

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall
Monday 9th January 2023 at 8pm**

MINUTES

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

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
3 members of the public and the parish warden.

22/145 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

22/146 Apologies for absence.

The Council accepted apologies sent by County Cllr Symington and Dacorum Borough Cllr McDowell.

22/147 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

None.

22/148 Public Participation.

1. A member of the public suggested diverting the footpath behind the Pavilion to the corner of Greenings Lane with access by the car park hedge. It was suggested to reduce the width of the hedge and remove the shrubbery to create new footpath access. The Council discussed whether to fence off the gap behind the Pavilion and grow shrubs to block the entry. The Council agreed to approach the landowner and seek permission to move the existing footpath sign. Action: The contractor will provide a quote for work related to reinstating the footpath and the signpost.
2. Members of the public spoke about the planning applications regarding the Valiant Trooper and expressed their objections, also asking the Council to raise concerns with DBC regarding the lack of consistency and clarity for the planning applications relating to the Valiant Trooper.

The Council resolved to hold an Extraordinary Council Meeting on the 16th January at 8 pm to discuss the most recent Valiant Trooper planning applications (22/03277/FUL and 22/03278/LBC) and to discuss the concerns that should be raised with the DBC Planning Department.

22/149 Hertfordshire Police.

The Clerk had received an update of crimes reported in Aldbury during the month of December:

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Between 2.15pm and 3.20pm on Monday 19th December an offender has approached a grey VW Golf parked in a National Trust Car park on Toms Hill Lane and smashed a rear window, removing a number of items before making off. This crime is still under investigation.

The Chair had reported a recent incident; however, this was not mentioned in the report. The Clerk will follow up this matter with the PCSO.

22/150 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th December 2022.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th December 2022 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

22/151 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

It was reported that there is one candidate and the interview will be arranged based on availability.

22/152 Warden's update.

The warden was present at the meeting and the Council agreed the following actions:

1. Blocked drains at Station Road, Tring Station had been reported and the Clerk will follow this up with HCC and County Cllr Symington.
2. The Clerk will ask a contractor to reinstate the post at the Recreation Ground.
3. The grit bin at the top of Malting Lane will be refilled.
4. The Council suggested hiring a skip to help clear the allotments and leftover soil at the playground. Action: Clerk to obtain a quote to hire a skip.
5. Quote to spray the tennis court will be available at the next meeting.

22/153 Pitstone Quarry Restoration Project.

Cllr Juniper circulated a document regarding the restoration project of Pitstone Quarry at the north end of Northfield Road. Cllr McCarthy suggested that the Council cooperate with Pitstone Parish Council on any public consultation. Two thirds of the quarry is within Pitstone Parish and one third is within Aldbury Parish.

22/154 Planning Matters.

Application(s):

None received.

• **Decision(s):**

- 22/03014/FHA 3 Malting Lane, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RH, Construction of single storey sun room and porch extension. Withdrawn
- 22/02947/FHA Lanimers, Station Road, Tring Station, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5QU Single storey rear extension and the replacement of existing garage flat roof with pitched roof including a dormer window. Granted
- 22/03215/LDE Pendley Farm, Station Road, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5QY, Confirmation of compliance with condition 1 of 20/00136/FUL (Demolition of barn, indoor school and hay barn. Construction of 6 dwellings), that the

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development was begun before the expiration of three years from the date permission was granted. Granted

22/155 Clerk's Correspondence.

1. Correspondence sent to the Chair from the MP asking for a response to concerns raised by the owner of the Valiant Trooper. The Chair agreed to draft a response.
2. Update on information request related to the Valiant Trooper. The relevant information was submitted, and no further request had been received.
3. Correspondence regarding external work on the Valiant Trooper. The Council received complaints about noise caused by ongoing building work. The Clerk sent a "Considerate Construction" letter to the owner of the Valiant Trooper.
4. Re- Consultation of planning applications for the Valiant Trooper. This was resolved under Minute 22/148 2 Public Participation.
5. The Pond Working Group had put together a plan to restore the pond and establish a long-term maintenance programme. The first stage would involve appointing a consultant who will advise on lining solutions and costs involved in the project. Work in progress.

22/156 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

1. Footpath/cycleway between Aldbury and Tring Station.
Council to decide whether to enter into a contract with West Midlands Trains Limited to receive funding for the feasibility study.
The Council discussed points in the proposed terms and conditions and resolved not to enter into a contract with West Midlands Trains Ltd, PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper.
2. Footpath behind the Pavilion.
This item was discussed under Minute 22/148 1 Public Participation.

22/157 Speeding and Parking.

The results of HCC's public consultation for double yellow lines in Aldbury are yet to be received.

22/158 Aldbury Ultrafast Broadband contact list.

Council to agree on a policy to use the Aldbury Ultrafast Broadband personal database to facilitate communication.

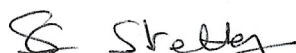
The Council discussed adopting the Aldbury Ultrafast Broadband database, subject to GDPR consent, and agreed to investigate adding a "subscribe" feature on the Parish Council's website.

22/159 Internal Controls.

Policy Statement of Internal Control and Review of Effectiveness of Internal Control and Internal Audit.

The Policy Statement of Internal Control and Review of Effectiveness of Internal Control and Internal Audit was introduced as part of the Council's core documents and as part of the internal auditors' recommendation. The Council reviewed the policy and was satisfied

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with the procedures put in place to ensure compliance with statutory requirements. It was resolved unanimously to adopt the document, subject to minor amendments, and to review the effectiveness of internal control and internal audit annually.

22/160 Financial Matters.

1. The accounts including bank reconciliation and monthly budget report have been circulated prior to the meeting. A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere and carried unanimously:

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 9th January 2023:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£1,226.51
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension December	£287.56
Steve Welling	4 x post replacement	£125.00
Keith Simkin	Warden Hours + bin liners	£315.15
Aldbury Memorial Hall	Hall Hire – January- December	£220.00
Bidwells	Rent for Aldbury Playing Fields	£250.00
M Turczyn	Mileage expenses December	£28.80

2. To approve 2023/24 budget.

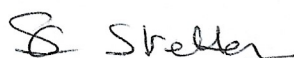
The final draft budget was circulated prior to the meeting with grant figures confirmed by DBC and the Council approved the 2023-24 budget unanimously.

3. To resolve setting of the Precept and signing of Dacorum Borough Council forms.

The Council resolved to set the precept at £31,900, supported by the budget agreed above, PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper and carried unanimously. The DBC's forms were signed by Cllr Stretton, Cllr McCarthy and Cllr Webb.

Meeting closed: 22:27

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