

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall

Friday 25th August 2023 at 6pm

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Webb (Chair), Cllr Paterson, Cllr Warren, Cllr White and Cllr de la Bedoyere

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Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

The Council received and accepted apologies sent by Cllr Houghton, Cllr McCarthy, Cllr Stretton, Gosia Turczyn (Aldbury Parish Clerk) all of whom were on annual leave. Cllr Warren agreed to take the minutes of the meeting.

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Interests

- a) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda.
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests.
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

None.

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Public Matters

To receive questions from members of the public and press on items included on this agenda (max 15 min).

None.

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Aldbury Pond Project

Council to approve a further £7,000 to complete the work to the pond. The expenditure is to cover the cost of disposing of contaminated silt.

Cllr Webb explained the situation of the projected overspend on the pond project. The amount of silt in the pond which had to be removed was much greater than expected, even greater than the highest forecast from the project team. The toxicity of the silt was also greater than expected which increased the cost of disposal including the government tax placed on the disposal. The new projection has been based on the recorded weights of the lorries collecting the silt and spoil as each has a scale on board. The final invoice from the supplier may differ as the actual weights at the disposal site will be the final measure of costs. The invoice for the final costs is expected in the week commencing 29th August.

The other potential area of overspend are the project management fees to be paid to the expert advisor. The number of hours and attendance at site is expected to be greater than forecast as more calculations for the laying of the liner and concrete were required. The final invoice is expected in the week commencing 29th August.

Taking all these elements into consideration the projected cost of the pond project will now be in the range of £36,000 to £40,000 compared to the original budget of £30,000. The council had already approved £33,000 of reserves to be allocated to the project.

Minute 23/29 Approval of expenditure from Pond Sinking Fund £3,000

Minute 23/42 Acceptance of grant from Dacorum Council £10,000

Minute 23/45 Approval of reserve for the pond project by the council £20,000

An additional £7,000 was approved in the meeting to allow the pond project to be completed. PROPOSED BY Cllr Stretton and SECONDED BY Cllr White and agreed unanimously.

23/66 Meeting close 18:11

Next Aldbury Parish Council meeting will be held on 4th September 2023 at 8 pm, Memorial Hall.

Stephen Webb
4/9/23