## ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL WARDENS UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2024

AREA	ALLOTMENTS & MILLENNIUM ORCHARD
TO CHECK	Fencing & gates, benches, trees, hedges & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths,
	housekeeping, ground conditions
INSPECTION DATES	1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	
	<ol> <li>No notable defects were found on fences, gates, and benches.</li> </ol>
	Grass remains at a suitable height.
	3. Public footpaths were in good condition and free of obstruction. Waymarkers were in place.
	4. Hedges and branches are beginning to overhang on the upper boundary, lowering the height for plot holders using motor vehicles (Photos 1 & 2).
	Good housekeeping continues to be followed by most plot tenants.

AREA	PLAYGROUNDS
TO CHECK	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height,
	General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
INSPECTION DATES	1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11
	Tring Station 13/11, 22/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	
	<ol> <li>The base of the bird rocker (two seat) is unsteady (Photo 3). Further investigation is needed, to ascertain precise cause of the problem. No additional faults were found on remaining play equipment. Overall equipment remains in sound order.</li> <li>Two raised timber pieces by the AP swings have been fastened down removing a trip hazard (Photos 4 &amp; 5).</li> <li>User signage was in place at both playgrounds.</li> <li>Grass maintenance was meeting the mowing specification.</li> </ol>
	Outstanding Items
	<ul> <li>AP playground signage requires updating to meet latest play industry recommendations.</li> <li>A bolt cover is missing in the fort.</li> <li>Worn cradle swing chains and a seat need replacing. APC obtaining quotes.</li> </ul>

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	1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	
	<ol> <li>Tennis court has algae/moss covering 70% of the playing surface (Photo 6).</li> <li>Grass height is complying with the mowing specification.</li> <li>A weekly litter pick was conducted.</li> <li>The car park hedge has been cut, resulting in a neat appearance, and better sightlines for security (Photos 7 &amp; 8).</li> <li>A vehicle has been left in a parking bay (Photo 9). It has not moved for four weeks. Clerk has alerted PCSO. The owner is not known.</li> <li>A sign reminding dog owners to prevent pets fouling the facility has been repaired/reinstated (Photo 10).</li> <li>The GM contractor has advised that low hanging tree branches are making it tricky to mow the perimeter of the Recreation Ground. A clearance of 2.75 metres (9 feet) is needed for the tractor.</li> </ol>

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Outstanding items
<ul> <li>Professional cleaning of the tennis court surface is necessary to remove algae and moss growth. Due early Spring.</li> <li>A fallen tree will need removal, preferably before mowing commences again in the Spring.</li> </ul>

AREA	VILLAGE GREEN(S) & POND
TO CHECK	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
DATES	1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	
	17. Benches were seen in sound condition.
	18. No visible defects were noted on the trees. Some dead wood resting on the ground.
	19. Grass height complies with the mowing specification. Disappointingly, an HGV has caused turf damage (Photo 11).
	20. Weekly litter picking was conducted.
	21. Litter bins were in situ and in good condition.
	22. Notice board information was current and relevant. Structure was sound.

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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	1/11, 8/11, 15/11, 22/11
ISSUES TO REPORT	<ol> <li>Streetlights were visually checked on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. Two streetlights are missing. Remaining lights were functioning correctly.</li> <li>Litter picking was conducted in Stocks Road (to parish boundary), New Ground Road (to GUC bridge), Station Road (Tring Station to Aldbury), Malting Lane, Stonycroft and Toms Hill (Pond to FP No:6). Two bags of litter were collected along New Ground Road, primarily consisting of plastic bottles, drinks cans and fast-food packaging.</li> <li>Ditch to the South of Stonycroft was checked for obstructions and to confirm rain/ground water was running away.</li> <li>A damaged sign by the Beggars Lane/Station Road junction has been reported to HCC (Photo 12). Ref No: 401004450693.</li> <li>Two potholes in Trooper Road (near The Trooper PH) have been reported to HCC (Photo 13). Ref No: 401004450724.</li> <li>Escaping water from a drain in Stocks Road has stopped. Temporary traffic lights/signage has been removed.</li> </ol>
	Outstanding Items
	<ul> <li>A fallen tree requires removal from an open drain/ditch (south of Stonycroft).</li> <li>HCC has removed the following streetlight (s).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Streetlight:68R (Recreation Ground entrance). Ref No's; 401004281448, 401004173876, 401004407148</li> <li>Streetlight 58R (Malting Lane/New ground Road junction) (Photo 14). Ref No:401004403067.</li> </ul>
	APC might wish an update from County Councillor Symington, particularly as both missing streetlights serve an important safety function for motorists and pedestrians.
	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.
- 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).

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



























