen presented the Treasurer's report for the year ending 30 September 2009. The accounts had been prepared in association with James Jennings who gave accountancy input and checked the draft. The Minutes of the Committee Meeting on 26 October 2009 record that if two members help to prepare the accounts there is no need for an independent audit. James Jennings agreed to continue to assist Philip Forshaw as long as James remains on the Edge Association Committee.

As in prior years the 2008-09 Accounts were prepared using the accruals system. In the 2008-09 Financial Year the surplus of Receipts over Payments was £545 (partially assisted by the write-back of an anticipated cost liability of £141 accrued in the 2007-08 Accounts).

Income in 2008-09 from subscriptions was in line with prior years, Considerable progress has been made to correct anomalies arising from long-established Standing Orders not being updated to the present subscription level of £10. Robin Estridge asked how many new Members have joined. He was advised that it was about 20 and that that businesses are very welcome and encouraged to join.

Assets at the Bank and Building Society at 30 September 2009 are about £7,600.

The annual Autumn Leaves event in 2008 at Nether Alderley recorded a loss of £150, primarily due to the under-utilisation of coach transport provided to the event. This is likely to be offset by a surplus of similar magnitude from the 2009 event to be included in the 2009-10 Accounts.

Payments include £420 (at an annual rate) for the website (something strongly supported by Jim Waller) and £183 for Public Liability Insurance.

Planning Matters Martin Sinker tabled a list of recent applications and addressed the following:

Festival Hall (via Cllr. Yvonne Wrinch) - AEPC is in negotiation with the PCT on an acceptable rent per sq m for new Medical Practice. It is accepted that there is no viable local alternative site for a move from George Street. Meanwhile architects are being consulted on renovation of the hall and rear end. Martin reported that the outlook is generally positive.

The Bypass – A map of the road was tabled. Public ‘surgeries’ are held weekly at the Sossmoss Lane site office, Wednesdays from 9.00 to 10.30am. The target for completion is spring 2011. Work is now starting on the Bollington Lane and Monks Heath junctions.

Edgemere Estates Hoarding at Trafford Road/Macclesfield Road junction – Getting this removed was a victory (assisted by Cllr. Carolyn Andrew and enforcement officer Derek Ward).

Stevens Street - Commercial development refused twice by Macclesfield but allowed on appeal.

Oatlands/Eden Park - Site moribund and the developer has recently refused a modest request for re-pointing of the boundary wall with Cherry Tree House, citing ‘lack of money’.

The Whins Site - The Victorian villa has effectively been demolished although the approved plans said ‘Existing building retained’ - the Planners say that leaving two outer walls standing allows the developer to claim that demolition has not taken place.

17/23 London Road (Tesco) - Retrospective amendments were approved, subject to resubmission of chimney details. Unloading is now to be in London Road. There is a current application for Tesco signs and frontage details, closing date 29th November (an elevation drawing was tabled).

Dobbies/Tesco Garden/Retail Development - The application should go before the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board shortly. We have also objected to two applications aiming to keep alive Matthews original plan to move across the A34 since the Matthews business has already moved elsewhere.

Mary Dendy Unit - Great Warford/Nether Alderley is outside our usual territory but there is, without consultation, an application for major rebuilding, extension, and possible change to secure accommodation for patients who are also offenders.

Planning Publicity - Announcement of new applications in the local press is now very unreliable (contrary to statutory duty?) – Martin said that he is now on a weekly circulation list from the Planning Department, but the public at large are less well informed than they were.

Election of New General Committee: -Jacqueline Wilkinson and Zoe Theofilopoulos volunteered and were elected to join the committee. The existing members of the Committee were re-elected en bloc.

Any Other Business: -

Stephen Napper queried whether the best use was being made of the park.

Robin Estridge commented that the Edgemere development on the Hough seemed to be excessively large.

Jim Waller advocated stronger links with the National Trust, who seem to share many of our values.

A brief meeting of the General Committee followed. The result of the election is shown below. A schedule of dates of meetings for 2010 is in the Minutes of the Committee for 26 October 2009.

General Committee Members for 2010: -

Mr M Steiger, Chairman

Dr T P Forshaw, Vice Chairman and Treasurer

Mr M Sinker, Plans Secretary

Mr I Standen, Admin Secretary

Ms J Brock

Ms S Shorland

Ms J Wilkinson

Ms Z Theofilopoulos

Mr I Daghli

Mr J Waller

Mr M Whittaker

Mr J Jennings