

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall
Monday 5th September 2022 at 8pm**

MINUTES

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

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
Approximately 53 members of the public

22/71 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

22/72 Apologies for absence.

None

22/73 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None

22/74 Public Participation.

Most members of the public had come to speak about the 22/02387/FUL and 22/02388/LBC planning applications for the Valiant Trooper.

Members of the public spoke for and against the planning applications. The Council agreed to object to both planning applications in the following terms. "The Council resolved to object to this planning application due to over development of the site resulting in loss of parking. The proposed new residential homes are inappropriate as they sit within the designated Chilterns Beechwood Special Area of Conservation "exclusion zone"" PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously.

22/75 Hertfordshire Police.

The Clerk had asked the PCSO for an update, but no report had been received.

22/76 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st August 2022.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st August 2022 were PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy SECONDED BY Cllr Webb as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

22/77 Warden's Update.

The Council reviewed the warden's report and agreed to investigate replacing the wooden posts by the Recreation Ground with bollards made of recycled plastic that would be

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concreted into the ground. **Action:** Cllr Stretton will send a list of items for obtaining quotes to the Clerk.

Action: The Clerk will send a letter to the tenant of the donkey paddock asking for the fence to be repaired.

22/78 Allotments.

1. Update on the allotment tenancy consultation.
There were two drop-in sessions and further suggestions made by the allotment holders had been incorporated in the new hire and tenancy agreement.
2. Renewal of the allotment tenancies.
The Clerk will send out the renewal documents and raise invoices for 2022.

22/79 Queens Green Canopy.

1. Council to agree delivery date and tree planting arrangements.
The quote provided by Barcham Trees for £257.40 was accepted and the Council will agree the delivery date and planting arrangement via email.
2. Commemorative bench donated by the Aldbury Lunch Club.
The Council approved the fitting of the bench on a plain concrete slab base at the cost of £380, PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton. The location had been agreed by members following a meeting on site.

22/80 Aldbury Parish Council Grants.

Applications are to be invited from locally based community groups to apply for a small grant which would benefit the residents of Aldbury parish. The closing date for applications is to be 31st October 2022. The website had been updated and information will be shared on Facebook page and added in the Outlook.

22/81 Play Areas

Work on the Logworld surface will commence on the 24th of September and it will be carried out by a group of volunteers who will remove the current rubber chippings and lay topsoil and then the turf and rubber mats on the following weekend. The rubber chippings will be recycled. The Play Area working group will be meeting on the 12th of September to finalize the orders for topsoil, turf, and rubber mats.

22/82 Internal Controls.

Filming Policy

Cllr Houghton reported that Dacorum Borough Council had set up a filming unit and appointed a liaison officer who is dedicated to helping the borough achieve the best outcome from filming productions. At the Annual Parish meeting, the Council had resolved that filming would be encouraged, and any revenue would be allocated to specific projects to benefit the parish. The Council agreed to assess future filming opportunities on a case-by-case basis and approved the draft filming policy produced by Cllr Houghton, subject to minor amendments suggested by members. PROPOSED BY Cllr Houghton and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere.

22/83 Planning Matters.

Application(s):

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- 22/02387/FUL and 22/02388/LBC Retention of public house. Conversion of restaurant wing to Farmshop and Deli (to include change of use to Class E). Conversion of outbuilding to Cafe (to include change of use to Class E). Construction of 3 mews houses with gardens to the rear. Configuration of car parking provision to serve the public house, Farmshop and residential units. The Valiant Trooper Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW
- As previously recorded in Minute 22/74. The Council resolved to object to this planning application due to over development of the site resulting in loss of parking. The proposed new residential homes are inappropriate as they sit within the designated Chilterns Beechwood Special Area of Conservation "exclusion zone. 22/02576/TCA Works to tree. 1 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW No comment.

Decision(s):

- 22/02288/TCA 2 Toms Hill Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5SA, Tree Raise no objections
- 22/01785/DRC Church Farm, Station Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RS, Details required by condition 3 (parts iii, iv, vi, vii, viii and ix only) (Details of design), 4 (Refuse storage facilities), 5 (EV charging details) and 6 (Fire hydrants) attached to planning permission 21/00324/FUL - Change of use - Conversion and refurbishment of Units 13, 14, 15 and 19 into flexible use under Class E. Demolition of Unit 9 to provide ancillary car parking spaces and landscaping. Granted
- 22/02287/TCA Chimanimani, Toms Hill Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5SA, T1 - Works, T2 - Felling Raise no objections


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, insertion of new window to rear elevation. | The Valiant Trooper Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW
Due to objections by the Council and the Borough Cllr, this has been called in for consideration by the DMC meeting on the 29th September 2022. Members of the public have the right to attend the meeting. The Parish Council will be represented by Cllr Stretton.

3. Consultation on South West Herts Joint Strategic Plan.

Dacorum Borough, Hertsmere Borough, St Albans City and District, Three Rivers District and Watford Borough, supported by Hertfordshire County Council are working on producing a long-term vision for South West Hertfordshire that would address the challenges facing the area up to 2050. The consultation begins on Monday 5th September, with comments to be sent by 5pm on 4th November 2022. County Cllr Symington suggested for the Parish Council to make a case for additional infrastructure such as the footway/cycleway between Aldbury and Tring Station and car parking provision. The Clerk will post the information on Facebook page and the Outlook and hard copies will be available in the village shop.

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22/84 Clerk's Correspondence.

1. Toms Hill Road surface.

The Clerk received correspondence about a poor road surface of Toms Hill Road, particularly on the steep part of the road. The Council had agreed that due to the blocked drains and blocked silt traps, the water running down the hill is causing further damage to the surface. **Action:** The Clerk will forward photo evidence of the damaged surface to HCC.

22/85 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

1. Footpath behind the Pavilion.

A site meeting organised in August helped to establish that the Pavilion was built over the footpath, as the original map stated. Cllr Juniper had suggested diverting the footpath across the front of the Pavilion and moving the signpost or to push the footpath down the hedge line subject to agreement by DBC. A further suggestion to consider was to put up a fence or to grow a hedge that would block the access to the back of the Pavilion. **Action:** The Clerk will organise another site meeting with the Countryside Access officer at DBC.

2. Update from Cllr Juniper on safe route between Aldbury and Tring Station.

County Cllr Symington reported that together with the Aldbury Sustainability Group, she had been working on a feasibility study for the footpath/ cycle path from Aldbury to Tring Station and the installation of cycle racks in the parish.

22/86 Speeding and Parking.

Council to agree comments to proposals regarding double yellow lines and the Church verge.

Cllr Juniper reported that the Council had received a draft proposal from HCC Highways for various works around the village with regard to implementing parking restrictions. The Traffic Working Group have made comments on those proposals and circulated them to members prior to the meeting. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to accept the comments and send them to HCC. County Cllr Symington reported that the next stage will be public engagement and full public consultation which would include a letter drop to encourage the public to engage in the consultation. Then it would move to the legal process which could result in a Traffic Regulation Order. The justification of a 20 mph zone would be subject to the speed and volume surveys that are yet to be done.

County Cllr Symington reported that the gateway signage for Tring Station need further survey work by HCC Highways due to limited available space.

22/87 Aldbury Pond.

The Council received an email from the MP with concerns about the current state of the village pond. Cllr Juniper had briefed the Council and members of the public on several occasions about the past involvement of the Parish Council and other organisations who investigated various methods and tried to make the pond work well and look good aesthetically. The Council agreed to appoint a working group consisting of Cllr Holton, Cllr Webb, and Cllr Juniper and members of the public who will investigate a strategic plan for the pond. **Action:** Cllr Stretton will draft a response that will be sent to the MP.

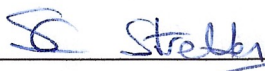
22/88 Village Christmas Tree.

Council to consider arrangements for this year's Christmas tree.

Action: The Clerk will approach the same person who donated the Christmas Tree in the past.

22/89 Recreation Ground.

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1. Aldbury Sports Club - Council to agree on a proposal for continuing the relationship between the ASC and APC which is to include benefits to the community.

Cllr Webb reported that the Sports Club is currently recruiting new committee members. He suggested therefore that until new members are appointed, that any further proposals should be put on hold and the ongoing agreement between the APC and ASC should stay in place. The ASC had agreed to pay the APC £1,350 for Recreation Ground Grass cutting and pay annual rent of £100. **Action:** The Clerk will raise the invoices in September.

2. Hedge trimming.

The Council agreed to take the depth back half a metre and cut the hedge as low as possible. The Clerk will confirm the quote at the next meeting.

22/90 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 Webb and carried unanimously:

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 5TH September 2022:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£871.43
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension August	£287.56
RBLI	The Queen's Green Canopy Plaque	£144.99
Steve Welling	Installation of timber gate posts at play area	£325.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Extra parts for Logworld	£113.88
Npower Business Solutions	Street Light Power paid by Direct Debit	£91.56
HAPTC	Cllr Training – Sallyann Houghton Already paid	£30.00

2. Preliminary discussion on 2023-2024 budget.

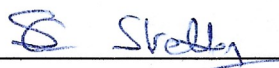
The Council had started looking into next year's budget and agreed to make provision for parish council election cost. Further budget discussions had been adjourned until next month.

3. Update on Bank signatories.

The Council agreed to add Cllr Houghton on the bank mandate.

Meeting closed: 22:17

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