ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall Monday 1st November at 8pm

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Stretton (Chair), Cllr McCarthy (Vice Chair), Cllr de la Bedoyere, Cllr Holton, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Webb and County Cllr Symington

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk Parish Warden and 7 members of the public

21/130 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

21/131 Apologies for absence.

The Council accepted apologies sent by Cllr Juniper.

21/132 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

Cllr McCarthy declared an interest in HAPTC as the Chairman of HAPTC and declared an interest in the grant application received from the Tring Station Residents Association (TSRA). Cllr Stretton declared an interest in the grant applications received from the Tring Station Residents Association and Friends of Aldbury School. Cllr Holton declared an interest in 21/03847/FHA first floor side extension, single storey side extension, new porch and internal alterations, 2 Stoneycroft Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RL planning application, and the grant applications received from Friends of Aldbury School and the Toddler Group. Cllr O'Neill declared an interest in the grant application received from the Memorial Hall. Cllr de la Bedoyere declared an interest in the grant application received from the Memorial Hall.

21/133 Public Participation.

- Member of the public said that the traffic survey had been finalised and paper versions were being distributed round the village. Online survey will be available on the Parish website via Survey Monkey and the link will be added on Facebook page.
- Member of the public asked whether the Parish Council had yet been approached by Dacorum Borough Council regarding an asset of community value nomination for the Valiant Trooper. The Clerk confirmed no communication had yet been received but she would liaise with the community group representative should this happen.

21/134 Hertfordshire Police.

Not present. Clerk had not received an update on crimes that were reported in October 2021.

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21/135 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2021 were PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

21/136 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

The Clerk confirmed that a notice of the vacancy had been sent to Dacorum Borough Council and the deadline for 10 electors to request a by election was 5th November 2021.

21/137 Warden's update.

The Council agreed to put another "No Dogs" sign on the gate at the Tring Station play area, PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy.

21/138 Parish Play Areas.

The leader of the Aldbury Play Area working group will join the Council meeting in December to give an update on findings on the Logworld and the surface underneath. The Aldbury Play Area working group will be proposing to renovate the Logworld and to replace the surface underneath and to replace the sea saw with another piece of play equipment. The proposal will also include additional play equipment from the inclusive range, but this will be subject to fund raising.

21/139 Aldbury Parish Council Grants.

The council had received 5 applications for grants from the following community groups:

- The Memorial Hall
- Tring Station Residents Association (TSRA)
- Aldbury Peace Memorial
- Aldbury and Tring Station Baby and Toddler Group
- Friends of Aldbury School (FOAS)

The Council will consider the applications and approve the grants at the next meeting.

21/140 Filming in Aldbury.

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The Parish Council had signed an agreement with the filming company which included the fee of £25.000 that the Parish Council would receive for the filming that was to take place in the Parish. The filming company had confirmed their responsibility to liaise with residents about their filming plans and any disturbance.

The Council had confirmed that the fee will be allocated to projects benefitting the community. The Chair offered to be interviewed by the press and an article will feature in the next Outlook. The Council suggested reviewing the filming policy in the near future to reflect on the past and current filming.

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21/141 Planning Matters.

Application(s):

- 21/03801/FHA Two storey side extension comprising staircase and a cloakroom, internal alterations. Alterations to an existing outbuilding. 6 Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA No objections.
- 21/03808/FHA New trellis fence to be added overlapping existing rear fence Harcourt House Pendley Farm Station Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QY No objections.
- 21/03847/FHA First floor side extension, single storey side extension, new porch and internal alterations. 2 Stoneycroft Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RL No objections.

Decision(s):

- 21/03487/TCA Works to trees 22 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU Raise No Objection
- 21/03883/TCA Works to trees Nodden Gate Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS Raise No Objection

21/142 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

- 1. The Clerk received correspondence regarding 30 mph speed limit sign located on Newground Road. County Cllr Symington will liaise with HCC and report back.
- 2. <u>Update on the community bus project survey.</u>
 The Council agreed on the questionnaire which will be sent to Tring Town Council.
- Update on Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct.
 DBC is still working to finalise the proposed Model Code of Conduct that could apply in the Borough.
- 4. <u>Correspondence from MP regarding the Valiant Trooper pub.</u> The Parish Council sent a response outlining the situation.

21/143 Tennis Court.

- 1. Council to approve a quote for £395 plus VAT to pressure wash the tennis court. Discussion adjourned until next month.
- 2. <u>Membership and fee collection process.</u> Discussion adjourned until next month.

21/144 Village Christmas Tree.

- 1. The Christmas tree will be sponsored by a local resident.
- To agree the arrangements for purchase.
 The Council agreed to purchase this year's Christmas Tree at the cost of £420.00 including VAT and delivery. The cost would be reimbursed to the Council by the local resident. PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton, SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy
- 3. To agree the date to erect the Christmas tree
 The Christmas tree will be erected either on the 4th or the 5th December depending on
 availability of volunteers to help. The Clerk will contact local residents who had
 previously volunteered and will confirm the date.

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21/145 The Valiant Trooper.

This was discussed in minute 21/133 2. Public Participation.

21/146 The Greyhound Pub.

- It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere that the Council would support an application for registration as an asset of community value, should one be submitted to Dacorum Borough Council by a community group. The Council agreed to consider making an application if no community group wanted to take this further.
- The Council also discussed whether to submit an Asset of Community Value (ACV)
 application to Dacorum Borough Council for the allotments. The Clerk will contact the
 National Allotment Association to find out about the position concerning protection of
 allotments.

21/ 147 Musette café alcohol licence application.

A Musette café representative explained the objectives behind the licence application. He spoke about plans for opening times and events to be held at the café.

The Parish Council discussed licensing application M053291 made by Musette Cafe and decided that it did not have enough direct knowledge to be able to make representations based on the licensing objectives. The Council was however aware that local residents, who see themselves as going to be impacted by the granting of a premises licence, have made representations. The Council was concerned to see that page 3 of the application stated opening days and times on which the cafe was not permitted to be open due to the restrictions imposed on the granting of planning permission. Those restrictions were imposed to take account of the impact of the opening of the cafe on the occupants of neighbouring dwellings (planning application 4/01348/18/FUL refers). It was PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere that the Parish Council's concerns should be reported to the licensing authority, Dacorum Borough Council.

21/148 Financial Matters.

 A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Holton and carried unanimously:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL £3,073.08
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension October	£230.05
HMRC	PAYE	£4.44
Suzanne Stretton	Reimbursement signs for playground	£99.60
НАРТС	New Cllrs Training – Kate Holton and Nick de la Bedoyere	£60.00
Steve Welling	Playground fence repair	£1,460
Anglo Dutch	Payroll	£54.00

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TEEC Ltd	Website hosting	£155.99
STR Trading LTD	Garden clearance at the Iron Room	£384.00
Leigh Newman	Flail hedge trimming	£120.00
Martin Walters	Grass Cutting	£445.00
Martin Walters	Tennis court- weed spraying	£60.00

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

- 2. Preliminary discussion on 2022-2023 budget.
 - Cllr Webb spoke about the budget, and it was agreed to keep the precept at the same level as last year. It had been confirmed that the cost of some services will decrease, and the surplus will be allocated to other services e.g. community engagement.
 - Cllr de la Bedoyere reported about Mapping software which is an online service compiling a list of the parish assets to provide an historical log. The annual cost of the software is £86.40. It was agreed that the Council would implement the Mapping software on a trial basis with the first year's expenditure being authorised under the Clerk's delegated authority.
- 3. Update on bank signatories.
 - The Clerk reported that Cllr O'Neill and Cllr de la Bedoyere had been added to the Aldbury Parish Council bank account as signatories and that they could authorise payments.

The meeting closed at: 21:46

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