# ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 8pm MINUTES

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

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk One member of the public.

21/67 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

21/68 Apologies for absence.

None

21/69 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None

## 21/70 Public Participation.

Member of the public who is also part of the Play Area working group raised questions relating to the surface under the Logworld. So far there had been calculations provided by Wicksteed for replacement parts and number of companies specializing in playground equipment that came out to look at the Logworld and provided quotes for different type of surface. Quotes were obtained for loose natural bark, bonded rubber mulch and grass matting. The Play Area working party is waiting for a quote to fix the boundary fence. The Council will find out whether there can be a playground themed stall set up at the party organized by the Aldbury School. The Play Area working group will propose the budget at the next meeting.

#### 21/71 Hertfordshire Police.

Not present. The Clerk will ask the PSCO Martin Leadbitter to join the meeting in September.

21/72 Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

### 21/73 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

It was reported that there are two candidates. The Chair invited 3 Cllr to form an interview panel. The interviews will be held face to face with the date set up based on availability.

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## 21/74 Allotments.

- 1. The Chair will circulate a document setting up the relationship background between the Garden Club and the allotment holders. The Council suggested sending out a letter to the allotment holders to investigate whether there is an interest in setting up a self-run management committee. It was suggested that part of the tenancy agreement relating to the Gardening Club should be amended in the interim.
- Letters had been sent to the allotment holders whose allotments were recognized as uncultivated. There are some allotment holders that want to subdivide their plots which the Clerk offered to the people on the waiting list.

# 21/75 Warden's update.

- The Council investigated different options for the upkeep of the Basketball Area. The Clerk will ask the contractor for a revised quote for spraying the area with a Glysophate free weed killer.
- 2. In the interest of health, safety and biodiversity it was PROPOSED BY Cllr Carmody and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to ban the use of all products containing Glysophate with immediate effect. This will apply to all works undertaken by or on behalf of the Council. The Council accept that Glysophate free products may be less effective and as a result, weeds may need treating more frequently.
- 3. The warden noted that the hedge by the car park at the Recreation Ground is overgrown. The Clerk will obtain a quote to cut back the hedge for the next meeting.
- 4. After visually inspecting the trees around the Recreation Ground the warden noted that some trees require work to it. Cllr Juniper suggested meeting up with the warden to confirm which trees need to be addressed by the tree surgeon and to establish whether those trees are the responsibility of the Parish Council.

## 21/76 Aldbury Play Area.

1. Update from working party.

This was discussed at the Minute 21/70 Public Participation.

3. To consider a quote for work to a fence.

Quote will be provided at the next meeting.

4. To consider a quote for cutting back the nettles and brambles around the fence.

Quote will be provided at the next meeting.

# 21/77 Tring Station Play Area.

Sunnyside Rural Trust are due to carry out bramble clearance and hedge cutting. Update to follow.

The Council agreed to permanently remove the sign by the pond.

# 21/78 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

- Pitstone Quarry obstructed parking on Northfield Road.
   The Council agreed to liaise with County Cllr Sally Symington and flag up the issues around dangerous parking on Northfield Road. The Vice Chair will draft a letter.
- 2. Letter to the school about the parking Graham to draft a letter.

Site meeting working party to talk about the flooding.

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- Footpath behind the pavilion. Next meeting.
- 2. Aldbury Sports Club No update.
- To consider the quote to the replace two benches at the cost of £816 including VAT.
   PROPOSED BY Cllr Carmody and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to accept the quote for £816 including VAT.
- 4. Work to trees Council to consider quote for work to trees.

  Graham to speak and see Keith on Friday to identify the trees.

21/80 Tennis Court.

£10 per family

21/81 Future IT Support.

The Parish Council terminated contact with the Gallery Partnership and from September 2021 onwards there will be IT support in house. Proposal for security and future support will be drafted by Cllr Nick de la Bedoyere.

# 21/82 Planning Matters.

# Application(s):

- 21/02576/LBC Alterations to garage extension Town Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU NO COMMENT.
- 21/02784/LDP Four metre single storey rear extension Lanimers Station Road Tring Station Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QU NO OBJECTION.
- 21/02825/FUL Demolition of Building 1 and construction of mixed used development of offices and 4 No. two-bedroom flats Church Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS NO OBJECTION.

## Decision(s):

- 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. Church Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS Granted
- 21/02038/FHA Demolition of the west wall of the house. Repositioning of the wall and construction of two storey extension. 17 Clarkes Spring Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QL Granted

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- 21/02238/TCA Works to tree 46 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23
   5RH Raise No Objection
- 21/02485/TCA Fell Sycamore Trees Beechwood House Beechwood Drive Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SB Raise No Objection

# 21/83 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

- 1. The Clerk will be on annual leave from 13th August to 21st August 2021.
- 2. The Clerk's Proposal Clir PROPOSED Stretton SECONDED BY Clir Webb.
- 3. Setting up staff committee Setting up a staffing committee PROPOSED BY Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb consist of Cllr Stretton, Cllr McCarthy and Cllr Webb
- 4. Parking permit for the warden £40 per annum. PROPOSED BY Juniper and Seconded by Cllr McCarthy.
- 5. Letters to property owners. Ask Graham for addresses.

# 21/84 Article 4 Directions in Aldbury made in 1973 and 1974.

The Parish Council was unable to think of any reason to continue with the article 4 Directions in Aldbury made in 1973 and 1974, PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper and carried unanimously.

#### 21/85 Financial Matters.

 A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton and carried unanimously:

# BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL:
HCC Pension	Pension July	£463.63
Anglo Dutch	Payroll Provider	£54.00
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£105.72
M Turczyn	Clerk's Last Year Holiday	£844.80
Wicksteed	Children's swing chains	£182.28
Steve Welling	Fitting of four chairs	£100.00
Martin Walters	Grass Cutting	£955.00

2.	To receive update on bank signatories.			
	Form was submitted to Unity Trust Bank			

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# 21/86 The Parish Plan 2021.

PROPOSED BY Cllr Carmody and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper to authorise the expenditure up to £500 towards community engagement and marketing.

# 21/87 Tree planting for Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.

The Parish Council thought of a place and what sort of tree to plant.

To go for an oak tree. Cost for a plaque what tree, where and approve the expenditure.

Clerk to email Colin Chambers and ask which tree looking would be suitable in terms of no diseases.

21/88 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

Cllr Carmody suggested having bonfire. The Parish Council does not want to participate.

# 21/89 Salomon Running Event.

The organisers had engaged with the community.

The meeting closed at 22:12