

**ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Novemebr 2022 at 8pm**

**MINUTES**

In attendance: Cllr Stretton (Chair), Cllr McCarthy (Vice Chair), Cllr de la Bedoyere, Cllr Juniper, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Webb

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk  
One member of the public.

**22/109 Chair's Welcome.**

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**22/110 Apologies for absence.**

The Council accepted apologies sent by Cllr Houghton and County Cllr Sally Symington.

**22/111 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.**

Cllr O'Neill and Cllr de la Bedoyere declared an interest in the grant application received from the Memorial Hall. Cllr Stretton declared an interest in the grant applications received from the Tring Station Residents Association. Cllr McCarthy declared an interest in the grant application received from the Tring Station Residents Association and the Hertfordshire Internal Audit Service recommended by HAPTC as he is the Chairman of HAPTC.

**22/112 Public Participation.**

A Play Area working group volunteer updated the Council on the work that had been carried out to improve the structure of the Logworld and the surface underneath. Stage 1 of the project was completed under budget and the Play Area working group had been left with circa £12,000 to spend on Stage 2 with the proposal to commission WildWood UK to create a play den with accessible swing. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper for the Play Area working group to use the earmarked funds left to start Stage 2 of the overall project.

The Council thanked all volunteers who have worked on this project, in particular David Demmery who committed a significant amount of time. There will be an article in February's Outlook about the upgraded work on the Aldbury play area.

**22/113 Hertfordshire Police.**

No crimes were reported in the public interest in the month of October.

**22/114 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 were PROPOSED BY Cllr O'Neill and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

**22/115 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.**

The notice of the vacancy had been sent to Dacorum Borough Council and is being published on the website and noticeboards and 10 electors have until 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to request by-election. If there is not a request for by-election, the parish council will fill the vacancy by co-option. The Clerk will add adverts on the Facebook page, noticeboards and the parish website.

The Chair thanked Kate Holton for her service as a Councillor.

**22/116 Warden's Update.**

The Council reviewed the warden's report and agreed the following:

1. The Clerk will ask the parish contractor to replace two wooden posts.
2. The Council considered replacing the noticeboard and combining it with an information board. Action: Cllr Stretton will investigate the cost of such.
3. The Clerk will ask the Countryside Access Officer to write a letter to the property owner asking to fix their fence adjacent to footpath no 7. The Clerk will send a letter to other property owners asking to cut back their hedge.
4. The Clerk will ask an electrician to check the power socket for the Christmas tree lights.
5. The Council agreed to investigate the cost of replacing 6 traffic cones.

**22/116 Aldbury and Tring Station Parish Council Grants.**

The following grants were approved in accordance with s137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to grant a total of £2,625 as s137 grants as shown below:

1. Memorial Hall - £1,000
2. Tring Station Residents Association - £400
3. Aldbury Peace Memorial - £600; subject to the organisation adopting the Parish Council's Equal Opportunity policy.
4. Aldbury and Tring Station Baby and Toddler Group - £300
5. Friends of Aldbury School - £325

The Council also approved an application for £500 in regard of the churchyard, PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy, as this is related to maintenance of green spaces.

**22/117 Aldbury Play Areas.**

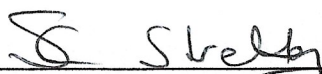
This was discussed under Minute 22/112 Public Participation.

**22/118 Planning Matters.**

**Application(s):**

- 22/02947/FHA Single storey rear extension and dormer. Lanimers Station Road Tring Station Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QU No comment.
- 22/03002/FHA Construction of new porch. 14 Stoneycroft Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RL No comment.

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- 22/03014/FHA Construction of single storey sunroom and porch extension. 3 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH No comment.
- 22/03215/LDE Confirmation of compliance with condition 1 of 20/00136/FUL (Demolition of barn, indoor school and hay barn. Construction of 6 dwellings), that the development was begun before the expiration of three years from the date permission was granted. Pendley Farm Station Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QY No comment.

**Decision(s):**

- 22/01806/LBC The Valiant Trooper, Trooper Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RW, Structural works to support existing structures, refurbishment of the main building and outbuilding, removal of glazed link, external repairs, insertion of new window to rear elevation. Granted
  - 22/02470/DRC Pendley Farm, Station Road, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5QY Details as required by condition 3 (Landscaping) attached to planning permission 20/00136/FUL (Demolition of barn, indoor school and hay barn. Construction of 6 No. dwellings) Granted
  - 22/02324/LBC Toms Barn, Stocks Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RU, Internal alterations to remove one wall and to change doors to garden. Granted
- The Council noted that the Dacorum Development Management Committee rejected the hybrid application for access points and development of up to 1400 dwellings on the land East of Tring (Station Road).

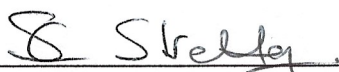
**22/119 Clerk's Correspondence.**

1. Response from DBC Case Officer about the 22/01806/LBC listed building consent planning application for the Valiant Trooper.  
The Council noted the response and comments made by the case officer and no further clarification is required at present.
2. Tennis court booking system.  
The Council had been notified that Fast Courts booking portal has been taken over by Playtomic with a monthly fee of £20 starting from February 2023. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere to give notice to Playtomic and terminate the contract and investigate a more practical online booking platform.

**22/120 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.**

1. Update on safe route between Aldbury and Tring Station.  
An Aldbury Sustainable group representative confirmed that the landowner had been approached. The Countryside Access officer at DBC advised the cycleway will need to be 3 metres wide should this be officially adopted. The Council agreed that the responsibility of the footpath/cycleway should be taken over by another authority, such as Dacorum BC or HCC.
2. Application for modification order at Shipley's Filed.  
The Council noted comments made by HCC and agreed to keep the application on the list which is currently at number 13.

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3. Update on the footpath behind the Pavilion.

Dacorum BC Countryside officer met with Cllr Juniper and the Clerk to discuss the footpath behind the Pavilion and suggested to move the current footpath sign and to block the access. Action: The Clerk will get a quote to move the sign.

**22/121 Speeding and Parking.**

1. Cllr Juniper reported that public engagement will be going ahead on the 21st of November and will involve a letter drop explaining the proposal for parking restrictions in Aldbury. The speed and volume surveys are scheduled to be completed between November and December. Cllr Juniper will write an article for the Outlook about this initiative.
2. The Council discussed creating additional car parking spaces at the Recreation Ground and it was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to approach Bidwells, who is the acting agent for the landlord.

**22/122 Allotments.**

1. The Clerk reported that rent is being collected and letters had been sent to tenants whose plots were identified as uncultivated or untidy. The old bonfire plot had been worked on by Sunnyside Rural Trust and this is still work in progress.

**22/123 Aldbury Pond.**

Terms of Reference for the Pond working group were approved by the Council, PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper subject to minor changes. A meeting will be arranged to investigate the options for a liner.

**22/124 Village Christmas Tree.**

The delivery of the Christmas tree is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> November and the risk assessment will be reviewed.

**22/125 Internal Audit**

Hertfordshire Internal Audit Service was appointed to carry out the internal audit for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at a cost of £270, PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere.

**22/126 Financial Matters.**

1. The accounts including bank reconciliation and monthly budget report have been circulated prior to the meeting. A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere and carried unanimously:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		<b>£1,908.08</b>
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension October	<b>£287.56</b>
Anglo Dutch Ltd	Payroll provider	<b>£54.00</b>
Rialtas Business Solutions LTD	Alpha Accounting Software Annual Support	<b>£154.80</b>
Martin Walters	Grass cutting - October	<b>£232.50</b>

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TEEC Ltd	Website hosting	<b>£155.99</b>
NSALG Ltd	Membership Renewal	<b>£135.00</b>
Leigh Newman Contracting	Flail Hedge Trimming at the Recreation Ground	<b>£144.00</b>
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Parts for Logworld	<b>£744.23</b>

2. Preliminary discussion on 2023-2024 budget.

The second draft budget was circulated prior to the meeting and members discussed whether to raise the precept and add a provision to replace the fence around the play area and to fund the initiative of expanding the car park at the Recreation Ground. Members noted the general reserves and earmarked reserves and agreed to adjourn further discussion to the next meeting.

Meeting closed: 22:20

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