

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on

Monday 2nd September 2019 at 8.00pm
in Aldbury Memorial Hall

MINUTES

In attendance: Chairman Cllr McCarthy, Vice Chairman Cllr Moore, Cllr Juniper, Cllr Tollinton and Cllr Webb.

Dacorum Borough Council Cllr P McDowell.

Bridget Knight – Aldbury Parish Clerk.

Apologies received from Cllrs O'Neill, Pearce and Stretton.

8 members of the public.

19/180 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

19/181 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs O'Neill, Moore and Stretton.

19/182 Declarations of interest.

Cllr Moore and Cllr Tollinton declared interests in the allotments as allotment tenants.

19/183 Hertfordshire Police.

PCSO Martin Leadbetter sent his apologies and submitted a report with an update on the recent burglaries in the area. Cllr Moore offered the residents home security packs which will be available to collect from the shop. Members of the public are asked to notify the police if they see anything suspicious either by telephone or online.

19/184 Public Question Time.

None.

19/185 Minutes of meeting held on 5th August 2019

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th August 2019 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

19/186 Aldbury Pond.

Cllrs Moore and McCarthy have contacted the Proper Officer (the Clerk) of the council to request a motion to set aside the May Parish Council resolution to take no action on the pond until January 2020.

The Chairman explained this is in order to consider the expert advice received from CMS in July 2019 and to consider the way forward. The proposal is to remove the concrete cap to deepen the pond which CMS state should mitigate the problem of vegetation in the pond.

Signed _____ Date _____

With this motion the council have agreed to set aside the decision taken in May and to follow the CMS recommendations. CMS will start the work week commencing 16th September. PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Moore and carried unanimously.

It was agreed to use parish council funds from the pond reserves at a cost of £16,150 plus VAT. As far as the Councillors are aware the offer of financial assistance from Dacorum BC for future work is still available if needed. PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Tollinton and carried unanimously.

19/187 Aldbury Store.

The decision whether to apply to register the shop as an Asset of Community Value was deferred until next month.

19/188 Aldbury Sports Club/Recreation Ground.

Cllr Moore has contacted Sport England about the basketball area which they originally funded. There will be an update next meeting.

Aldbury Sports Club have paid £100 rent and £400 towards grass cutting for 2019/20. It was agreed to write-off the previous year amounts PROPOSED BY Cllr Moore and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously.

19/189 Footpaths.

Cllr Tollinton reported the Village Warden has meet with a volunteer who is helping to monitor footpaths in the parish. Anyone can use the Herts CC Report It page to report issues with rights of way in the parish. Cllr Tollinton reported bridleway 49 is now open and is used regularly. The parish paths partnership this year has been a struggle as the organisation who offered to quote for footpath 50 have not supplied a quotation.

19/190 Action List.

A discussion took place and the action list was updated.

19/191 Parish Play Areas.

Cllr Tollinton is meeting with Aldbury parents and will discuss the options of resurfacing around the log world or ordering a new piece of equipment. The National Lottery funding needs to be used by January 2020.

19/192 Planning Matters

4/01665/19/FUL – Aldbury End, New Ground Road, Aldbury, Tring, HP23 5SF.
Demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of a new 5 bed dwelling.
No objections.

4/01794/19/FHA –.13 New Ground Road, Aldbury, Tring, HP23 5RQ.
Single storey rear extension.
No objections.

19/193 Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

- Email complaint from a Stoneycroft resident about filming and the water company road closure inconvenience and access problems. Cllr Moore has meet with film company & clerk replied to resident.
- Email via AGC complaint of wildlife damage to allotment plots.

- Further information from a local resident to support ACV application.
- Email from Berkhamsted Raiders JFC Chairman to use football pitches – passed to ASC.
- DBC/HCC info.
- NALC financial model regulations update.
- Kings Langley Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- HS2 update and Chiltern Society email.
- Complaint from an elderly resident who was almost hurt by a cyclist travelling down Toms Hill Road.

19/194 Warden’s Report

The Aldbury Warden’s report was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Juniper raised the issue of 2 wooden posts that need to be repaired by the pond, 2 wooden bollards in the recreation ground and the recreational ground hedge (car park side) is overgrown. The clerk will organise for the work to be undertaken.

19/195 Social Media.

No update.

19/196 Financial Matters

- NALC model financial regulations – Cllrs Webb, Pearce and the clerk will review the financial regulations for the next meeting.
- The following accounts were approved for payment at the meeting PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously.

Payee	Description	Total
Eon	August Streetlights	£74.45
Almar Tring	Pond info posters	£7.40
B Knight	Salary, expenses & allowance	£476.24
HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	£86.40
Martin Walters	Grass cutting	£516.00
Steve Welling	Pond grill repairs	£65.00

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.