

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held remotely via Zoom on
Monday 12th April 2021 at 8pm
MINUTES**

In attendance: Cllr McCarthy (Chairman), Cllr Stretton (Vice Chair), Cllr Carmody, Cllr Juniper, Cllr Tollinton, Cllr Webb and Cllr Nick de la Bedoyere (Cllr from minute 20/255)

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk

Two members of the public.

20/247 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

20/248 Apologies for absence.

Cllr O'Neill sent her apologies.

20/249 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

The Chairman declared an interest in HAPTC as The Chairman of HAPTC.

20/250 Public Participation.

None.

20/251 Minutes of meeting held on 1st March 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2021 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton as being correct and were to be signed by the Chairman.

20/252 Hertfordshire Police.

Herts Police PCSO Martin Leadbitter sent an update about crimes that were committed in Aldbury Parish during March 2021:

Theft of a Carrera Mountain Bike from Tring Station storage rack between 6th and 7th March, remains under investigation.

Theft of a water trough from farmland on Northfield Road noticed and reported on 14th March (date of theft unknown) remains undetected.

20/253 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Clerk circulated report and recommendation prior to the meeting. It was PROPOSED BY the Chairman and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to hold the Annual Council Meeting on Tuesday 4th May at 20:00 via Zoom video conference.

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20/254 Annual Parish Assembly and Council Meetings post 7th May 2021.

1. To discuss proposal for Annual Parish Assembly.

The Clerk circulated report and recommendation prior to the meeting. It was PROPOSED BY the Chairman and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously to hold the Annual Parish Assembly on Tuesday 4th May at 19:30 via Zoom video conference. A representative of Aldbury Community Support will give a speech, followed by short Q&A session afterwards. Details of the meeting will be shared on social media.

2. Update on actions for meetings and business past 7th May 2021.

The Council agreed in principle to accept the Clerk's recommendation and give delegated authority to the Proper Officer (the Clerk) for when the Council meetings might not be held face to face due to social distancing restrictions. This matter will be discussed further at the Annual Council Meeting on 4th May 2021.

3. Call for evidence on the holding of remote meetings during Covid.

Most responses were in favour of remote meetings.

20/255 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

Nick de la Bedoyere was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Carmody and carried unanimously. He signed the declaration of acceptance of office. The Chairman welcomed him to the Council.

20/256 Warden's update.

Points raised in Warden's report were discussed as follows:

1. Chain wear on the swings at the playground in Aldbury will be reviewed.
2. Dog waste bags that are being discarded around the village. Dacorum Borough Council is no longer replacing or providing additional dog waste bins and wants people to use general litter bins to dispose of dog waste bags. The Council discussed whether putting extra bins around the village would be a solution and agreed to put a note in the next Aldbury Outlook asking dog owners to use regular litter bins. Sticker signs will be put on general litter bins by DBC to encourage people to use them.

20/257 Footpath's, Highways and Bridleways.

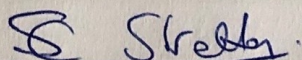
1. Parking and Traffic control.

A list of specific items to be explored further was circulated in advance and discussed at the meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to approach Dacorum Borough Cllr Phil McDowell and HCC Highways officer Andrew Freeman asking for their views and feedback on:

- a. 20mph speed limit within Aldbury village
- b. Parking restrictions around Aldbury village centre (pond & cross-roads)
- c. Parking restrictions on Stocks Road north of The Greyhound
- d. Removal of "Keep Clear" sign outside Manor Cottage
- e. Pavement parking outside Peace Institute
- f. Barrack Row lane access
- g. Designated parking area outside The Greyhound

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The Council approved Terms of Reference of the Parking and Traffic control working group, PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton and carried unanimously.

2. Stoneycroft access.

A convex mirror that was put up on the corner of Trooper Road and Stoneycroft was reported and is being investigated by HCC Highways.

3. Bridleway No 11a – missing sign.

The Clerk will liaise with Dacorum Borough Countryside officer Clayton Rae asking whether permanent signage can be put up to slow down the cyclists.

4. Folly Farm roundabout/Northfield Road.

No update.

20/258 Allotments.

1. Council to discuss strategy for allotment management.

Work in progress.

2. Garden Club – location of seed sale.

The Council agreed for the Garden Club to use the green outside the village shop for the seed sale to be held on 22 & 23 May 2021.

20/259 Aldbury and Tring Station Play Areas.

The Aldbury Playground Working Group Terms of Reference was approved by the Council, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper.

20/260 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

1. Recreation Ground benches – work in progress.

2. The Council's insurance is due to be renewed on 1st June 2021. A quote will be provided at the next meeting.

3. The Council approved the Parish Mowing contract for 2021, PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Carmody.

4. The Salomon Running Event will take place on 7th August 2021. The Council agreed for the Recreation Ground to be used as an overflow car park.

20/261 Aldbury Website, Communications and Social Media.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to follow the parish website and social media strategy to only promote communications and add content from and about the Parish Council.

20/262 Financial Matters.

1. Monthly budget report and bank reconciliations were sent out prior to the meeting.

2. A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously:

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 12th April 2021

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PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£1,774.35
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension March	£225.89
HAPTC	Annual Subscription + affiliation to NALC	£543.77
HMRC	PAYE	£5.04
Keith Simkin	Warden Duties January-March 2021	£240.00
Keith Simkin	Bin liners, Safety tape, coach bolt and nuts	£9.15
Gallery Partnership	Network Support	£198.00
Martin Walters	Grass cutting	£177.50
Bidwells	Rent for allotments	£375.00

20/263 Planning Matters:

1. Applications:

- a) 21/00517/FHA Two storey side and front extensions Greenbanks Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA
Aldbury Parish Council Object
Aldbury Parish Council concur with and support the submission made by the residents of Old Rectory Cottage, Toms Hill Road, Aldbury, (Comment submitted date: Thu 18 Mar 2021) which comprehensively details the issues of concern relating to this proposed development. Of specific concern to the Parish Council is the 2-storey side extension which would increase the flank elevation to the height of the existing roof ridgeline and extend it by approximately 1/3rd of the current length. This would substantially reduce the current gap between this and the adjacent property, presenting a larger continuous built frontage to the detriment of the conservation area and the character of Toms Hill.
- b) 21/01051/FHA Raising of roof over existing single storey element to provide additional accommodation in the roof space and porch to front door (amended scheme). 11 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH
No comment.
- c) 21/01276/FHA Part conversion, addition of pitched roof with dormer window and single storey rear extension to garage. Ashgarth Cottage Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS
No comment.

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- d) 21/01235/FHA Single-storey side extension, alterations to existing rear single-storey, alterations to landscaping and internal alterations. 10 New Ground Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RQ
No objection.

Decisions:

- a) 21/00571/TCA Removal of tree to ground level 2 Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA Raise no objection.
b) 21/00490/TCA Fell weeping willow tree Candle Cottage 2 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU Raise no objection.

20/264 Tennis Court.

Cllr Carmody took over the responsibility for the tennis court and booking system. The Council discussed how to manage the booking system and whether to charge a booking fee. Discussion on future arrangements was deferred until July. Cllrs with an interest in the tennis court are to put forward proposals for July's meeting.

20/265 Aldbury Defibrillator.

The Council noted that ownership and responsibilities in respect of the defibrillator were transferred to Aldbury Community Support (ACS) from Aldbury Parish Council (APC) on 30 March 2021.

20/266 Parish Plan 2021.

The Council agreed to add a page on to the website called Parish Plan 2021 and to publicise it on social media inviting residents to volunteer for a working party.

20/267 Aldbury Ultrafast Broadband.

The Council thanked Jont Cole for his efforts and all who got involved in promoting the Aldbury Ultrafast Broadband roll out.

20/268 Community Litter Pick.

The litter pick around the village is planned to go ahead on 17th April 2021 at 10 am.

20/269 Aldbury Parish Council Policies.

It was PROPOSED BY the Chairman and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper to readopt the Filming Policy.

The meeting closed at 22:35

Signed

S. Stretton

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