

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall Monday 6 June 2022 at 8pm

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Stretton (Chair), Cllr McCarthy (Vice Chair), Cllr de la Bedoyere, Cllr Holton, Cllr Juniper, Cllr O'Neill and County Cllr Symington

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
Five members of the public and the village warden

22/22 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

22/23 Apologies for absence.

The Council accepted apologies sent by Cllr Webb. Cllr Houghton was also absent but did not send apologies.

22/24 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None.

22/25 Public Participation.

1. County Cllr Sally Symington updated on the following:
 - 1.1 20 mph speed and volume surveys will be done this year; however, HCC is yet to confirm a date.
 - 1.2 The Council will soon receive a date for public consultation on double yellow lines.
 - 1.3 The Council was asked to gather photographic evidence of obstructive parking along Northfield Road.
 - 1.4 Tring Station Residents Association had approached HCC asking for new gateways to be put in at the Tring Station. County Cllr Symington suggested for the Parish Council to support this request.
 - 1.5 HCC is planning to start a community bus service which would be booked via website or a mobile application, subject to funding.

22/26 Hertfordshire Police.

No crimes were reported in the month May 2022.

22/27 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2022.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2022 were PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

22/28 Code of Conduct.

Signed  Date 04.07.22

The Code of Conduct was adopted by the Council, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper.

22/29 Financial Regulations.

The Financial Regulations were adopted by the council, subject to minor changes, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Holton and carried unanimously.

22/30 Warden's update.

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

1. Graffiti is visible on a garden fence of a property at Stocks Road. Cllr de la Bedoyere agreed to approach the owner and ask for the graffiti to be removed.
2. Weeds had been protruding through the membrane in the Logworld surface.
3. The surface under the seesaw is deteriorating.
4. The Pavilion had been vandalized with graffiti. The Council agreed to contact DBC and obtain a quote to remove the graffiti. The warden agreed to take responsibility for reporting anti-social behavior i.e graffiti and vandalism to the police by logging it on their website. This will be added to his list of duties.

22/31 Allotments.

1. Update on uncultivated plots.
Sunnyside Rural Trust had been appointed to work on the uncultivated plots.
2. Council to review the tenancy agreement.
The Council resolved to adopt the hire agreement circulated prior to the meeting, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper. This will be sent out to plot holders in draft, prior to renewal in September.
3. Request to rent a plot to grow saplings.
The Clerk will seek further clarification about this request.

22/32 Staffing Committee.

The Council agreed to review the members annually.

22/33 Speeding and Parking.

1. Parking at Railway Cottages.
Some residents at Railway Cottages have raised an issue about limited off-street parking outside their properties. The Chair agreed to contact Borough Cllr Phil McDowell about this enquiry.
2. Ashridge National Trust plans to introduce parking charges.
The Council resolved to write a letter raising concerns about introducing parking charges and the potential impact on Aldbury village of displaced vehicle parking.

22/34 Aldbury Sports Club.

Deferred until next meeting.

22/35 Queen's Green Canopy.

Deferred until next meeting.

22/36 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

Signed S Stretton Date 04.07.22

1. Replacement bench on top of Malting Lane.
Deferred until next meeting.

22/37 Planning Matters.

Application(s):

- 22/01379/FHA 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. 6 Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA No comment.
- 22/01575/LBC Works to front elevation: Lime render, paint, restore leaded windows and general maintenance 42 - 44 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW No comment

Decision(s):

- 22/00382/FHA Construction of a single storey timber clad garden building. Toms Barn Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU Granted
- 22/00284/LBC Restoration of gable end Old Manor House 9 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RT Granted
- 22/00679/NMA Non material amendment to planning permission 21/04104/FHA - Replacement of existing garage flat roof with pitched roof. Lanimers Station Road Tring Station Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QU Refused
- 22/01048/FHA 2-storey rear extension, extension to existing porch and garage conversion 8 Clarkes Spring Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QL Granted
- 22/00851/APA Change of use of land from agricultural to residential Orchard Cottage Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX Prior Approval Refused

For information only:

- Notification of planning appeal 21/02825/FUL Church Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS Demolition of Building 1 and construction of mixed used development of offices and 4 No. two-bedroom flats. The Council previously resolved to support this planning application.
- E/20/00221/BOC Breach of condition 15 (Demolition of existing buildings) and 16 (roadway) of permission 4/01439/15/FUL and creation of pond. Westlands Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS. The Council resolved to seek advice from Borough Cllr Phil McDowell and ask why there is no progress with the previously raised breach of conditions and why the original building was yet to be demolished, PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere.

Signed S. Strelly Date 04.07.22

22/38 Clerk's Correspondence.

1. Commemorative bench request by Aldbury Lunch Club.
A member of the Aldbury Lunch Club updated the Council about the type of bench that will be placed on the Green and asked whether the Parish Council could contribute towards the fitting of the bench and the Clerk will investigate the cost.
Work in progress.
2. Community Bus Project.
Neighbouring Council had put together a survey to find out whether there is a need for a bus service going to Tring Station. The Council agreed to add the survey on the parish website and share the information in the Outlook and on the Facebook page. Hard copies will be also available in the village shop.
3. Utility Aid Ltd.
The Council agreed to appoint the Utility Aid Ltd, at no cost to the Council, to carry out an audit of the current energy supplier to see whether the cost of the street power could be reduced.
4. Café sign on the Green.
The clerk received a request for a café sign to be placed on the village green. A member of the public spoke about benefits of advertising to local businesses and asked the Council to support having the sign on the green during certain period.

The Council voted on the following proposal:

The Council to agree whether the Café sign should remain on the green for 3 months.

3 votes – no
2 votes – yes
1 abstained

It was therefore carried for the Café sign not to be placed on the green.

The Council also resolved to investigate the feasibility of installing a visitors' information board on the green PROPOSED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere and SECONDED BY Cllr Holton, work in progress.

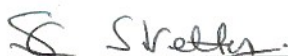
5. A member of the public sent an email to members asking about the resolution that was made at the last meeting for the Valiant Trooper planning application. The Chair confirmed that a letter of concern, in support of the objections made by members of the public, was sent to the planning department. The case officer confirmed that there were no material considerations with regards to this application therefore the Council had no grounds to object to this planning application.

22/39 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 Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr O'Neill and carried unanimously:

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 6th JUNE 2022:

Signed



Date 04.07.22

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£2,403.81
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension May	£287.56
HMRC	PAYE	£28.75
Debenhams Ottaway LLP	Charges for work undertaken in relation to Lease of Aldbury Playing Filed	£420.00
Martin Walters	Grass cutting in May	£697.50
Martin Walters	Replacement of posts at Recreation Ground	£90.00
Steve Welling	Gate post repair at the allotments and play area gate repair	£130.00
Bidwells	Recreation Ground rent September 2021- June 2022	£750.00

2. **Internal Audit Report.**

The Council acknowledged the recommendations made by the internal auditor and will respond in due course.

3. The Council approved the Annual Governance and Accountability Statement 2021/2022.
4. The Council approved Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously.
5. The Council approved Section 2 of the Accounting Governance Statement 2021/2022, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously.
6. The Council agreed the dates for public right of access to be commencing on Monday 13th June 2022 and ending on Friday 22nd July 2022.
7. The Council approved the explanation of variances unanimously.

The meeting closed at: 21:37

Signed  Date 04.07.22.