

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall
Monday 6th December 2021 at 8pm

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Stretton (Chair), Cllr McCarthy (Vice Chair), Cllr de la Bedoyere, Cllr Holton, Cllr Juniper, Cllr O'Neill (present during first half of the meeting) and County Cllr Symington

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
10 members of the public

21/149 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

21/150 Apologies for absence.

The Council accepted apologies sent by Cllr Webb.

21/151 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

Cllr Holton declared an interest in 21/04184/FHA 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. Summerhill New Ground Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RJ planning application and the grant applications received from Friends of Aldbury School and the Toddler Group. Cllr de la Bedoyere declared an interest in the Valiant Trooper and the grant application received from the Memorial Hall. Cllr O'Neill declared an interest in the grant application received from the Memorial Hall. Cllr Stretton declared an interest in the grant applications received from the Tring Station Residents Association and Friends of Aldbury School. Cllr McCarthy declared an interest in the grant application received from the Tring Station Residents Association.

21/152 Public Participation.

1. An allotment tenant said that the tenancy agreement should not refer to the bonfire plot as the central bonfire plot, as it is the plot they rent. It was noted there has been confusion over the status and use of the plot for a long time. The tenant indicated that they would allow others to make a bonfire on this plot, providing permission was sought. However, the allotment tenant reported that the bonfire is mostly used by others to burn household/garden waste, as opposed to the allotment waste. The Council confirmed that everyone should comply with the terms and conditions written in the tenancy agreement and that there should not be any household/garden waste burned on the allotments. The Council would consider how to notify the allotment holders regarding the status of the bonfire..
2. The Clerk had received correspondence regarding concerns about the welfare of the donkeys. The tenant who rents the paddock had confirmed that the donkeys are being well looked after and are due to get their hooves trimmed.

21/153 Hertfordshire Police.

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No crimes were reported in the month November 2021.

21/154 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2021 were PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

21/155 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no application by 10 electors in the Parish for a by-election. The Chair invited 3 Cllrs to form an interview panel. There will be an advertisement on the parish website, noticeboards, and social media for candidates to put themselves forward to be considered for co-option with the closing date 31st January 2022. Cllr Holton will share the advert on the Aldbury School Whatsapp group.

21/156 Warden's update.

The Council discussed matters as follows:

1. The Warden to clarify which "Keep Clear" signs need to be reported for action and which need to be taken out of the Warden's report.
2. The pond maintenance to be reviewed by the Council at the February meeting. The Clerk will seek advice from the persons involved in the previous maintenance work.
3. The Council agreed to update the Mapping software to reflect the ownership of the trees based on the recent findings.
4. Hedges of properties in Trooper Road which adjoin the allotments are encroaching onto the allotments. The Council agreed that the Clerk should send letters to the residents concerned asking for the hedges to be cut back.

21/157 Parish Play Areas.

1. Aldbury Parish Council had secured a £7,000 grant from the Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation which will be spent on renovating the Logworld and new surface underneath.
2. The proposal for the Aldbury playground was split into 2 Stages and the document had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.
Stage 1 – The surface replacement and Logworld repair with fund raising target of £21,100
Stage 2 – Additional equipment including a new play structure with fund raising target of £22,000
The proposal included details of how both stages would be funded. The working group made recommendations to the Council and requested £21,100 to fund Stage 1. PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper that the Council should fund Stage 1 up to the sum of £21,100 as proposed and carried unanimously.
The Council agreed in principle to undertake Stage 2 when funding as per the fund raising proposal is available.

21/158 Aldbury Parish Council Grants.

The following grants were approved in accordance with s137 (4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972. The calculation of maximum grant money available was made using the s137 expenditure limit for 2021-22 of £8.41 per elector. The number of electors confirmed by DBC is currently 713 that gives the amount of £5,996.33.

The Council resolved unanimously to grant a total of £2,140 as s137 grants as shown below:

1. The Memorial Hall - £575

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2. Tring Station Residents Association (TSRA) - £400
3. Aldbury Peace Memorial - £600
4. Aldbury and Tring Station Baby and Toddler Group - £300
5. Friends of Aldbury School (FOAS) - £265

An application for £500 in regards of the churchyard was approved unanimously as this is related to maintenance of green spaces and had been approved in the past.

21/159 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

Cllr Juniper reported that the Parking and Traffic survey had been completed and is being finalised. Formal report will be available at the next meeting.

21/160 Filming in Aldbury.

The Council confirmed that the £25,000 filming fee had been received. Feedback from residents has mostly been positive. The Council had dealt with a small number of complaints while the filming had taken place and no further objections had been made. The Council discussed how the filming had impacted the village life and its residents. Members of the public spoke about issues that they had experienced during filming and made suggestions on how improvements could be made. The Council suggested reviewing the current filming policy to reflect the recent filming experience and the wishes of residents. The filming policy could be reviewed at this year's Parish Assembly.

21/161 Planning Matters.

Application(s):

- 21/04104/FHA Replacement of existing garage flat roof with pitched roof. Lanimers Station Road Tring Station Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QU No Objections
- 21/04155/FHA Construction of two dormer windows to front roof slope, insertion of rooflight to side and enlargement of two rooflights to rear, replacement of door and window to side elevation with patio doors. Construction of swimming pool with associated plant and landscape works. Construction of oak framed gazebo Greenings Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX No comment
- 21/04225/TCA Works to trees 23 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW Granted
- 21/04184/FHA 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. Summerhill New Ground Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RJ No comment
- 21/04185/LBC Replacement windows and doors The Coach House 2 Stocks Farm Barns Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire No objection
- 21/04226/FHA Construction of single storey hobby studio The Granary 8 Stocks Farm Barns Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire no objection
- 21/04471/FHA Alterations to garage block Stocks Farm Barns Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX No objection
- 21/04472/LBC Alterations to garage block Stocks Farm Barns Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX No objection

Decision(s):

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- 21/03157/FUL Construction of new dwelling attached to the side of property with rear projecting single story element. Demolition of existing garage. Landscaping works to site (amended scheme). 68 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU Granted
- 21/02968/FHA Part single storey, part two storey front, side and rear extension. Greenbanks Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA Refused
- 21/03452/FHA New bespoke timber building to replace concrete garage 25 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW Granted
- 21/02825/FUL Demolition of Building 1 and construction of mixed used development of offices and 4 No. two-bedroom flats Church Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS Refused
- 21/04225/TCA Works to trees 23 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW Raise No Objection

21/162 Draft Dacorum Local Plan - Marshcroft Garden Suburb

Harrow Estates have started a pre submission consultation on their proposed development in Tring East. The Council agreed to approach Tring Town Council to suggest they take the lead in convening a meeting involving DBC and all parishes impacted by this development to establish whether they share similar views regarding the proposal.

21/163 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

1. Communication had been received from the Friends of Aldbury School representatives asking whether the May Fair should take place in 2022 taking into consideration the ongoing pandemic and whether the community would welcome the idea. The Council agreed it was for the Friends of Aldbury School to make decisions, following the government guidance on Covid 19 restrictions.
2. The Council received an email from the film director thanking everyone in the village who was involved and helped with the filming. The letter will be shared in the Outlook, the parish website, and social media.

21/164 Tennis Court.

The Council discussed the membership fee and collection process and agreed to charge an annual fee of £15 per household for the use of the tennis court, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper. The Clerk will take over the administration of the tennis court booking system and the responsibility of the fee collection. The Council agreed to review the tennis court membership fee annually.

21/165 The Valiant Trooper.

The Asset of Community Value (ACV) application made by the community group had been rejected by DBC. The Council would contact Dacorum Borough Cllr McDowell to get an update on why the application was rejected.

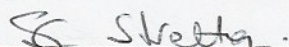
21/166 The Greyhound Pub.

Discussion adjourned until more information is available.

21/ 167 Allotments.

1. The Clerk reported that 14 people replied to the consultation so far. The Chair and the Clerk will meet up to discuss the outcome of the consultation and the next step.
2. The Council suggested that the ACV application for the allotments should be submitted by a community group at some point in 2022 and will seek volunteers to lead this project. The Council, as the leaseholder of the land, agreed to seek legal advice on the current position regarding the lease, should this be required and will in that event contact a solicitor firm recommended by another Parish Council.

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21/168 The Queen's Green Canopy.

The Clerk will apply for a grant from HCC to support planting trees to mark Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

21/169 Financial Matters.

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

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 6th December 2021:

| PAYEE | DESCRIPTION | TOTAL |
|---------------------|--|------------------|
| | | £1,578.79 |
| HCC Pension | Clerk's Pension November | £230.05 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £4.44 |
| Nick de la Bedoyere | Reimbursement Parish Online | £86.40 |
| G I Rogers and son | Village Christmas tree | £420.00 |
| Luke Mabbett | Work to trees at Recreation Ground | £320.00 |
| Almar Tring Ltd | Traffic and Parking surveys print | £157.50 |
| Lucy Carmody | Reimbursement for Parish Plan 2021 marketing – 2 posters | £27.00 |
| Lucy Carmody | Reimbursement for Parish Plan 2021 – Annul plan for survey monkey | £260.40 |
| Lucy Carmody | Reimbursement for Parish Plan 2021 – Riverside Printers 600 flyers | £61.11 |
| Lucy Carmody | Reimbursment for Parish Plan 2021 – Amazon, display paper poster | £11.89 |

2. Preliminary discussion on 2022-2023 budget.

The Council suggested raising the budget for work to trees to £2,000 and raising the budget for the Parish Grants s137 to £2,500. The Council agreed to budget £21,100 for the Playground Project Stage 1. This amount will be made up of the £7,000 Luton Community Grant, at least £500 or most £1,500 Tesco Grant, £3,000 Parish Council sinking fund/general reserves and ~~the remainder from the~~ £15,000 filming fee. The Council will budget £10,000 obtained from the filming fee for community projects.

3. Cllr Stretton and Cllr McCarthy signed the lease document relating to the recreation land at Stocks Road. The signing was witnessed by the Clerk.

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The meeting closed at: 22:54

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