

**ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL      WARDENS UPDATE: JUNE 2023**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>ALLOTMENTS &amp; MILLENNIUM ORCHARD</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Fencing & gates, benches, trees & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	2/06, 9/06,16/06, 23/06
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Most fences, gates and benches were seen in fair condition.</li> <li>2. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification.</li> <li>3. Housekeeping was to a satisfactory standard.</li> <li>4. Signs/waymarkers were prominent, in place and legible.</li> </ol>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	2/06, 9/06,16/06, 23/06 Tring Station 16/06
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Grass height was meeting the mowing specification.</li> <li>6. Stinging nettles and brambles growing through the Aldbury Playground fence have been cut back.</li> <li>7. The annual playground inspections were undertaken by ROSPA on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June and subsequently two reports forwarded to APC. Both reports contain important findings and recommended actions.</li> <li>8. In addition to the above, a visual check of play equipment was carried out on a weekly basis.</li> <li>9. Playground signage is in place and legible. Fences, gates, and benches were found in satisfactory condition.</li> <li>10. Litter bin was emptied on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.</li> <li>11. Pleasingly, no further incidents relating to alcohol cans/bottles being discarded around the Aldbury playground.</li> </ol>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>RECREATION GROUND</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Tennis court, Basketball area, Pavilion, Fencing, Benches/seats, Bollards, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, car park, Litter & dog waste bins, Footpaths.
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	2/06, 9/06,16/06, 23/06
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification. During a recent site visit the Clerk saw no issues that would require immediate maintenance.</li> <li>13. Weekly litter picks were conducted.</li> <li>14. Two car park wooden posts are missing (Photo 2).</li> <li>15. The Clerk has alerted DBC about the decayed wooden stile by the tennis court (FP 58).</li> <li>16. Two rubber tyres have been fly tipped close to the sports pavilion (Photo 3). DBC informed. Ref No: 817937.</li> </ol>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>VILLAGE GREEN(S) &amp; POND</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
<b>DATES</b>	2/06, 9/06,16/06, 23/06
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification.</li> <li>18. Weekly litter picks were conducted.</li> <li>19. All benches were seen in satisfactory condition.</li> </ol>

	<p>20. The water level in the pond remains low. However, it is understood APC have recently been awarded finance from DBC towards the pond restoration project. Work is planned to commence in September/ October.</p> <p>21. The village noticeboard is decayed and unsteady. APC are looking to replace.</p> <p>22. No visible defects were noted on the trees.</p> <p>23. Please see previous report re: flaking paint on the finger signpost. Clerk is waiting for a quote.</p>
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<b>AREA</b>	<b>HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS &amp; DITCHES</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage, Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Street lamps, Bollards, kissing gates, Notice board (Tring Station)
<b>DATES</b>	2/06, 9/06,16/06, 23/06 (Streetlamps) 23/06
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>24. Overgrown vegetation hindering pedestrian access in Station Road (Tring Station) has been cut back. Ref No:401003461104 (Photo 4).</p> <p>25. All streetlamps were viewed in good working order.</p> <p>26. Litter picking was conducted in Stocks Road (to the walled garden), New Ground Road (to Brightwood Entrance), Station Road (to Church Farm) and Tring Station (GUC Bridge to station drop-off entrance).</p> <p>27. A deep pothole in New Ground Road, by the Valiant Trooper PH, has been repaired by HCC. Ref No: 401003498529.</p> <p>28. A large pothole in Clarkes Spring has been filled by HCC. Ref No: 401003498527.</p> <p>29. Unfortunately, several drain covers in Station Road and Toms Hill have lifted, unable to cope with recent heavy rainfall. This issue has been exacerbated by numerous blocked storm drains/gullies, both within the village and Tring Station. APC have asked the local county representative to pursue this matter with HCC Highways (Photos 5 and 6).</p> <p>30. Uneven road surface by the pond was reported to HCC. Ref No:401003511836 (Photo 7). Moreover, heavy deposits of silt were visible on road surfaces around the pond symptomatic of a worsening drainage situation (Photo 8 and 9).</p> <p>31. <u>The following DBC work remains outstanding.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Replace missing 'Stonycroft' street nameplate Ref No: 769147.</li> </ul> <p>32. <u>The following HCC Highway work remains outstanding.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Faded markings by the Stonycroft junction (Ref No: 401002519044).</li> <li>- Blocked drain opposite the church (Ref No: 401003062584).</li> <li>- Manhole lifting during heavy rainfall near the Toms Hill/Stocks Road junction (Ref No: 401003153069). HCC Drainage team are looking to fund corrective works in the 2023/24 financial year.</li> <li>- Flood problem by the Tring Station railway bridge (Ref No: 401003099775). HCC Drainage Team are aiming for repair works in the 2023/24 financial year (Ref No: 401003156048).</li> <li>- Blocked drain in Stocks Road (by Applegarth), Ref No: 401003245782.</li> <li>- Blocked drain by Toms Hill/Station Road Junction. Ref No: 401003245784.</li> <li>- Blocked storm drains/gullies in Tring Station (Station Road). Ref No: 401003164554.</li> <li>- Graffiti on a sign at the junction with Beggars Lane / Station Road. Ref No: 401003475040.</li> <li>- Three blocked drains on Toms Hill. Ref No: 401003446361.</li> <li>- Blocked drain on Stocks Road (near the walled Garden). Ref No: 401003446472.</li> </ul>

PHOTOGRAPHS



