**PARISH OF ALDBURY**

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**HELD on 13th May 2024 at 7:30 pm AT THE ALDBURY MEMORIAL HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Webb (Chair), McCarthy, Warren, Houghton, White, Aldbury Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

1. **Welcome to the meeting**

Cllr Webb welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. **Appointment of the Clerk to the meeting**

Gosia Turczyn was appointed Clerk to the meeting PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs de la Bedoyere and Paterson.

1. **Minutes of Annual Assembly held on 22nd May 2023 to be signed as a true record**

Resolved, PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Warren, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 22nd May 2023 were accepted as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

1. **Chair’s Annual Report**
* Suzanne Stretton, who was a valuable asset as both a Councillor and Chair, has left the Council, resulting in one current vacancy for a parish Councillor.
* The Clerk had passed her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) and is now qualified.
* Gratitude was expressed to all volunteers in the Pond and Playground working groups.
* The Council's level of reserves remains robust despite expenditures on the pond restoration and Aldbury playground.
* The Council will encourage filming to generate revenue while closely collaborating with the filming crews to ensure effective communication with residents to minimise disruption. Cllr McCarthy mentioned that income from filming could be vital for the parish during these unprecedented times, as both Hertfordshire County Council and Dacorum Borough Council are facing financial pressures that could negatively affect the grant income received by Aldbury Parish.
* The Council has completed two major projects, with the main one being the restoration of the pond and the installation of additional equipment for the Aldbury playground.
* This year's projects focus on implementing yellow lines in the village centre to prevent inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Additionally, the Council aims to establish a realistic plan for a 20 mph Zone throughout the village. Progress will also be made on expanding the car park at the Recreation Ground and providing electric vehicle (EV) charging points.
1. **Meeting open to the Public.**
* A member of the public said that the 20 mph Zone will only be effective if it is properly enforced. The Council reported that, according to the most recent speed and volume survey, speed has slightly decreased on Station Road. However, the criteria have still not been met for the Parish to qualify for a 20 mph speed limit. Cllr Webb mentioned that HCC Highways suggested relocating the 30 mph sign from halfway up the hill to the corner near the entrance of the Church Farm, which could potentially have a positive impact. Other suggestion included speed cushions.
* Cllr Warren asked if the Council would consider partially funding the proposed Gateways to Tring Station using future filming income. The Chair agreed to add this to the Council’s agenda.

The meeting closed at: 19:50

Gosia Turczyn,

Clerk to the Aldbury Parish Council 13th May 2024