

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall
Monday 1st August 2022 at 8pm**

MINUTES

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

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
Three members of the public

22/56 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

22/57 Apologies for absence.

The Council accepted apologies sent by Cllr de la Bedoyere, Cllr Holton, Cllr Houghton, and County Cllr Symington.

22/58 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None

22/59 Public Participation.

1. A Member of the public spoke about plans for the Valiant Trooper and said that he would support having a different business model launched other than just a pub. He encouraged parishioners and the Council to consider taking an understanding approach, should there be a planning application put forward for change of use.
2. The Council had received correspondence from the owner expressing his disappointment at the Council's objection to his June Listed Building Consent planning application. It was explained that the Council had voted at its July meeting to object to the application because it contained elements which should be considered as part of a separate change of use application, rather than in combination with proposed conservation work. The Council was supportive of any genuine works to the building with the intention of conserving the building under its Grade II listing.


22/60 Hertfordshire Police.

Not present. PCSO reported that the police had increased their patrols in the area due to the rise in anti-social behaviour, such as graffiti.

22/61 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2022.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2022 were PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr O'Neill as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

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22/62 Warden's Update.

The Council agreed the following:

1. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton to approve the quote of £55 to replace two wooden posts.
2. Cllr Stretton will check the children's swing seat.
3. The Clerk will send a letter to the property owner whose fence had been vandalised with graffiti.

22/63 Allotments.

1. Parking at the allotments.

A plot holder requested a gate or a bollard to be installed at the entrance to the allotments to prevent people who are not plot holders parking at the allotments. This matter is under review.

2. The Council discussed the grass height at the Orchard. As per the mowing specification, this area is to be cut twice a year. The Clerk confirmed that the grass was due to be cut within a week. The Clerk will liaise with the contractor and ask for the Orchard grass to be cut more frequently if needed.

3. Update on the allotment tenancy consultation.

Minor changes were made to the first draft following first consultation. There will be another drop-in session and the allotment holders are encouraged to attend.

22/63 Speeding and Parking.

Cllr Juniper attended the Ashridge Estate Committee meeting as the Parish Council representative and reported on the following:

1. The Ashridge National Trust is intending to introduce car-parking charges on the estate and to distribute the car parking spaces around various locations, as opposed to having one main car park.
2. Cllr Juniper suggested to promote having a safe route such as footpath and cycleway connecting Aldbury village and Tring Station, which would mitigate the traffic going into Ashridge Estate. The Council agreed to liaise with the National Trust, County and Borough Councils and Tring Town Council asking for their support. A member of the public also suggested liaising with the Aldbury Sustainability Group to carry out a feasibility study.
3. The Deer Cull is due to start in October.
4. The National Trust had been awarded £300,000 grant by the Forestry Commission to improve nature woodland.
5. The Estate Committee constitution is in the process of being updated.


22/64 Queens Green Canopy.

1. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to accept the quote of £122 plus VAT to purchase an Acer campestre 'Queen Elizabeth' tree. The Council wished to go for a 4-metre tree and agreed unanimously to spend up to a further £150, should the initial quote be exceeded.

22/65 Play Areas

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to approve a quote of £325 to replace a timber gate post at the entrance to the play area.

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22/66 Internal Controls.

1. Council to review filming policy.

Cllr Houghton had circulated a draft filming policy and the Council agreed to postpone further discussions until comments from members had been made on the draft.

22/67 Planning Matters.

Application(s):

- 22/02258/FHA 2-storey rear extension, extension to existing porch and garage conversion (amendment to approved application 22/01048/FHA to show slightly enlarged extension to existing porch). 8 Clarkes Spring Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QL No comment.
- 22/02287/TCA T1 – Works T2 - Felling Chimanimani Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA Support
- 22/02288/TCA Tree fellings 2 Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA Support
- 22/02324/LBC Internal alterations to remove one wall and to change doors to garden. Toms Barn Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU No comment.

Decision(s):

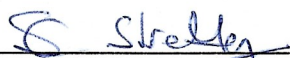
- 22/01391/DRC The Valiant Trooper, Trooper Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RW, Details required by condition 7 (materials) attached to planning permission 22/00379/LBC - Internal alterations, repair to exterior and removal of concrete paving to rear outside area. Grant
- 22/01575/LBC 42 - 44 Trooper Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RW, Works to front elevation: Lime render, paint, restore leaded windows and general maintenance. Grant
- 22/01379/FHA 6 Toms Hill Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5SA, Single storey side extension. Conversion of existing outbuilding to include a new WC and shower involving the demolition of existing steps. A new low-level paved patio requiring new steps externally. New side access to the garden from public footpath. Grant
- 22/01314/FHA Summerhill, New Ground Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RJ, Demolition of existing rear extension to garage. Removal of external steps to front of garage. Infilling of existing pedestrian door to garage. New dormer to front garage roof. Single storey rear extensions amended scheme to include a change in roofing materials. Grant

22/68 Clerk's Correspondence.

1. The Council received correspondence from the owner of the Valliant Trooper and this was covered by under the minute 22/59 Public Participation.
2. County Cllr Symington sent a report confirming a meeting between APC representative and TSRA to discuss the provision of gateway signage to Tring Station.
3. An allotment holder asked the Council to clarify its views on using hosepipes on the allotments. This will be addressed in the new tenancy agreement.

22/69 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

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Replacement bench on top of Malting Lane.

Cllr Juniper will liaise with the National Trust manager asking for them to replace the seat at their convenience.

22/70 Financial Matters.

1. The accounts including bank reconciliation and monthly budget report have been circulated prior to the meeting. A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper and carried unanimously:

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 1st August 2022:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£886.06
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension July	£287.56
Keith Simkin	Warden hours	£312.00
Martin Walters	Grass cutting in July	£232.50
Anglo Dutch Ltd	Payroll provider (quarter)	£54.00
Npower Business Solutions	Street Light Power paid by Direct Debit	£90.18
M Turczyn	Reimbursement for Fast Courts online booking system (already paid)	£50.00

2. The Clerk will look into the address details on the energy supplier bill.

Meeting closed: 21:23

Signed



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