

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall
Monday 7 February 2022 at 8pm**

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Stretton (Chair), Cllr de la Bedoyere, Cllr Holton, Cllr Juniper, Cllr O'Neill

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
The Parish Warden
Two members of the public

21/182 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

21/183 Apologies for absence.

The Council accepted apologies sent by County Cllr Symington, Cllr McCarthy and Cllr Webb.

21/184 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None.

21/185 Public Participation.

Member of the public spoke about building work that is taking place at the Valiant Trooper pub.

21/186 Hertfordshire Police.

Not present. Clerk received an update from PCSO Martin Leadbitter about crimes that were reported in Aldbury Parish during January 2022:

On 25th January it was reported that there was a fire in Trooper Road. Three vehicles had been doused in an accelerant and a container nearby was alight which had caused slight damage to one of the vehicles. Two suspects were subsequently arrested. This crime is still under investigation with officers still gathering all evidence available.

21/187 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Holton as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

21/188 Aldbury Parish Assembly.

The Parish Assembly will take place on the 25th April at 20:00 at the Aldbury Memorial Hall, with County Cllr Symington as the guest speaker. The Council agreed to review the filming policy to reflect the recent filming experience and the views of residents. The Parish

Council would welcome suggestions from the community about what should be discussed. The information about the Parish Assembly will be shared on social media and in the Aldbury Outlook.

21/189 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

The Clerk reported that there are two candidates. The Chair invited 3 Cllrs to form an interview panel. The Clerk will arrange for the interview to take place based on availability.

21/190 Warden's update.

The parish warden was present at the meeting and updated the Council on the following:

1. The tennis court had been cleaned but is yet to be checked out by the warden.
2. The wooden bollard by the Trooper Road and Toms Hill was reinstated.
3. An allotment holder reported about rats at the allotments. The Chair will check the allotments.
4. The paint on the signpost at the Green is peeling off. The Clerk will investigate who had painted the post before.

21/191 Allotments.

1. Renewal of the allotment tenancies.

The Clerk reported that all tenants paid their rent, and two uncultivated plots are available to rent. The Clerk had offered the plots to those on the waiting list but there had been no interest so far. The Clerk had contacted neighbouring parishes and town councils asking whether anyone would be interested in renting one of the available plots in Aldbury.

2. Available plots.

Quotes had been provided by Sunnyside Rural Trust to trim and clear green waste at a cost of £100 plus VAT and to rotavate and weed at a cost of £300 plus VAT. The Council agreed that the available plots will need to be cleared and rotavated before renting them out. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere to approve the tender to rotavate the plot prior to a tenant taking it on.

3. Update on the bonfire plot.

The Council had taken back the bonfire plot. The plot will be cleared and rotavated prior to renting out. The Clerk will write to all plot holders informing them that there is no longer a central bonfire plot.

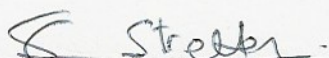
21/192 Aldbury Pond.

The Council discussed the future maintenance of the pond. Cllr Holton had agreed to have a site meeting with Clearwater Pond and Lake Management Ltd. Work in progress.

21/193 Traffic and Parking.

1. It was reported that the survey results had identified support for 20 mph zone and double yellow lines in some locations around the village. The Council had put the requests forward to HCC and received schedule of some associated cost. HCC had agreed to partially fund this initiative. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere to put a request forward to HCC asking to carry out 20mph speed and volume survey, and to progress the double yellow lines

Signed



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2. The Council investigated the benefits of joining national campaign to reduce speed to 20 mph across parish and town councils. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere to pass a motion and support 20's Plenty campaign to call for Hertfordshire County Council to implement 20 mph zones.
3. It was suggested to obtain photographic evidence of parking issues at the Northfield Road.

21/194 Chiltern Ridge 50k run.

The event is going to take place on 7th May 2022 from Ridge way, passing the Recreation Ground to Ashridge. The Pavilion will be used as a stop for refreshments.

21/195 Aldbury PC Internal Controls.

Equal Opportunity policy and Safeguarding policy were adopted by the Council, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper and carried unanimously.

21/196 Planning Matters.

Application(s):

- 22/00131/LBC Replacement of modern window with doors Town Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU No objections.

Decision(s):

- 21/03808/FHA New trellis fence to be added overlapping existing rear fence Harcourt House Pendley Farm Station Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QY Granted.
- 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 Granted.
- 21/03847/FHA First floor side extension, single storey side extension, new porch and internal alterations. 2 Stoneycroft Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RL Granted
- 21/03801/FHA Two storey side extension to dwelling, extension and alteration of doors/windows to the existing outbuilding to create an Annexe, landscaping, new pedestrian access point and associated works. 6 Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA Application Withdrawn
- 21/02078/ROC Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 20/01667/FUL - Demolition of 4 single storey barns currently used as dwelling. Erection of a low carbon 1.5 storey 4 bed family home, annex and garage. Condition Number(s): N/A - relocation permission being applied for. Conditions(s) Removal: To create better access for building utilities installation. Agreement that the building can be moved as indicated. Greenings Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX Granted
- 21/04185/LBC Replacement windows and doors The Coach House 2 Stocks Farm Barns Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX Granted
- 21/04226/FHA Construction of single storey hobby studio The Granary 8 Stocks Farm Barns Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX Granted

- 21/04104/FHA Replacement of existing garage flat roof with pitched roof. Lanimers Station Road Tring Station Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QU 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 Granted

21/197 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

1. Aldbury and Tring Station Community Survey was completed, and the report is being published on the parish website. The Council had agreed to analyse the survey results and present action points at the Annual Parish Assembly.
2. Internal Audit 2020-21. The internal audit is done remotely, and the first part had been submitted by the Clerk. The second part will be submitted after the approval of end of year accounts in April 2022.

21/198 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 O'Neill and SECONDED BY Cllr Holton and carried unanimously:

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 7th February 2022:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£972.49
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension January	£230.05
HMRC	PAYE	£4.44
Lucy Carmody	Reimbursement for 75 survey reports (print)	£140.00
Keith Simkin	Sundry Items (Invoices attached)	£20.00
Anglo Dutch Ltd	Payroll provider quarterly invoice	£54.00
Martin Walters	Replacement of wooden post	£50.00
The Complete Tennis Court Service	High pressure wash and moss treat – Tennis Court	£474.00

2. The Council reviewed general reserves and has the current balance of £50,205.91 in the Unity Trust Current Account and £34,215.17 in the NS&I account. The balance of earmarked reserves is currently £38,150.00.

Signed

S. Strelley

Date

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3. Cllr Holton had been added to the Aldbury Parish Council bank account as signatory to view the account and authorise payments.
4. The Council reviewed and agreed the Direct Debits. The existing list includes Npower Business Solutions (combined with EON) for streetlight power and Information Commissioner's Office.

The meeting closed at: 22:02

Signed S. Strelby Date 07.03.22.