

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall
Monday 5th July 2021 at 8pm
MINUTES**

In attendance: Cllr Stretton (Chair), Cllr McCarthy (Vice Chair), Cllr Carmody, Cllr Juniper, Cllr O'Neill

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
Village warden and 4 members of the public.

21/45 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

21/46 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr de la Bedoyere, Cllr Webb and County Cllr Sally Symington.

21/47 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

Cllr McCarthy declared an interest in HAPTC as the Chairman of HAPTC. He got a dispensation from members to authorise payment to HAPTC.

Cllr McCarthy and Cllr Carmody declared an interest in 21/02078/ROC Greenings Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX
Cllr Juniper declared an interest in 21/02485/TCA Beechwood House Beechwood Drive Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SB planning application.

21/48 Public Participation.

1. The ongoing issue of anti – social behaviour in the village was raised by members of the public. Incidents have been reported to the police, Environmental Health and Dacorum BC. The Clerk will repost a note on the Parish Council and Everything Aldbury Facebook page and contact the Environmental Health. The Clerk will contact the local PCSO again and ask for reports of anti – social behaviour that were not logged under domestic incidents. Member of the public thanked PCSO Martin Leadbitter for continuing support.

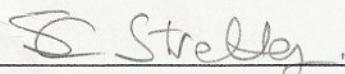
21/49 Hertfordshire Police.

Police PCSO Martin Leadbitter sent an update about crimes that were reported in Aldbury Parish during June 2021:

Between 12th June and 13th June number plates were removed from a red Suzuki wagon parked on New Ground Road. This crime is still under investigation.

Between 17th June and 18th June a van was broken into on Beggars Lane and hand tools removed, this crime remains undetected.

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21/50 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2021 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

21/51 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

The vacancy is being advertised with closing date 30th July 2021 and there had been one candidate so far.

21/52 Allotments.

The Council agreed the following:

1. To add a non-refundable deposit of £50 to tenancy agreement issued only to new tenants, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Carmody.
2. To offer sub-divided plots at a cost of £9 per 1/3 plot.
3. To issue letters to tenants whose plots were identified as uncultivated.

The Council accepted a quote for £120 to carry out tree survey at the allotments, PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton and carried unanimously.

The Clerk confirmed the plot known as the 'bonfire plot' is currently leased to a tenant.

21/53 Warden's update.

1. Two potholes were repaired on Toms Hill by HCC.
2. Notices of scheduled road works will be shared on social media.
3. Dacorum Borough Council confirmed that two broken waymarkers will be repaired.
4. The warden reported two trees at the Recreation Ground are in poor condition and will confirm which trees are those. The Clerk will obtain a quote from a tree surgeon and send a letter to the resident whose property is adjacent to the Recreation Ground suggesting that the resident has ownership of the trees.

21/54 Aldbury Play Area.

1. To discuss the report of annual inspection carried out by RoSPA.

The Council discussed points that were raised in the recent annual inspection report carried out by RoSPA.

The surface under the Logworld was identified as moderate risk.

The council agreed not to replace the Covid 19 signs at the entrance to the play area but to put up "Please shut the gate" sign instead.

The fence around the play area is leaning in several places. The Council recognized that work needs to be done to fix the fence and considered fitting a gate to access the orchard from the play area. The play area fence will be added as a part of the working party considerations.

2. Update from working party.

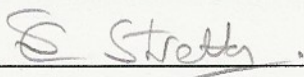
The working party is currently gathering information to make a recommendation to the Council and is investigating different surface options and associated costs. The Council agreed to set up Crowdfunding if there are no other ways to fund the project.

21/55 Tring Station Play Area.

1. To discuss the report of annual inspection carried out by RoSPA.

The Council noted the annual inspection report carried out by RoSPA.

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1. To consider quote from Sunnyside Rural Trust for ground clearance.
It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper to accept a quote from Sunnyside Rural Trust for cutting back the hedges and branches of trees encroaching onto the play equipment and putting natural wood chippings to suppress the weeds.
2. Update on signage.
It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper to get a "No Dogs" sign and give delegated authority to the Clerk to purchase the sign.

21/56 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

1. Parking and Traffic control.
The working party consisting of three Cllrs and a resident had a meeting to discuss the parking and traffic control around the village and will have a further meeting on-site with HCC Highways and County Cllr Sally Symington.
The Council thanked County Cllr Sally Symington for her efforts and advice so far.
2. Shipley's Field Footpath.
No update.
3. Flood Risk management.
The area was checked by HCC Ordinary Watercourse team and will be investigated further by HCC Flood and Water Management team. There will be meeting on site scheduled in the first week of August to discuss the plans for flood risk management.
The Council noted that the Stoneycroft ditch was full but not overflowing.

21/57 Recreation Ground.

1. Basketball Area.
The Council agreed to carry out weeding of the basketball area twice a year by local contractor.
2. Aldbury Sports Club.
The working group met up with the Sports Club representatives to discuss the graffiti, migrated footpath behind the Pavillion and the current agreement between the Parish Council and the Sports Club. The Council agreed to defer discussions until August.
The Clerk will find out what policies are put in place by the Sports Club to run the club.
3. To consider the quote to the replace two benches at the cost of £740 plus VAT.
Second quote was obtained for like for like benches at a cost of £816 including VAT.
The Council will consider which quote to accept at the next meeting.

21/58 Tennis Court.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Carmody and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper to charge £10 per family per annum to access the booking system. The Council suggested for the Tennis Club to pay for new net. The discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

21/59 Planning Matters.

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Application(s):

- 21/02233/TCA Works to trees 27 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW GRANTED.
- 21/02078/ROC Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 20/01667/FUL - Demolition of 4 single story barns currently used as dwelling. Erection of a low carbon 1.5 storey 4 bed family home, annex and garage. Condition Number(s): N/A - relocation permission being applied for. Conditions(s) Removal: To create better access for building utilities installation. Agreement that the building can be moved as indicated. Greenings Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX
Cllrs McCarthy & Carmody left the meeting room before the discussion started.

The remaining Parish Cllrs OBJECTED to this planning application on the basis that:

- a) In moving the building from a location on which already sits a number of buildings, the proposed location is on land which has not been previously built on.
- b) It is closer to Stocks Road which will have a detrimental impact on the street scene in an AONB.
- c) There is a substantial increase in the number of windows and roof lights which have been added to this application, again affecting the visual impact on the rural landscape and reducing the size of the green roof which was designed to minimise the buildings impact on the environmental.
- d) The revised plans appear to show the removal of a number of additional mature trees.

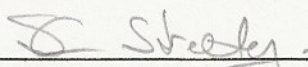
Cllrs McCarthy & Carmody returned to the meeting room following the discussion.

- 21/02038/FHA Demolition of the west wall of the house. Repositioning of the wall and construction of two storey extension. 17 Clarkes Spring Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QL NO OBJECTION
- 21/02226/AGD New storage building for hay, machinery, tools and equipment. Harris House Pendley Farm Station Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QY NO COMMENT
- 21/02238/TCA Works to tree 40 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH NO OBJECTION
The Parish Council noted that the application form and sketch plan show different address. The sketch plan is correct.
- 21/02485/TCA Fell Sycamore Trees Beechwood House Beechwood Drive Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SB NO OBJECTION

Decision(s):

- 21/01954/TCA Works to trees 33 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RT Raise No Objection
- 21/02233/TCA Works to trees 27 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW Raise No Objection

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21/60 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

1. WM Trains – Tring and District Community Transport Project.
The Council suggested following the questionnaire provided by Pitstone Parish Council with addition of Tring Station to be a destination.
2. DBC Community Grants.
The Council will apply for £3000 DBC Community Grant to fund additional play equipment for Aldbury play area that would be from the inclusive range.
3. Article 4 Directions in Aldbury made in 1973 and 1974.
DBC planning department confirmed the Parish Council has until 3rd August to make comments. Cllrs with an interest are to put forward comments for August's meeting.

21/61 Financial Matters.

1. A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton and carried unanimously:

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 5th July 2021:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£1,792.24
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension June	£230.05
HMRC	PAYE	£4.44
Martin Walters	Grass Cutting	£890.00
HAPTC	Freedom Of Information Course delegates: Clerk	£30.00
ROSPA Play Safety	Annual Inspection	£177.00
Keith Simkin	Reimbursement for bin liners	£2.75
Keith Simkin	Warden Duties April- June	£260.00
Gallery Partnership Ltd	Last invoice for IT Support	£198.00

2. To receive update on bank signatories.
Work in progress.

21/62 Pond Risk Assessment.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Carmody to adopt the amended Pond Risk Assessment.

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21/63 The Parish Plan 2021.
Work in progress, deferred until August.

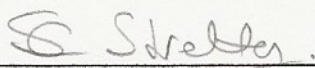
21/64 Tree planting for Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.
Discussion deferred.

21/65 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022.
Discussion deferred until August.

21/66 Salomon Running Event.
It had been confirmed that the runners could run through Shipley's Field. The Parish Council requested for the organisers to communicate the event with the vicar and the Memorial Hall amongst others.

The meeting closed at 22:58

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