ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: **DECEMBER 2024**

AREA	**ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD**
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	28/11, 6/12, 13/12, 22/12, 28/12
ISSUES TO REPORT	1. Fences, gates, and benches were found in fair condition. No obvious defects.. 2. Hedges/branches are hanging over the upper boundary. 3. Grass continues to be maintained at an appropriate height. 4. Public footpaths were found in good condition, albeit slippery in places. Waymarkers were in place. 5. Most tenants are following good housekeeping principles. Marked improvement on many plots.

AREA	**PLAYGROUNDS**
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	28/11, 6/12, 13/12, 22/12, 27/12 Tring Station 22/12
ISSUES TO REPORT	6. Equipment was visually checked. No new faults were found. 7. User signage was in place at both playgrounds. 8. Grass maintenance was meeting the mowing specification. 9. Fences, gates, and benches were sturdy. The playground gates were operating correctly. 10. Litter bin was emptied on the 6th and 27th of December. **Outstanding Items** ▪ Playground signage needs updating.in accordance with best practice. ▪ A missing bolt cover inside the fort needs reinstating (minimal risk) ▪ New swing chains and a seat, need to be fitted. Cost to fit it £50. ▪ Bird rocker (two seat) is unsteady at the base. Clerk asked for it to be looked at.

AREA	**RECREATION GROUND**
TO CHECK	Tennis court, Basketball area, Pavilion, Fencing, Benches/seats, Bollards, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, car park, Litter & dog waste bins, Footpaths.
INSPECTION DATES	28/11, 6/12, 13/12, 22/12, 27/12
ISSUES TO REPORT	11. Moss and algae are visible across the tennis court surface. 12. Grass maintenance is adhering to the mowing specification. 13. A weekly litter pick was conducted. No major concerns. DBC emptying the litter and dog waste bin on a weekly basis. 14. DBC have taken away a fly-tipped wall safe. Ref no: 920244 (Photo 1) 15. A vehicle occupying a bay for four weeks has now been removed. 16. A wooden post has been knocked over in the car park (Photo 2). This post no longer serves a useful purpose. APC may decide not to incur unnecessary cost reinstating. **Outstanding items** ▪ A fallen tree branch needs removal. ▪ Low tree branches(s) evident around the boundary should be pruned to facilitate tractor mowing (2.75 m clearance).

AREA	VILLAGE GREEN(S) & POND
TO CHECK	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
DATES	28/11, 6/12, 13/12, 22/12, 27/12
ISSUES TO REPORT	17. Benches were seen in sound condition. 18. No obvious defects were found on the trees. 19. Grass height complies with the mowing specification. 20. Weekly litter picking was conducted. 21. Litter bins were in situ and in good condition. 22. Notice board had current and relevant information displayed. Structure remains sound. 23. Confirmation has been received that the village defibrillator is operative. It is understood that checks are conducted each month with reports subsequently sent to the ambulance service. St John Ambulance advises that when an AED is applied within three minutes of collapse, survival chances can increase to over 70%. 24. Concerning the above, APC may wish to consider AED provision, for Tring Station residents.

AREA	HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & DITCHES
TO CHECK	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage, Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Street lamps, Bollards, kissing gates, Notice board (Tring Station)
DATES	28/11, 6/12, 13/12, 22/12, 27/12
ISSUES TO REPORT	25. Streetlights were visually checked on the 22nd of December. Streetlamp no:12 (Beggars Lane/Station Road junction) was not working. Defect reported to HCC ref no: 401004487904. No further defects were found, apart from known defects listed in 'outstanding items' below. 26. Litter picking was conducted in Stocks Road (to parish boundary), New Ground Road (to GUC bridge), Station Road (GUC bridge to Railway bridge), Malting Lane, Stonycroft and Toms Hill to FP6. 27. Two potholes in Trooper Road (near The Trooper PH) have been repaired by HCC. Ref No: 401004450724. (Photo 3) 28. Numerous trees in the churchyard have grown to a vast height. APC may wish to consider the potential harm the trees could cause to people and property, including church and vicarage, should they topple (Photos 4 and 5). 29. A fallen tree, obstructing an open ditch (south of Stonycroft), has been removed. Moreover, the ditch continues to be checked to see that rain/ground water is running away. 30. APC has received a formal reply from HCC (via Cllr Symington) concerning missing streetlights 58R and 68R. It is said within the reply, that reinstatement of the streetlights, if requested and agreed, is rechargeable to APC. Given this stance, APC may wish to discuss this matter further, given that the streetlights were seemingly removed without warning, consultation, or apparent sensitivity to local budget implications. **Outstanding Items** ▪ HCC has removed the following streetlight (s).. - Streetlight:68R (Recreation Ground entrance). Ref No's; 401004281448, 401004173876, 401004407148 - Streetlight 58R (Malting Lane/New ground Road junction) (Photo 14). Ref No:401004403067.

	▪ The following blocked drains/gullies are on the scheduled HCC drain unblocking programme: - Station Road (opposite the church). Ref No: 401003990125 - Stocks Road (near Applegarth). Ref No: 401003990137 - Toms Hill (opposite Vimy Ridge). Ref No: 401004334822. ▪ HCC to remove vegetation growing across the pavement on Toms Hill (Ref No: 401004383616). HCC has sent a notice to a resident to cut/remove the vegetation. ▪ Damaged sign by the Beggars Lane/Station Road junction to be replaced by HCC. Ref No: 401004450693. HCC inform works are being scheduled. ▪ DBC to install new street nameplate for Toms Hill. Ref No: 895084. ▪ DBC to reinstate a fallen waymarker (FP63) in Hitchens Field (opposite Church Farm).

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