

**ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**MINUTES**

In attendance: Cllr Stretton (Chair), Cllr McCarthy (Vice Chair), Cllr Holton, Sallyann Houghton (Cllr from minute 21/205 onwards), Cllr Juniper, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Webb and County Cllr Symington

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk

One member of the public.

**21/199 Chair's Welcome.**

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**21/200 Apologies for absence.**

The Council accepted apologies sent by Cllr de la Bedoyere.

**21/201 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.**

None.

**21/202 Public Participation.**

Member of the public raised an issue with dangerous parking and driving across the green at Stoneycroft that is causing a safety issue and a nuisance to residents. It was confirmed that this piece of land is the responsibility of Dacorum Borough Council and that Aldbury Parish Council had made them aware of the situation.

**21/203 Hertfordshire Police.**

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

On 02/02/2022 a Black Vauxhall Adam parked on Trooper Road, Aldbury was damaged. An offender has approached the vehicle causing scratch marks with an unknown implement before making off. This crime is still under investigation.

**21/204 Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

An addition was made to one sentence in Minute 21/193, and after the amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Holton as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

**21/205 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.**

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The interviewing panel made a recommendation to co-opt Sallyann Houghton as a new Parish Councillor, PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously. She signed the declaration of acceptance of office. The Chair welcomed her to the Council.

**21/206 Aldbury Parish Assembly.**

The Parish Assembly will be taking place on the 25<sup>th</sup> April at 20:00 pm in the Memorial Hall. The Parish Council had agreed to discuss the filming policy and County Cllr Symington will be speaking about issues relating to highways and her experience in the post since she became a Cllr. The Parish Council would welcome suggestions from the public as to what topics should be discussed.

**21/207 Warden's update.**

The Council discussed the following matters:

1. A resident at Tring Station reported about the state of trees that back onto Clarkes Spring. The trees are the responsibility of HCC and County Cllr Symington had agreed to follow up with HCC and find out when the trees are due to be surveyed.
2. Two streetlamps, one by Aldbury Peace Memorial Institute and one on the village green, remain defective. Both streetlamps were reported as faulty in November 2021. The Clerk will follow this up with HCC again.
3. It was noted that the tennis court surface is deteriorating. The Clerk will investigate whether the same contractor who carried out recent moss removal could provide a quote to repair faulty parts of the surface.

**21/208 Aldbury Pond.**

Cllr Holton and the Clerk had a meeting with Clearwater Pond and Lake Management Ltd to discuss an ongoing maintenance of the village pond. The contractor had recommended work to improve the overall aesthetics and provided a quote. The Council agreed an expenditure up to £1,500, that would cover the cost of work carried by the contractor and additional cost for skip hire, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb.

**21/209 Spending of the Filming Fee.**

The Council had agreed to write an article for the Outlook about how the filming fee would be spent on various projects which would benefit the parish i.e. improvements to Aldbury play area and implementing speeding and parking measures.

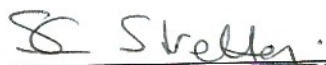
**21/210 Speeding and Parking.**

County Cllr Symington confirmed that 20 mph speed and volume survey and double yellow lines had been added on the list of work scheduled for consideration by HCC Highways. Aldbury Parish Council had passed a motion to support 20's Plenty national campaign and Cllr Juniper updated about the aims of the campaign.

**21/211 Landscapes review and Countryside Code.**

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Holton to support the consultation on the Landscape review and to add a link of the countryside code to the website and summary on the parish noticeboards.

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**21/212 Allotments.**

1. The Council thanked Phil Fido and Rod Allsworth for their ongoing help with the allotments.
2. The Council updated about the relationship between the allotment holders and the gardening club. A recent consultation sent to allotment holders showed that they did not want to form an allotment association. The Council suggested consulting the allotment holders on an annual basis should there be a wish in the future to form an allotment association. The Parish Council will be managing and monitoring the allotments on a day-to-day basis.
3. The current tenancy agreement is under review and will be adopted by the Council prior to tenancy renewal in September 2022.
4. The allotment holders were notified that the rent will go up in September 2022.
5. The Clerk will send letters out to allotment holders notifying them that there is no longer a central bonfire plot.

**21/213 Recreation Ground.**

Discussion deferred until next meeting.

**21/214 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.**

1. The Council discussed whether to divert the footpath behind the Pavilion and it was agreed to speak with the Aldbury Sports Club and seek advice from the DBC Countryside Access officer.
2. The Definitive Map Modification Order Application at Shipley's Filed is at position 9 on the waiting list.

**21/215 Planning Matters.**

**Application(s):**


- 22/00426/TCA Works to trees Old Rectory Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA No comment
- 22/00284/LBC Restoration of gable end Old Manor House 9 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RT No comment
- 22/00379/LBC Internal alterations, repair to exterior and removal of concrete paving to rear outside area. The Valiant Trooper Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW No comment

**Decision(s):**

- 21/04471/FHA Alterations to garage block 3 Stocks Farm Barns Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX Granted
- 21/04472/LBC Alterations to garage block 3 Stocks Farm Barns Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX Granted
- 22/00213/AGD General purpose barn Harris House Pendley Farm Station Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QY Application Withdrawn

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Notification of Planning Appeal 21/02968/FHA Part single storey, part two storey front, side and rear extension Greenbanks Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA

**21/216 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.**

1. The Council suggested 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> of April as a date for Community Litter Pick. The event will be led by Cllr Houghton and will be advertised in the Outlook and Facebook.
2. For the Queen's Green Canopy, the Council agreed to plant a tree at the Green.
3. May Fair will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.

**21/217 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 Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper and carried unanimously:

**BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022:**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		<b>£234.49</b>
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension February	<b>£230.05</b>
HMRC	PAYE	<b>£4.44</b>

The meeting closed at: 22:05

Signed S. Skelton Date 04.04.22