

**ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Held remotely via Zoom on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 8pm  
MINUTES**

In attendance: Cllr McCarthy (Chairman), Cllr Stretton (Vice Chair), Cllr Carmody, Cllr Juniper, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Tollinton and Cllr Webb.

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk  
Village Warden

Four members of the public.

**20/228 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**20/229 Apologies for absence.**

None.

**20/230 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.**

None.

**20/231 Public Participation.**

1. Cllr Carmody explained the process to apply for government funding for ultrafast broadband for Aldbury residents by registering households with Community Fibre Partnership provided by Openreach. Cllr Carmody had created a website [www.aldburybroadband.com](http://www.aldburybroadband.com) with the objective of collecting information from residents who want to commit to the rollout.

2. Member of the public had raised a question via email asking about the progress on the proposal for parking control and traffic calming in central Aldbury. Member of the public also spoke about people coming from outside the village and using it for hiking and cycling which contributes to parking issues around the village.

The Chairman reported that the first draft prepared by Cllr Juniper consisted of comments and suggestions received and photographs showing locations around the village used for parking. This is work in progress. The Chairman explained that to achieve an overall solution and improve the parking for all village residents and visitors, both Borough and County Councils will need to be involved, and this is not going to be either an easy or quick process.

Cllr Juniper reported about different measures, that were suggested by residents, to control the parking around the village such as extending the car park, to create more parking space, implementing yellow lines and whether there should be residents parking controls put in place. Cllr Juniper suggested obtaining more guidance on how best to progress with this matter.

**20/232 Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Tollinton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper as being correct and were to be signed by the Chairman.

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**20/233 Hertfordshire Police.**

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

Between 6.00pm on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb and 3.00am on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 a security light was removed from a property on Station Road close to Tring Station by an offender (s). This crime remains undetected.

Between 7.00am on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan and 3.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 an offender (s) has removed a red/black TREK mountain bike from an insecure garage to the rear of a property on Trooper Road, Aldbury. This crime remains undetected.

**20/234 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.**

The Chairman reported that there are two candidates and that one of the candidates had already been interviewed. The Chairman invited 3 Cllrs to form an interview panel to interview the candidate who had not previously been interviewed. The Clerk will arrange for the interview to take place by the end of the March. Work in progress.

**20/235 Warden's update.**

1. The Warden reported that the Sports Club had attempted to remove the graffiti from the wall. Unfortunately, they had been unsuccessful, but it had been confirmed that they would try again.
2. The Neighbourhood Watch sign will be replaced by the Warden in due course.
3. An apology was received from HCC for wrongly advising the residents in Stocks Road about the road resurfacing between Greenings Farm and the County boundary.
4. The Clerk followed up blocked drains with HCC but had no response. Cllr Juniper suggested trying to change the clearance cycle, (currently Aldbury is on a 19-month clearance cycle), or for the Parish Council to research the practicality of funding the clearance. Cllr Stretton suggested getting a list of drains and ditches around the village to carry out survey and risk assessments. Cllr Juniper will write to Andrew Freeman at HCC asking whether a more frequent clearance cycle can be introduced.
5. Cllr Tollinton reported that the kissing gate into Shipley's Field is now safe.
6. Cllr Webb reported that the uncleared part of the Stoneycroft ditch now needed clearing. The Clerk will draft a letter to the landowner asking for the ditch to be cleared.

Cllrs resolved to note their thanks to the landowner for clearing half of the ditch at Church Farm.

Cllrs resolved to note their grateful thanks to W Lamb LTD for their donation of the 2020 –village Christmas Tree.

7. Cllr Juniper had trimmed back the tree branch at the junction by the pond.

**20/236 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.**

1. Pedestrian safety improvements.

A parking and traffic working group formed by Cllr Juniper, Cllr Webb and Cllr O'Neill will discuss all the information gathered by Cllr Juniper and report back at the next meeting.

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Member of the public made a comment on the traffic calming in the village. He said that there should be a sign warning drivers of road narrowing. Cllr Juniper will enquire with Andrew Freeman at HCC whether a sign is a good solution.

2. Shipleys Field Footpath.

Cllr Tollinton reported that the application for registration of the footpath on Shipley's Field was submitted and that evidence, of the footpath being used by the public between 1983-2003, can still be submitted to HCC.

**20/237 Allotments.**

Work in progress.

**20/238 Aldbury and Tring Station Play Areas.**

1. Cllr Stretton circulated a report prior to the meeting. She thanked a member of the Log World working group for his help.  
She reported that there is a deterioration to some wooden parts, but they can be replaced. The metal stanchions look sound.  
Cllr Stretton said that the working group will draft terms of reference to investigate the cost of replacing defective parts and of remedial work to the surface. The Clerk offered to be part of the Log World working group.  
The Council suggested recycling the rubber chippings that were on the surface.

**20/239 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.**

1. The Clerk received correspondence asking if the Parish Council would consider putting up a sign or a note encouraging social distancing.  
The Council agreed that this will not be necessary.
2. The grass cutting will resume this month. The Clerk will ask the contactor not to cut the new grass that had grown at the Green, until further notice.

**20/240 Aldbury Website, Communications and Social Media.**

Cllr Stretton reported that the working group had submitted to the Council a proposed Social Media policy and Publication Scheme.  
It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to adopt the proposed Social Media policy and Publication Scheme.  
The Parish Council will have a Facebook page that will be set up by Cllr Carmody and updated by the Clerk, as and when necessary.

**20/241 Financial Matters.**

1. A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Tollinton and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton and carried unanimously:

**BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021:**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		<b>£284.93</b>
HCC Pension	Pension January	<b>£225.89</b>

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*Russell Luby*

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Anglo Dutch LTD	Payroll Provider	£54.00
HMRC	PAYE	£5.04

2. The Council agreed to receive monthly budget reports that will be circulated prior to each Council meeting.

**20/242 Planning Matters:**

**1. Applications:**

- a) 21/00324/FUL Change of use - Conversion and refurbishment of Units 13, 14, 15 and 19 into flexible use under Class E. Demolition of Unit 9 to provide ancillary car parking spaces and landscaping. Church Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS SUPPORTED.
- b) 21/00392/FHA Construction of a garden room in the grounds of the Old Rectory. Old Rectory Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA NO OBJECTION.
- c) 21/00490/TCA Fell weeping willow tree Candle Cottage 2 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU NO OBJECTION.
- d) 21/00489/TCA Works to Yew tree Galleons Reach Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA NO OBJECTION.
- e) 21/00504/TCA Works to trees 35 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RT NO OBJECTION.
- f) 21/00517/FHA Two storey side and front extensions. Greenbanks Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA

The Parish Council resolved to make the following objections:

- I. The Extension does not meet the criteria for development in the Conservation Area.
  - II. The front extension will impact the character of Toms Hill and the village.
  - III. The front extension impacts privacy at Old Rectory Cottage.
  - IV. The Front Extension is unnecessary.
- g) 21/00547/FHA Single storey extension to form bedroom, gym, office, covered parking area. Replacement of existing windows to main building. Buckeye Barn Station Road Tring Station Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QU NO OBJECTION.
  - h) 21/00571/TCA Removal of tree to ground level. 2 Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA NO OBJECTION.

**2. Decisions:**

- a) 20/03796/FHA Raising of roof over existing single storey element to

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provide additional accommodation in the roof space including two dormer windows and porch to front door. 11 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

- b) 21/00085/TCA Works to Trees Beechwood House Beechwood Drive Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SB RAISE NO OBJECTION.
- c) 20/03893/LBC Remove black paint from beams and make good walls and ceilings with lime plaster as required Town Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU GRANTED.
- d) 20/04030/DRC Details as required by condition 4 (Materials) of planning permission 19/02942/LBC (Garage Extension and alterations) Town Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU GRANTED.
- e) 20/03749/FHA Proposed alteration and rear extension of outbuilding (Coach House) to form ancillary accommodation, including home office. Kilcarrig 12 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH GRANTED.
- f) 21/00489/TCA Works to Yew tree Galleons Reach Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA RAISE NO OBJECTION.
- g) 21/00211/AGD Construction of agricultural store Land East Of Beggars Lane Beggars Lane Aldbury Hertfordshire HP23 5PT PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED.

**20/243 WM Trains.**

Tring and District Community Transport Project update.

Cllr Stretton reported that Tring Town Council had secured a grant from the train operator for a community transport pilot scheme and in due course, may look for volunteers from the nearby Parish Councils to form a working group to help them decide how best to use the grant. Work in progress.

**20/244 Community Litter Pick.**

Cllr Carmody suggested 17<sup>th</sup> April as a date for Community Litter Pick, subject to Covid regulations regarding social distancing.

**20/245 Tree Planting Project.**

Cllr Carmody suggested planting more trees around Aldbury through a tree-planting project.

The Council discussed whether it would be possible to plant more trees around the Recreation Ground and the Millennium Orchard.

Cllr O'Neill proposed to plant a tree for Queen's Platinum Jubilee and suggested getting feedback from the community asking where the best place would be to plant it.

Cllr Carmody will investigate the various proposals and would report back at the next meeting.

**20/246 Aldbury Parish Council Policies.**

Cllr Stretton report that this was work in progress.

The meeting closed at 22:05

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