

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held remotely via Zoom on Monday 11th January 2021 at 8pm MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr McCarthy (Chairman), Cllr Stretton (Vice Chair), Cllr Webb, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Juniper Cllr Tollinton and Cllr Carmody.

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
Village Warden

Two members of the public.

20/190 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

20/191 Apologies for absence.

None.

20/192 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None.

20/193 Public Question Time.

A member of the public raised a question about the pond and how to make it more biodiverse. Cllr Juniper, Cllr Carmody and Cllr O'Neill will set up a virtual meeting with the member of the public to talk about the background and work involved to date.

20/194 Hertfordshire Police.

Herts Police PCSO Martin Leadbitter sent an update about crimes that were committed in Aldbury during December 2020. The Clerk read out the report:

1. Between 7.00pm on 19th Dec and 11.00am on 20th December 2020 offenders have approached two black Transit vans parked on Beggars Lane close to the junction of Station Road and jemmied the rear doors. The offenders have removed electrical tools from the rear of one of the vehicles before making off. Unfortunately, the crime remains undetected.
2. Between 11.30am and 11.50am on 2nd December 2020 offender (s) have approached a grey Kia parked on Stocks Road in an isolated location and smashed the passenger window. The offender (s) have removed a cream purse and its contents before making off. Unfortunately, this crime remains undetected.

20/195 Minutes of meeting held on 7th December 2020.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr O'Neill as being correct and were to be signed by the Chairman.

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20/196 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no application by 10 electors in the Parish for a by-election. There will be an advertisement in the Aldbury Outlook and the Parish Council Website for candidates to put themselves forward to be considered for co-option with the closing date of 28th February 2021.

20/197 Warden's Update.

1. The Warden reported that HCC was notified of the 30-mile speed limit sign in New Ground Road that is obscured by a tree.
2. There had been significant increase in litter along Station Road between Aldbury Village and Tring Station. The Warden will notify DBC.
3. One bench in the Recreation Ground is showing signs of decay at the base.
4. The Warden reported to HCC the condition of road surface at the junction of Station Rd and Beggars Lane.
5. The Council discussed whether to keep the Tennis Court open during the lockdown. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton and carried unanimously for Cllr Tollinton to lock the Tennis Court until further notice. It was noted that tennis courts should not be used during national lockdown restrictions.
6. The Warden reported about the state of the grass around the pond. The Council will monitor this.
7. The Warden reported that the ditch, south of Stoneycroft, had been cleared. Cllr O'Neill reported that water is still flowing in the other section of the ditch although there is significant buildup of silt and debris. The Warden will monitor the ditch.

20/198 Recreation Ground Lease Renewal.

Cllr Webb circulated Heads of Terms proposed by Bidwells to the Cllrs prior to this meeting. He suggested renewing the lease for another 15 years due to substantial legal costs involved.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously to sign off the Heads of Terms document and to pay legal costs involved in the process of renewing and registering the lease.

Cllr Juniper suggested defining boundaries on the Greenings Farm Lane as a part of the lease document in order to state the responsibility of the land. Cllr Webb will contact Bidwells and ask to clarify this.

20/199 Aldbury Defibrillator.

Cllr Webb confirmed that the defibrillator had not been formally adopted by Aldbury Parish Council and is still with the Community Heartbeat Trust.

It was acknowledged that Aldbury Parish Council is holding funds on behalf of Aldbury Community Support Group.

Cllr Webb will contact Angus MacRae of the Aldbury Community Support Group to discuss the adoption of the defibrillator and will report back at the next meeting.

20/200 Footpaths and Highways inc Bridleways.

1. Cllr Tollinton reported that she is in the process of making an application for registration of the footpath on Shipley's Field. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Tollinton and

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SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously to submit the application on behalf of Aldbury Parish Council

2. Cllr Juniper reported that he is in the process of putting together a document consisting of photographs showing locations around the village used for parking. It was noted that the temporary traffic cones the Parish Council has placed around the pond are unsightly and are often ignored. It was also noted that more households are taking it upon themselves to place their own cones in the road outside or near their properties.

3. Cllr Juniper reported that a vehicle had been parked, on numerous occasions, outside, the Memorial Hall where it is not permitted. The Council discussed different approaches to stop this occurring. It was agreed to write a note on Parish Council headed paper to put on the windscreen of the vehicle.

4. The Council agreed to put up the road mirror opposite the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

5. The Council discussed whether it is necessary to have signage at the entrance of the village asking road users to drive carefully and to bin any litter and whether to put a sign at the top of Toms Hills warning cyclists of the traffic calming road surface. The Council agreed that this ought to be taken up with Highways.

20/201 Allotments.

Work in progress.

20/202 Greener Aldbury.

Cllr Carmody had received questions from residents enquiring about the National Trust's current strategy and activity. Cllr Stretton suggested putting an article in the Outlook and to direct any enquires relating to the National Trust to Cllr Juniper, who is the liaison between the residents and the National Trust.

20/203 Aldbury Website, Communications and Social Media.

Cllr Carmody reported about the ongoing work on the website that had been updated with new photographs and content. Cllr Carmody had a virtual meeting with TEEC Ltd to get a better understanding on how to improve the current template and add additional features. Cllr Stretton is in the process of drafting the Website and Social Media working group report.

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20/204 Internal Audit.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Tollinton and carried unanimously to appoint Mr Newhouse to carry out the internal audit for 2020/2021.

20/205 Aldbury and Tring Station Play Areas.

1. Cllr Stretton carried out a risk assessment at the play area in Aldbury and reported that one cradle swing seat has cracks underneath and corroded bolts and recommended that it needs replacing at a cost of £167.52 ex VAT, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Carmody. Cllr Tollinton will obtain a quote from local contractor to replace the seat.
2. The bark at the Log World is being redistributed by the Warden. Cllr Stretton will contact a play equipment engineer to obtain a second opinion and for a report on the state of the Log World.

20/206 Planning Matters:

1. Applications:

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- a) 20/03749/FHA Proposed alteration and rear extension of outbuilding (Coach House) to form ancillary accommodation, including home office. Kilcarrig 12 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH No objection.
- b) 20/03796/FHA Raising of roof over existing single storey element to provide additional accommodation in the roof space including two dormer windows and porch to front door. 11 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH No objection.
- c) 20/03832/FHA Proposed detached swimming pool enclosure. 2 Astley Place Station Road Tring Station Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QX No objection.
- d) 20/03893/LBC Remove black paint from beams and make good walls and ceilings with lime plaster as required. Town Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU No objection.
- e) 20/03993/FUL General Purpose Agricultural Storage Building & Hay Store, Means of Enclosure (deer proof fence) and Agricultural Track to barn. Westlands Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS Objection:

The proposed building will have a visual impact detrimental to the Chiltern AONB. In recent years the local area has seen development of the nearby (and associated) residential property which is already intrusive on this landscape. The Council also makes the following observations. The documentation for this application fails to mention that the site is in the AONB. Nearby Church Farm, which forms part of this commercial operation, has historically been the centre of agricultural operations in this area and would be more suitable for this type of structure in that it would blend in with existing structures rather than being located in an open greenfield site. Such an approach would be in line with *Dacorum Borough Local Plan Adopted 2004*, in which Policy 97 *Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Section (d) Agriculture*, 2nd bullet point, states: "Activities requiring new building should be avoided if possible. Where new building is necessary, it should be sited unobtrusively and designed to maintain the character and quality of the countryside: siting close to, and integrated with, existing complexes of farm buildings is normally preferred."

2. Decisions:

- a) 20/03305/AGD Construction of Agricultural Building Westlands Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS REFUSED
- b) 20/02953/FHA Proposed new fenestration to the rear of the property, alterations to existing porch including new roof light and new driveway. 46 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH GRANTED
- c) 20/03323/FUL 3 year extension to temporary consent for change of use of school amenity land for the provision of an existing classroom structure within the curtilage for a grade II listed building. Aldbury Junior School Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RT GRANTED

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- d) 20/03307/FHA Single storey rear extension Shillingbury Cottage 8 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW GRANTED

3. Dacorum Emerging Strategy for Growth 2020 - 2038 Tring (Town) Allocations.

Initial discussion, comments to be in by 7 February 2021.

Cllr Tollinton will draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

20/207 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

1. Cllr Carmody will attend New Cllr Training on 2nd March 2021.
2. The Clerk received an email from HCC: Consultation on a Proposal to Open a 'Specialist Resource Provision' (SRP) at Longdean School, Hemel Hempstead and will forward it to Cllr Stretton.
3. The Clerk will be sending a summary of the Council meetings to the Outlook.

20/208 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 11th January 2020:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL £704.46
HCC Pension	M Turczyn Pension October	£225.89
Keith Simkin	Parish Warden	£240.00
Keith Simkin	Reimbursement	£5.53
HAPTC	New Cllr Training	£30.00
Gallery Partnership	IT Network Support	£198.00
HMRC	PAYE	£5.04

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2) The prepared 2021-2022 Budget was circulated prior to the meeting with final figures confirmed by DBC, PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton and carried unanimously.

3) Aldbury Parish Council set the precept demand at £29,000 and signed the Dacorum Budget Forms and Precept Demand. PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously. The Parish Clerk will submit the forms to Dacorum Borough Council.

The meeting closed at 22:01

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