

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held remotely via Zoom on
Monday 1st February 2021 at 8pm
MINUTES**

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

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
Village Warden

20/209 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

20/210 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Webb sent his apologies (work).

20/211 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None.

20/212 Public Participation.

None.

20/213 Minutes of meeting held on 11th January 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2021 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Carmody as being correct and were to be signed by the Chairman.

20/214 Hertfordshire Police.

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

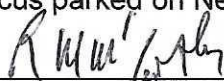
Criminal Damage: Between 12.00 noon on 1st Jan and 8.45am on 2nd Jan approximately 100m of fencing was damaged and removed from land adjacent to New Ground Road and piled up on said land. This crime is still under investigation.

Theft from Motor Vehicle: Between 1.00pm and 2.00pm on 8th Jan a Honda Jazz parked in a car park on Toms Hill Road had its Catalytic Converter removed. This crime remains undetected.

Theft from Motor Vehicle: Between 9.00pm on 18th Jan and 6.00am on 19th Jan a Grey Toyota Hilux van parked on Stocks Road was broken into by smashing a rear window and , garden tools removed. This crime remains undetected.

Theft from Motor Vehicle: Between 6.00pm on 26th Jan and 10.00am on 27th Jan a green Ford Focus parked on New Ground Road close to the canal had both number plates

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removed. The vehicle was also entered, and a steering lock removed. This crime remains undetected.

Possession of Cannabis: on 28th Jan a female was found to be in possession of Cannabis whilst parked up in her vehicle on the Ashridge estate.

Cllr Carmody suggested adding Neighbourhood Watch Owl link to the parish website.

20/215 Warden's Update.

1. Hazard tape had been placed around the kissing gate on footpath 27. The condition of the kissing gate had been reported to DBC via email.
2. The tree that was obscuring the 30-mile speed limit sign in New Ground Road had been trimmed.
3. Two benches in the Recreation Ground are in poor condition. The Council discussed whether to fix or replace the benches.
It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr O'Neill to replace the seats like for like. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the next meeting.
4. The Sports Pavilion was vandalized with graffiti. Cllr Juniper suggested for the Clerk to approach the Aldbury Sports Club and ask them to remove the graffiti as it could encourage other buildings in the village to be vandalised.
5. The signage at junction of Stocks Road and Toms Hill is obstructed by a tree branch. Cllr Juniper offered to remove the branch.
6. The Council discussed the state of the drains. The Clerk will write to HCC asking when the drains are due to be cleared next.

20/216 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

1. Pedestrian safety improvements.

Cllr Juniper circulated first draft of a document consisting of photographs showing locations around the village used for parking. He asked other members to input their views and comments to finalise it. Work in progress.

A discussion took place about different parking control measures that could be implemented such as yellow lines. The Chairman explained the process involved in implementing control parking zones and speed limits.

2. Shipley's Field Footpath.

Cllr Tollinton confirmed that the application for registration of the footpath on Shipley's Field had been submitted.

3. Work to trees carried out by National Trust.

Cllr Juniper suggested putting together a questions and answers note and to publish it in the Outlook to inform residents about the work carried out by National Trust. He also suggested adding another note asking residents to raise any questions relating to this matter.

20/217 Allotments.

Work in progress.

20/218 Aldbury and Tring Station Play Areas.

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1. Cllr Stretton reported that following an informal meeting with a play equipment designer, it was confirmed that the foundation parts of the log world that are in the ground are metal stanchions and a preliminary inspection found no evidence of deterioration. The deterioration of the above ground wood appears superficial therefore it is an aesthetic issue rather than a structural one. The designer reported that the surface under the Log World is a hazard.
A discussion took place whether to replace the surface and what type of surface would be suitable.
The Council agreed to obtain a quote from the play equipment designer to produce a written report on the condition of the log world and the surface.
Cllr Stretton and the clerk will investigate applying for a grant from Tesco.
2. The Council agreed on which swing seat to replace and accepted a quote of £30 to carry out this job, PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Tollinton and carried unanimously.

20/219 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

1. The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from DBC Monitoring Officer that a new model Code of Conduct was approved by the Local Government Association and that the Parish Council may want to adopt this document after it has been formally adopted by DBC in June. The Clerk will put this as an item on the July's agenda.
2. The Clerk confirmed that the advert for a vacancy for Parish Councillor is on the website with the closing date of 28th February 2021.

20/220 Aldbury Website, Communications and Social Media.

Cllr Stretton reported that the website is working and looking well. The working party is in the process of preparing a proposal to submit to the Council for discussion AT next month's meeting including social media policy.

20/221 Financial Matters.

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

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 1st February 2021:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL £423.67
HCC Pension	Pension January	£225.89
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Cradle Seat and parts	£162.74
HMRC	PAYE	£5.04
Steve Welling	Swing seat replacement	£30.00

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2. The budget report was circulated prior to the meeting. No questions were raised.
3. The Clerk reported that Cllr Stretton will be a new signatory on the Unity Trust Bank mandate and that a request had been made to remove former Councillors from the bank mandate.
4. The Clerk reported that paying-in books had been ordered from Unity Trust Bank but are yet to arrive.

20/222 Planning Matters:

1. Applications:

- a) 21/00085/TCA Works to Trees Beechwood House Beechwood Drive Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SB Raise no objections.
- b) 21/00143/LDP Single storey rear extension Lanimers Station Road Tring Station Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QU Raise no objections.

2. Decisions:

None.

3. Dacorum Emerging Strategy for Growth 2020 - 2038 Tring (Town) Allocations.

Initial discussion, comments to be in by 28th February 2021.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Tollinton for her work on drafting the response on behalf of the Parish Council. The response was submitted to DBC and will feature on the Parish website.

After discussing the proposal from Great Gaddesden PC to sign a joint letter with comments about the Dacorum Local Plan, most of the Parish Councillors were not in favour.

20/223 Tennis Court.

Cllr Tollinton confirmed the tennis court is closed in accordance with Covid-19 regulation. A lock and a notice had been put on the gate. This had not prevented people from entering the enclosure, including someone providing tennis coaching. Cllr Tollinton approached them and asked them to leave, further securing the lock afterwards.

20/224 Aldbury Defibrillator.

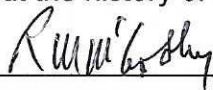
Cllr Webb confirmed via email, prior to this meeting, that the Aldbury Support Group has agreed to take over the ownership, maintenance, and associated expenditure regarding the village defibrillator and its electrical supply. It is believed that the Community Heartbeat Trust is currently responsible for the defibrillator and that both parties will work together to get it formally reassigned.

The meeting noted that the defibrillator is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

20/225 Aldbury Pond.

Cllr Juniper and Cllr O'Neill had a remote meeting with Cllr Carmody and a member of the public about the history of the pond and work that had been carried out over the years.

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20/226 Recreation Ground Lease Renewal.

Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Juniper and the Clerk will draft a letter to the landowners of properties adjacent to the Recreation Ground asking for the condition of the oak trees to be addressed.

20/227 Greener Aldbury.

The Clerk thanked Cllr Carmody for her help in filling out the application form for a Green Community Grant. The application was submitted to DBC.

The meeting closed at 22:15

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