

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall
Monday 3rd October 2022 at 8pm**

MINUTES

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

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
Ten members of the public

22/91 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

22/92 Apologies for absence.

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

22/93 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None

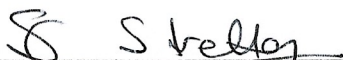
22/94 Public Participation.

1. Tring Station residents who live by the railway station raised objections to the 22/01187/MOA Hybrid application, which proposes the development of up to 1,400 dwellings between Bulbourne Road and Station Road. The proposed plan for the redevelopment of the station forecourt, which was put forward by the developer, would be inadequate and would result in more access issues for the residential properties. Members of the public who had asked DBC to be able to speak at the Development Management Committee on the 6th of October 2022 had been told that since the application is recommended for refusal, only persons who are in objection to the officer's recommendation could speak. **Action:** The Clerk will ask whether the Parish Council could be granted representation at the DMC meeting.
2. Members of the public who reside by the Tring Station forecourt spoke about being affected by traffic congestion, blocking access to the residential properties and the railway station. The Council approved unanimously to write to the train operating company and the transport police asking for proper parking enforcement. The Parish Council will liaise with the MP and HCC Highways highlighting this matter.

22/95 Hertfordshire Police.

The Clerk had received an update from PCSO Martin Leadbitter about crimes that were reported in Aldbury Parish during September 2022:

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Between 7.30pm on 18th and 6.00am on 20th September 2022 an offender (s) had forced entry to Stocks Golf Club premises by smashing a window causing damage to equipment within before making off.

Action: The Clerk will ask the PSCO to specify what crimes are included in the monthly report.

22/96 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2022.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2022 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

22/97 Warden's Update.

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

1. The Clerk will contact the donkey paddock tenant asking them to fix the fence.
2. Soil that was dug out from underneath the Logworld was scattered along the play area fence, temporarily suppressing growing vegetation.
3. The graffiti behind the Pavilion will be taken off the report.

22/98 Queen's Green Canopy.

The selected tree will be delivered on the 14th October and planted by Cllr Webb and a volunteer. The revised quote of £430 for fitting of the bench on the concrete base was accepted, PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper.

Action: The Clerk will obtain a quote to fix the faulty power socket located at the green.

22/99 Play Areas.

The topsoil, turf and rubber mats had been laid underneath the Logworld by volunteers. Work in progress.

22/100 Planning Matters.

Application(s):

- 22/02713/FHA Loft conversion with rooflight and associated internal alterations, including replacement windows and new entrance door 1 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW No comment.

Decision(s):

- 22/02576/TCA 1 Trooper Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RW, Works to tree. Raise no objections
- 22/02258/FHA 8 Clarkes Spring, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5QL, 2-storey rear extension, extension to existing porch and garage conversion (amendment to approved application 22/01048/FHA to show slightly enlarged extension to existing porch). Granted

Development Management Committee (DMC):

- 22/01806/LBC | Structural works to support existing structures, refurbishment of the main building and outbuilding, removal of glazed link, external repairs,

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insertion of new window to rear elevation. | The Valiant Trooper Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW

The Council reported that the 22/01806/LBC listed building consent application was approved at the Development Management Committee meeting on 29 September.

The case officer had confirmed that any external works to the building would require a full planning application to be granted and were not covered by the listed building consent application that had been approved.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere to write to the case officer asking to clarify several points relating to this planning application and confirming the protocol for submitting pre-meeting documents.

The Council agreed to seek clarification on the point raised by the MP about the viability of the pub, PROPOSED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb.

- 22/01187/MOA Hybrid application (with access details of two main access points from Bulbourne Road and Station road in full and the main development on the rest of the site in outline with all matters reserved) for the demolition of all existing buildings on the site and the development of up to 1,400 dwellings (including up to 140 use class C2 dwellings); a new local centre and sports /community hub, primary school, secondary school, and public open spaces including creation of a suitable alternative natural green space.
The Parish Council objected to this planning application and Cllr McCarthy agreed to attend the DMC meeting.

Consultation on South West Herts Joint Strategic Plan.

The Clerk will submit comments about additional infrastructure such as a footway/cycleway between Aldbury and Tring Station and car parking provision.

22/101 Clerk's Correspondence.

1. Traffic at forecourt at Tring Station.

This was discussed under Minute 22/94 Public Participation.

2. Filming in Aldbury.

Cllr Houghton and the Clerk were approached by a production company, who will be making a video to promote Hertfordshire as a film-friendly destination. They had highlighted Aldbury village as a key location and had sought permission to film for a few hours in the centre of the village.

22/102 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

An Aldbury Sustainability Group representative had approached County Cllr Symington and Dacorum Borough Council asking for support and funding towards a feasibility study of a safe route between the Tring Station and Aldbury. Work in progress.

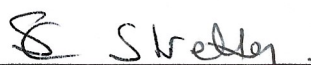
22/103 Speeding and Parking.

Cllr Juniper confirmed that the proposal put forward by HCC Highways for parking control in designated areas of Aldbury village was agreed by the Traffic Working Group and this initiative was ready to move to the next stage of public engagement and public consultation.

There had been no update on the 20 mph zone.

22/104 Allotments.

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1. The Clerk had sent out the new tenancy agreement and invoices to all tenants and rent is being collected.
2. The Council discussed current rental fees for allotment plots and agreed to raise them as of September 2023. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper to charge £13 for half a plot and £26 for a full plot. The Clerk will send the notification to all allotment holders.

22/105 Aldbury Pond.

The Pond Working group will meet to discuss the maintenance plan for the pond. The Terms of Reference for the working group will be approved at the next meeting.

22/106 Village Christmas Tree.

The Council approved the quote for £360 plus VAT, PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere. A parishioner had offered to donate £300 and Cllr Webb had offered to contribute £60 towards the cost of the Christmas tree. The Council agreed to pay the remaining amount of the VAT.

22/107 Recreation Ground.

The Council accepted the quote of £120 to trim the hedge at the Recreation Ground to the specification provided by the Clerk, PROPOSED BY Cllr O'Neill and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere.

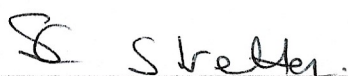
22/108 Financial Matters.

1. The Parish Council had successfully completed the annual audit. Certificate of conclusion is being displayed on the parish noticeboards and website.
2. 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 Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Houghton and carried unanimously:

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 3rd October 2022:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£5,313.63
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension September	£287.56
David Demmery	Reimbursement for items used to carry out Logworld repairs	£727.09
Keith Simkin	Warden duties July- September	£336.00
Martin Walters	Grass cutting - September	£615.00
Martin Walters	Weed spraying and posts replacement	£210.00
Bidwells	Allotment and Recreation Ground Rent	£636.58

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PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Auditor fee	£360.00
Grassmats Ltd	Rubber Grass Mats for Logworld surface	£2,112.60
Clerk's expenses	Mileage September	£28.80
Npower Business Solutions	Street Light Power paid by Direct Debit	£91.53

BACS payments made in September 2022:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£1,251.12
Gosia Turczyn	Reimbursement for warden's parking permit (annual fee)	£40.00
Nuyard Tring	Topsoil for Logworld Surface.	£345.02
George Davies Turf	Turf for Logworld	£608.70
Barcham Trees	QGC Tree, payment approved at the meeting in August	£257.40

3. Preliminary discussion on 2023-2024 budget.

The Council discussed several provisions for the next year's budget and agreed to budget £3,000 for the 2023 elections and include the cost of tree survey and feasibility study for the safe route/cycle path. The Council also agreed to earmark £1,000 for the playground fund. **Action:** The Clerk and Cllr Webb will have a zoom meeting to discuss the budget and circulate a draft to members before the meeting in November.

Meeting closed: 21:55

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