

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on

Monday 13th January 2020 at 8.00pm

in Aldbury Memorial Hall

MINUTES

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

Dacorum Borough Council Cllr P McDowell.

Bridget Knight – Aldbury Parish Clerk.

5 members of the public.

19/256 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

19/257 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Herts Police PCSO M Leadbitter.

19/258 Declarations of interest.

None.

19/259 Public Question Time.

A resident/allotment holder raised the following issues:

- 1 The ditches at the end of Stonecroft and beyond the bridle path towards the Isolation Hospital require clearance. The Parish Clerk will write to the land owner to ask if the ditches can be cleared.
- 2 The fence located on the perimeter of the allotment is not sufficient and allows the muntjac deer to access the allotments from their property. The parish council will write to the residents of properties adjacent to the allotments and ask them to make their fences muntjac proof.
- 3 Hedges of properties in Trooper Road which adjoin the allotments are encroaching onto the allotments. The Parish Clerk will write to the residents, once the house numbers are confirmed.

The Aldbury Sports Club Chairman raised the following issues:

- 1 Salamon Trail (Run) – 6 June 2020.
The Aldbury Sports Club have some concerns. The Chairman confirmed the Annual Aldbury Run will be held on the 14th June. The Sports Club Chairman and two Councillors will meet with the organisers tomorrow morning.
- 2 Rennie Grove Hospice Fun Run - July 2020.
The Aldbury Sports Club are supporting this local run organised by Tring Running Club.

19/260 Hertfordshire Police.

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Herts Police PCSO M Leadbitter sent his apologies and submitted his report which Vice Chairman Cllr Moore read. Two crimes have been reported since early December which include theft of tools from a vehicle and a separate theft of a number plate, both crimes remain undetected. The police urged drivers to remove valuables from their vehicles and ensure they are locked.

Cllr Tollinton mentioned that over the weekend there had been an attempted house burglary in Toms Hill.

19/261 Minutes of meeting held on 2nd December 2019.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Tollinton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd December 2019 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

19/262 Aldbury Store.

The Aldbury Store has been listed by Dacorum Borough Council as an Asset of Community Value and Aldbury Parish Council has received the notification of Dacorum's decision.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council has received a thank you from a resident and the Chairman thanked the local volunteer and the Parish Clerk and Dacorum Borough Council Cllr McDowell for their efforts in the final push to get the shop listed.

19/263 Aldbury PC grant application from St John The Baptist Church, Aldbury.

It was agreed to make a £400 grant donation towards grass cutting to St John The Baptist Church, Aldbury PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously.

19/264 Aldbury Pond.

Vice Chairman Cllr Moore reported that the Aldbury Pond is very full of water and has no vegetation. The parish council will continue to monitor the pond and has received photographs of local children using motorised boats on the pond. Cllr Juniper said the pond is working well and collecting overflowing water.

19/265 Aldbury Sports Club /Recreation Ground.

Basketball Area - Vice Chairman Cllr Moore has spoken to Sport England about the basketball hoop. Cllr Moore has received three quotations for re-tarmacing the surface, one quotation to remove the bad surface and replacement is £2,260 plus VAT, an all-weather surface for £5,845 plus VAT and another company quotation for all weather quoted approximately £61 per square meter.

A discussion took place about whether to replace the surfacing and Cllr Moore will investigate the cost to return the area to grass.

Tennis Court – Cllr Tollinton reported the tennis court needs to be professionally cleaned. It was agreed to arrange for the tennis court area to be professionally cleaned and coated with an anti-fungal treatment at a cost of £375 PROPOSED BY Cllr Tollinton and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously. *36 - RMM/C*

The booking system is working well and last year it was paid for by a resident. In May this year this is due to be renewed and Cllr Tollinton suggested that the parish council could pay for next year's subscription at a cost of £50 per annum (for up to 50 members).

Signed

R. Moore

Date 3.02.20

19/266 Footpaths and Highways inc Bridleways.

Cllr Tollinton reported that P3 funding is still available and it was suggested to clear the trees *encroachment on either side of the bridleway which could be funded by the P3 grant*. Vice Chairman Cllr Moore will contact Sunnyside Rural Trust and request a quotation to clear the bridleway. Cllr Tollinton will contact Dacorum BC.

19/267 Action List.

The action list was updated.

19/268 Parish Play Areas.

It was agreed to replace the Log World with a newer version and that the remaining playground equipment is satisfactory. The parish council will investigate funding.

19/269 Planning Matters:

19/02941/FHA Garage Extension and alterations. Town Farm, Stocks Road, Aldbury, Tring, Herts HP23 5RU.

No objections.

19/02942/LBC Garage Extension and alterations. Town Farm, Stocks Road, Aldbury, Tring, Herts HP23 5RU.

No objections.

19/270 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

The Clerk raised that there were some allotment holders who have not paid their rent. The Parish Clerk will update Aldbury Gardening Club about this.

19/271 Warden's Report

This was circulated prior to the meeting.

19/272 Black Bag Day – 14th March 2020.

Noted.

19/273 Aldbury Parish Assembly and Chairman's Award.

Information about the award will be in the February issue of The Aldbury Outlook.

19/274 Parking around Aldbury Pond.

The Chairman encouraged the public to attend the Road Safety Meeting to be held on the 21st January 2020 at 7pm. Cllr Tollinton will arrange for leaflets to be printed and distributed, notices will be displayed, and this will be added to the Village Facebook Page.

19/275 Aldbury Parish Council Website.

The website is being updated and is working well.

19/276 Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities Policy

Cllr Stretton had amended the policies and a discussion took place about the policies. Some amendments were suggested, and it was agreed to send the draft policies to HAPTC. Cllr Stretton and Cllr Moore will speak to HAPTC and the parish council insurance company.

19/277 Financial Matters:

Aldbury Parish Council set the precept demand at £23,000 and signed the Dacorum Budget Forms and Precept Demand. PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Moore and carried unanimously. The Parish Clerk will submit the forms to Dacorum Borough Council.

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

Payee	Description	Total
Martin Walters	Grass Cutting	£186.00
Wildwood UK Ltd	Iron Room Play Equipment	£5,880.00
Aldbury Warden	Warden	£240.00
S Stretton	Reimbursement of Iron Room Play Equip	£195.86
HMRC	PAYE	£86.40
Clerk	Reimburse expenses	£35.70
Herts CC Pensions	Pension costs	£167.60
Eon	Streetlights - December	£72.04
Almar	Office supplies	£51.64
Gallery IT	Network support	£198.00

Balances:

Unity Trust Account	£15,818.59
NS&I	£34,215.17
Total:	£50,033.76
Income:	
Allotment Rents	£78.00

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed

R McCarthy

Date

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