

**PARISH OF ALDBURY**  
**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**  
**HELD AT THE ALDBURY MEMORIAL HALL**  
**29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 8 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Moore (in the Chair), Tollinton, O'Neill and Aldbury Parish Clerk.

**Speakers:** Adrian Lee – Chair of Governors - Aldbury School  
Philip Waine – Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer - Herts Police

Dacorum Borough Councillor Stan Mills.

5 members of the public.

**1. Appointment of the Clerk to the meeting**

Bridget Knight was appointed Clerk to the meeting

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Pearce, Juniper and McCarthy. Apologies received from Suzanne Stretton and Stuart Hartlib.

**3. Minutes of Annual Assembly held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 to be signed as a true record**

It was proposed that the Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 were accepted as a true record. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Cllr Moore gave his report about the Parish Council year. The Parish Council works hard to achieve value for money and takes a non-interference approach.

- GDPR – the parish council acknowledged the regulations and worked to achieve compliance which lead to an IT strategy.
- IT Strategy – the Parish Council has engaged an IT Consultancy and all Councillors have Aldbury Parish email addresses and their own area on Microsoft OneDrive which is GDPR compliant.
- Website – this has been updated through the year with a new pond page added, the website is time consuming and an ongoing project.
- Parish Clerk – the Clerk has responsibility for significant amounts of data and controls this confidentially and within GDPR compliance.
- Allotments – at the start of the year there were a number of vacant allotment plots, now the allotments are fully tenanted. Aldbury Garden Club and Allotment Association now oversee the daily running of the allotments. The Diocese of St Albans owns the land and the parish council is the leaseholder. Sunnyside Rural Trust have undertaken several tasks and work is ongoing in the allotments.
- Planning – during the year the parish council considered approx. 24 planning applications.

Signed: *R.M. Bartley* Parish Council Chairman 4 May 2021





A resident asked whether the council will fill the pond with water if we have a very hot summer again, last year the pond was very low and not very attractive. Cllr Moore said this is a subject that will be discussed by the new council after May. The parish council has an annual provision and is creating a long-term pond fund for maintenance.

**6. Adrian Lee – Chairman of Aldbury School Governors.**

The school is voluntary controlled, and the church own the building. The school is a Church of England School and welcomes pupils from every and no-faith families. Currently there are 92 pupils, the maximum the school can accommodate is 120. Funding is an issue and the Friends of Aldbury School and the May Fair help greatly with funding for the School.

Aldbury School has resisted the proposal to join a multi-academy trust and works closely with other village schools to share resources and minimise costs.

The Aldbury pre-school closed approx. 7 years ago. This has threatened the school with village children forced to attend pre-schools located outside of the village and several local families have chosen other village schools attached to the pre-schools for their children. Also, the demographic of Aldbury means that some local children attend private schools and Aldbury School misses the funding that comes with every pupil.

The school is opening a new nursery school in September which will be in classroom 1. The school through careful budgeting has been able to afford a new classroom.

With a budget of £70,000 a temporary building has been made for Year Six children. Aldbury School has a temporary planning consent on this building which will be reviewed next year, the School hopes to continue to use the temporary classroom as the school cannot afford a brick built permanent classroom.

Aldbury School nursery will be seeking to attract pupils from neighbouring villages which have had housing developments such as Pitstone.

Aldbury School Head and the governing body are aiming for an Outstanding Ofsted rating.

**7. Philip Waine – Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer – Herts Police.**

Philip Waine covers three district councils including Dacorum Borough Council. Initially Neighbourhood Watch was independent from the Police but now OWL Online Watch Link employs four staff. 33% of all households in Hertfordshire are members of OWL and the membership has gone from 70,000 to 150,000 in Herts.

In Aldbury 25% of residents are members of OWL, this could easily be increased, and he explained the benefits of membership.

OWL includes neighbourhood concerns and now gets involved in general crime fighting assisting the police. OWL works with neighbours and sets up networks where the police can be supported by resident's CCTV evidence and observations. In Chipperfield the residents have a WhatsApp group and a Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page which is very effective. Aldbury could have further signs and Neighbourhood Watch posters.

Cyber-crime is a big problem in the Dacorum area.

Signed:

*R. M. Lee*  
Aldbury Parish Council Chairman 4 May 2021

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Mr Waine reassured everyone that Aldbury has a very low level of crime and is a safe place to live.

The Chairman thanked Philip Waine and Adrian Lee for their very interesting presentations.

**8. Meeting open to the Public**

There were no questions and the public enjoy refreshments.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Bridget Knight,

Clerk to the Aldbury Parish Council

29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Signed: *A. W. Wainwright* Aldbury Parish Council Chairman 4 May 2019