ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Monday 2nd December 2020 at 8.00pm in Aldbury Memorial Hall <u>MINUTES</u>

In attendance: Chairman Cllr McCarthy, Cllr Juniper, Cllr Stretton, Cllr Pearce and Cllr O'Neill.

Bridget Knight – Aldbury Parish Clerk.

Apologies received from Cllr Moore, Cllr Webb, Cllr Tollinton and Dacorum Borough Councillor P McDowell.

2 members of the public.

19/237 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

19/238 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Moore, Webb and Dacorum Borough Cllr McDowell.

19/239 Declarations of interest.

Cllr Rob McCarthy and Cllr Stretton declared an interest in Tring Station Residents Association and Cllr Juniper declared an interest that his wife is a member of the Memorial Hall Committee and he is involved with the film club.

19/240 Hertfordshire Police.

Not present.

19/241 Public Question Time.

An allotment holder raised the matter of access to the allotments from neighbouring properties and potential gate to the main entrance and a discussion took place. Cllr Pearce will discuss this with the Aldbury Gardening Club committee.

A resident involved with the application for Asset of Community Value registration for the Aldbury Store gave an update explaining a decision was expected today. The Clerk has written to Dacorum and the council has not had a reply to date.

19/242 Minutes of meeting held on 4th November 2019

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Pearce and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 2019 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

19/243 Aldbury Pond.

The council has received the invoice from CMS. The parish council pond signs will be removed.

19/244 Aldbury Sports Club /Recreation Ground.

Signed _____

_ Date _____

This was deferred to January's meeting.

19/245 Footpaths and Highways inc Bridleways.

No update.

19/246 Action List.

A discussion took place and the action list was updated.

19/247 Aldbury Parish Council Grants – s137 Grants.

The followingbelow grants were approved in accordance with section s137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-. The calculation was made using the s137 expenditure limit for 2019 – 2020 of £8.12 x 714 electors = £5,797.68. The council resolved to grant a total of £2,200 as s137 grants as shown below:

Aldbury Memorial Hall £800 Proposed BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously.

Aldbury Toddler Group £300 Proposed BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously.

Tring Station Residents Association £400 Proposed BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Pearce and carried unanimously.

Aldbury Film Club £100 PROPOSED BY Cllr O'Neill and SECONDED BY Cllr Pearce and carried unanimously.

Aldbury Club (Peace Hall) £600 PROPOSED BY Cllr O'Neill and SECONDED BY Cllr Pearce and carried unanimously.

19/248 Parish Play Areas.

This was covered earlier in the meeting.

19/249 Planning Matters.

4/0165/19/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of a new 5 bed dwelling. Aldbury End, New Ground Road, Aldbury, Tring, HP23 5SF. No objection.

19/02778/FHA Garden store. Old Rectory, Toms Hill Road, Aldbury, Tring, HP23 5SF. No objection.

19/250 Luton Airport Consultation.

The Chairman led a discussion about the Luton Airport Consultation. It was agreed to object on the grounds of climate crisis, noise and air pollution and impact caused by lack of public transport and the parish council would request more public transport to support the airport.

19/251 **Clerk's Report and Correspondence.**

A discussion took place about the correspondence including the polling station review. The council has received a complaint about parking around the pond, the Clerk will write to Herts County Councillor Hollinghurst and Herts CC Highways.

19/252 Warden's Report

This was circulated prior to the meeting. The Warden has reported the donkey enclosure fencing is in poor condition, the Clerk will contact the owner about this.

19/253 Aldbury Parish Council Website.

The website is being updated.

Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities Policy 19/254

A discussion took place and the policies will be reviewed next month, Cllr Stretton to prepare.

19/255 **Financial Matters:**

The prepared budget for 2020/21 was explained by Cllr Pearce. PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously.

It was agreed to pay the following accounts PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy:

Payee	Description	Total
EP Productions	Monthly Fee - standing order	£50.00
NCS Countryside Services	Silt removal and works to Aldbury Pond	£16,572.00
Handmade Hideways	Iron Room Play Area - Wooden Train	£5,988.00
Clerk	Salary and reimburse expenses.	£480.94
HMRC	PAYE	£86.60
HCC Pensions	Pension	£167.60
G Juniper	Reimburse expenses (shingle for Stocks)	£15.72
Eon	Streetlights - November 2019	£74.45
Martin Walters	Grass cutting	£270.00
Hospice of St Francis	Donation - agreed in November meeting	£100.00

Balances:

Unity Trust Account	£42,752.19
NS&I	£34,215.17
Total:	£76,967.36
Income:	
Allotment Rents	£18.00

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.