

Clerk's Report to the Council – Meeting 7th August 2023

Matters and actions from previous meeting (s):

1. **Allotments** – Correspondence about uncultivated plots was sent to two plot holders as per Cllr Paterson's instruction.
2. **Logs for the Recreation Ground**- Logs are arranged to be delivered on the 25th August.
3. **Recycling bin** – clerk emailed DBC clean, safe and green department asking whether DBC could provide additional bin. No reply received.

Matters related to the August agenda:

Item 23/51 c Report from PCSO Martin Leadbitter – Incidents/crimes reported in the public interest during July are as follows:

Between 2nd and 3rd July a Burglary has occurred at the Post Office/Store, an offender forced entry through the front door of the premises. A suspect has been arrested and charged with the offence and has been remanded in custody.

On 24th July both index plates were removed from a black Seat Leon parked on New Ground Road. This crime is still under investigation.

On 30th July between 2.00pm and 2.40pm a Silver Skoda Fabia parked in the car park on Toms Hill Road had a rear window smashed, but nothing was taken from the vehicle. This crime is still under investigation.

Item 23/53 Advisory signage for 20 mph Zone within Aldbury village.

Clerk and Cllr Stretton are waiting on a response from Apsley Heath about the cost of their signs. In the meantime, Amber signs Tring had quoted for a sign with fixings £55.70 plus VAT each or for a sign without fixings, which we would have to be screwed into wooden steaks by us £18 plus VAT.

Item 23/59 Aldbury Noticeboard.

Clerk had spoken with the village shop owner who welcomed the idea of a new noticeboard. Unfortunately, neither Cllr Webb nor the clerk managed to speak with the property owner about the new noticeboard being wall mounted onto their wall. I recommend to postpone the discussion until September.

Item 23/58 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways

Sign on the Green - quote received from HCC for changes to existing sign £652.56 this includes labour and materials. The cost is provided by HCC's term maintenance contractor, who uses an agreed schedule of rates.

Matters raised via email to clerk/ correspondence received:

1. Correspondence received from PKF Littlejohn about the successful completion of the external audit. Report received and this will be added to the September agenda. All documents will be published according to the statutory requirements by 30th September.
2. Allotment holder asked whether the Council would consider permitting bonfires on plots outside of the time set in the council's conditions of hire which is between 1 October and 31 May only.
3. Filming in Aldbury – The Council was approached by a filming company wanting to film for an ITV series with crew of around 60 people. The proposed dates are between 25th and 28th September for one day of filming. Council to consider what fees to apply. This will be added to the September agenda.