

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held remotely via Zoom on
Monday 3rd August 2020 at 10 am
MINUTES

In attendance: Chairman Cllr McCarthy, Cllr Juniper, Cllr Stretton (chairing the meeting for 20/85 minute 20/01667/FUL Greenings Farm planning application) Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Webb and Dacorum Borough Cllr Phil McDowell

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk

4 members of the public, who were present for discussion of the planning applications.

20/82 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

20/83 Apologies for absence.

Vice Chairman Cllr Pearce and Cllr Tollinton sent their apologies.

20/84 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

The Chairman declared an interest in the 20/01667/FUL Greenings Farm, Stocks Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 5RX planning application and said that he would take no part in the Council's discussion of the planning application. Cllr Juniper declared an interest in the 20/02101/TCA Works to Hornbeam Tree, The Spinney, Toms Hill Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 5SA planning application.

20/85 Public Question Time and Discussion of Planning Applications.

1. Cllr Stretton chaired the meeting for discussion about 20/01667/FUL Greenings Farm, Stocks Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 5RX. A representative of the applicant spoke in favour of the application.

Councillors resolved to make the following objections:

- Overall height and scale, exceeding 9.5 m in part and therefore visibility from Stocks Road and surrounding area impacting upon the rural vista in an AONB (area of outstanding natural beauty).
- The mass of combining 4 low rise buildings into a single unit, which while the footprint may be similar, has a significantly increased cubic mass, the scale of which detracts from the rural vista.
- The proposed location of the dwelling is further East (towards Stocks Road) than the current structures, again making it more visible.
- The style is not in keeping with buildings within the surrounding area and large expanses of glass are incongruous with the description of agricultural barn style.
- The roof material proposed is not in keeping with the surrounding buildings.

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- Adoption of the meadow to the East and Paddock as planted gardens suggests the whole site included as curtilage. The Council would want the curtilage to extend no further than to just beyond the proposed dwelling.
2. Cllr McCarthy chaired the meeting for discussion about 20/01846/ROC Variation of condition 7 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 4/01348/18/FUL (Change of use from (b1/b8) business/storage to (a3) cafe). The Old Barn, Church Farm. Station Road, Aldbury, Tring, Hertfordshire.

The Parish Council resolved to object to the application for variation of Condition 7 attached to planning permission 4/01348/18/FUL. That condition was imposed in accordance with Policy CS12 of the Dacorum Core Strategy September 2013. Item (c) of the policy requires in particular the avoidance of disturbance to the surrounding properties. The need to avoid disturbance to surrounding properties still applies so therefore the application should be refused.

20/86 Hertfordshire Police.

Herts Police PCSO M Leadbitter sent an update about crimes that were committed in Aldbury during July 2020. The Clerk read out the report:

1. Burglary Stocks Road Aldbury on 19/07/2020 at 18.00 hrs, offenders were disturbed removing tools from a premise which were subsequently recovered. Investigation is still ongoing.

The only other crime nearby was actually in Station Road close to the Railway Station of a theft of a Catalytic converter from a grey Subaru between 20.00 hrs on 6th to 11.30 hrs on 7th. Unfortunately, there were no witnesses or evidence to continue the investigation.

20/87 Minutes of meeting held on 6th July 2020.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2020 were approved unanimously and were to be signed by the Chairman.

20/88 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

The Chairman reported that there had been no application by 10 electors in the Parish for a by election and that there is an advertisement in the Aldbury Outlook for candidates to put themselves forward to be considered for co-option, with the closing date of 28th September 2020. The clerk will update the advertisement on the website to reflect the closing date for applications. The Chairman reported that he had invited 3 Cllrs to form an interview panel. Three applications for consideration had been received to date.

Cllrs resolved to note their grateful thanks to Peter Moore for his service as a Cllr.

20/89 Warden's Update.

The Clerk reported about weed control around the kerb at the Green.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb to set up a budget of £200 to get a local contactor to spray the weeds around the village kerb where applicable.

The Warden put forward an updated check list, which was approved by the Council, PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY the Chairman and carried unanimously.

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20/90 Aldbury Sports Club/Recreation Ground.

Cllr O'Neill and Cllr Juniper will organize a site meeting with a local contactor to discuss the work and obtain a quote for cleaning the basketball area and will report back at the next meeting.

20/91 Footpaths and Highways inc Bridleways.

Cllr Juniper and Cllr Tollinton had had a virtual meeting with Andrew Freeman from HCC and discussed parking control measures for Aldbury village and a 40mph speed limit between Tring Station and Aldbury village. It was decided to take the matters further with County Cllr Nick Hollinghurst. Cllr Juniper to report back at the next meeting.

20/92 Allotments.

Cllr Stretton had spoken with a representative of the Aldbury Garden Club & Allotment Association (AGCAA) about the Council's proposal to make only a contribution towards the cost of installing an allotment gate. Agreement had not been reached. Cllr Stretton also discussed the proposal from the Council for an allotment management organisation to be set up to manage the allotments. Agreement had not reached on that proposal either.

Cllrs agreed that allotment holders should be consulted to get their views.

Cllr Juniper suggested issuing a notification to allotment holders communicating the proposal and the advantages that would come from having an allotment management organisation. A working party comprising Cllr Stretton, Cllr Juniper and Cllr Webb will report back on progress at the next meeting.

20/93 Asset Register.


Cllr Webb confirmed that the Council does not own the Sports Pavilion and that the updated Asset Register will be ready for the next meeting.

20/94 Planning Matters:

Application(s):

1. 20/01667/FUL Demolition of 4 single story barns currently used as dwelling. Erection of a low carbon 1.5 storey 4 bed family home, annex and garage. Greenings Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX. Objection (as detailed in minute 20/85).
2. 20/01758/FHA Single storey rear extension. 24 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW. No objection.
3. 20/01932/TCA Works to trees. 3 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RT. No objection.
4. 20/01846/ROC Variation of condition 7 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 4/01348/18/FUL (Change of use from (b1/b8) business/storage to (a3) cafe). The Old Barn Church Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire. Objection (as detailed in minute 20/85).
5. 20/02101/TCA Works to Hornbeam Tree. The Spinney Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA. No objection.

Decision(s):

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1. 20/01286/FHA Construction of rear single-storey sun-room with part-pitched roof and flat roof lights following removal of existing sun-room. Brightwood New Ground Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SF. Granted.
2. 20/01310/FHA Conversion of existing Manege to tennis court. Brightwood New Ground Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SF. Granted.
3. 20/00872/DRC Details as required by condition 3 (remediation), 9(drainage) and 10 (drainage management plan) of planning permission 4/01017/19/ROC (Variation of condition 2 (approved plans), 3 (written scheme of investigation), 6 (contamination), 8 (materials), 11 (landscaping), 13 (drainage scheme) and 14 (refuse storage) attached to planning permission 4/02062/17/mfa part demolition part conversion and new build to create 10 dwellings. New Ground Farm New Ground Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RD. Refused.
4. 20/01661/TCA Works to Trees. 32 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU. Raise no objection.

20/95 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

The Clerk had obtained a quote to carry out tree surveys at the Recreation Ground and The Iron Room play area at the cost of £280. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously to instruct the contractor to carry out the surveys.

20/96 Asset of Community Value Listings proposal by Chilterns Society.

Cllr Webb will liaise with the Covid-19 Support Group to see whether they wish to proceed with applications for Asset of Community Value listings for the pubs in the village.

20/97 Aldbury Traffic Calming Consultation.

The Police & Crime Commissioner has agreed to fund the pedestrian safety improvements in Aldbury village.

20/98 Internal Audit.

The Council discussed whether it would be good practice to appoint a new internal auditor as the current internal auditor had acted in the role for many years. The Clerk will get feedback from other Clerks and report back at the next meeting.


20/99 Aldbury Parish Council Risk Assessments.

Cllr Stretton is putting together a list of risk assessments for physical assets. The Chairman suggested contacting HAPTC to get a list of policies that the Council needed. The Clerk will prepare a list and report at the next meeting.

The Council discussed the Aldbury play area and the Chairman suggested approaching the village school's Parents & Teachers Association to see it had any suggestions about desirable play equipment. Cllr Stretton agreed to make contact.

20/100 Financial Matters.

- 1) A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr McCarthy and carried unanimously:

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BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 3rd August 2020:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
HCC Pension	M Turczyn Pension June	£199.82

The Clerk had requested the NS&I Bank to update its records of the Council's contact address and signatories.

Cllr Webb will report back at the next meeting about possible accounting software that would be suitable for use by the Council.

The meeting closed at 11:49 am.

Signed *R. M. G. G. G.* Date *7.09.2020*