

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on

**Monday 4th November 2020 at 8.00pm
in Aldbury Memorial Hall**

MINUTES

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

Dacorum Borough Councillor McDowell.

Bridget Knight – Aldbury Parish Clerk.

Apologies received from Cllr Moore and Cllr Webb.

4 members of the public.

19/217 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

19/218 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Moore and Webb.

19/219 Declarations of interest.

None.

19/220 Hertfordshire Police.

Not present.

19/221 Public Question Time.

None.

19/222 Minutes of meeting held on 7th October 2019

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 2019 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

19/223 Aldbury Pond.

The Chairman read the following report from Cllr Moore:

The contractors are gathering relevant documentation and expect to provide an invoice for consideration at the December meeting.

Observation of the pond's behaviour continues. In my view, it is too early to consider next steps (whether or not there is a leak(s), maintaining water level, lining etc) and I don't believe APC should be pressured to make premature decisions because the water level is low at this time.

19/224 Aldbury Sports Club /Recreation Ground.

The Chairman read the following report from Cllr Moore:

Basketball area. I have two contractors to provide quotes - one for replacing the tarmac and one for installing an all-weather surface. I have approached other contractors but there is no overwhelming rush to undertake the work! Further update in December.

Parking area. I do wonder whether the basketball area refurbishment and parking post replacement should be a combined project, not least because of the lack of contractor enthusiasm for the basketball area. That said, if Steve Welling's idea of a car park 'makeover' is considered to have merit a joint tarmacing of the basketball area and car park could provide economy of scale. The first question, perhaps, is to ask whether the posts are necessary. I am content to obtain the views of the sports club if that will be helpful; I understand the club does not have money to fund a major project.

Cllr Tollinton and the Clerk will take advice regarding the cleaning and maintenance of the tennis court surface.

19/225 Footpaths and Highways inc Bridleways.

No update.

19/226 Action List.

A discussion took place and the action list was updated.

19/227 Parish Play Areas.

TSRA are obtaining quotations for the new play equipment to be located behind the Iron Room.

19/228 Aldbury Parish Council Grants

The council has received three applications for grants.

19/229 Planning Matters

19/0258/LBC – Replace three ground floor, casement windows to the front of the property. 13 Stocks Road, Aldbury, Tring, Herts HP23 5RT.
No objection.

19/230 Volunteer of the Year Award.

It was agreed that a Volunteer of the Year Award will be started PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Pearce and carried unanimously.

19/231 Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree will be kindly donated by a local resident. In recognition of this kind gift it was agreed to donate £100 to the Hospice of St Francis.

Cllr Juniper reported the Christmas Tree lights have been checked and are OK.

Church Farm had offered to pay for the Christmas Tree and the parish council thanked Church Farm for the very generous offer of the tree and the parish council is grateful that we can approach Church Farm next year for assistance.

19/232 Luton Airport Consultation.

Cllr Tollinton and Cllr Juniper have attended the public consultation evening and reported if the expansion is granted there will be an increase in passengers from 18 to 32 million a year. There is a planned increase in night flights, but this is within the previously allowed limits.

The Civil Aviation Authority are to review the UK flight paths in 2021. The staff from Luton Airport reported that there will be a decrease in the noise and the change of steepness of the flights will reduce noise. The consultation closes 16th December, and residents are encouraged to participate.

A further consultation session is being held on Friday 8th November in Berkhamsted which the Chairman plans to attend.

Dacorum BC Cllr McDowell commented that personally he objects to the airport expansion due to the current climate issues.

19/233 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

This was circulated prior to the meeting.

The council has received a late email from the Legal Dept of Dacorum Borough Council and a discussion took part regarding the application for the Asset of Community Value for Aldbury Store. The council supports the application which is being co-ordinated by a local resident who continues to work closely with Dacorum BC Cllr McDowell.

19/234 Warden's Report

This was circulated prior to the meeting and items have been discussed earlier.

19/235 Aldbury Parish Council Website.

The website is being updated.

19/236 Financial Matters

Cllr Webb will be appointed a signatory for the Aldbury Parish Council bank account PORPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Pearce and carried unanimously.

The NALC Financial Regulations have been reviewed by Cllrs Webb and Pearce and it was agreed they do not need to be changed.

The draft budget will be prepared and circulated to the Councillors prior to the December meeting.

It was agreed to pay the following accounts:

Payee	Description	Total
EP Productions	Monthly Fee - standing order authorised for every month ongoing:	£50.00
Chairman	Expenses	£23.40
Clerk	Payroll costs & Expenses	£515.64
HMRC	PAYE	£86.40
Herts CC Pensions	Pension Costs	£167.60
EP Productions	Website work	£150.00
ICO	Registration fee for data protection	£35.00

Signed _____ Date _____

Eon	October Streetlight Power	£72.04
HMRC	PAYE	£86.40
M Walters	Grass cutting	£60.00

Balances:

Unity Trust Account	£42,948.04
NS&I	£34,215.17
Total:	£77,163.21
Income:	
Allotment Rents	£204.00
Wayleave	£40.00
Filming donation	£6,000.00

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.