

**ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at 8.00pm  
in Aldbury Memorial Hall**

**MINUTES**

In attendance: Chairman Cllr McCarthy, Vice Chairman Cllr Moore, Cllr Juniper, Cllr Stretton, Cllr Tollinton, Cllr O'Neill and Cllr Webb.

Bridget Knight – Aldbury Parish Clerk.

Gosia Turczyn – Interim Aldbury Parish Clerk (observing)

One member of public and one member of the press.

**19/278 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**19/279 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Michael Pearce and Dacorum Borough Cllr Phil McDowell.

**19/280 Recruitment of Parish Clerk**

The Chairman welcomed Gosia Turczyn as new Aldbury Parish Clerk for 6-month period until 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020. PROPOSED BY Cllr Moore and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper and carried unanimously.

The Chairman spoke about the outgoing Clerk who had worked professionally on the Asset of Community Value application for Aldbury Stores, GDPR and fundraising and he thanked the outgoing Clerk.

**19/281 Declarations of interest.**

The Chairman declared an interest in HAPTC as Vice Chairman.

**19/282 Public Question Time.**

Allotment Tenant:

- 1) The issue of the allotment gate that is often left open. A discussion took place and it was decided to put new signage on the inside of the play area gate to remind people to close the gate as they leave.
- 2) The allotment tenant asked about the letters to residents that adjoin the allotments, the Vice Chairman confirmed this is work in progress.
- 3) The ditch near the old Isolation Hospital remains blocked, the landowner is aware and will clear the area soon, as soon as work schedules and weather permit.

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**19/283 Hertfordshire Police.**  
Not present.

**19/284 Minutes of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

An amendment was made to the previous minutes, the correct amount for the tennis court cleaning is £375 (not £325), the minutes were amended, after the amendment it was PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr O'Neill and APPROVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

**19/285 Aldbury Pond.**

The pond is full and the Parish Council will continue to monitor the pond.

**19/286 Aldbury Sports Club/Recreation Ground.**

Cllr Moore reported a quotation is expected soon, there is a plan that Sunnyside Rural Trust would be prepared to undertake the clearance of the surface of the basketball area, the old surfacing could be used as hardcore for the footpath near Church Farm Barns.

Salomon Trail Run – Cllr O'Neill met with the organisers of the trail run. There is some doubt whether the Aldbury Run and Hospice Run will take part due to the Salomon Trail date being close. The Salomon Trail will be based on the field behind The Greyhound Pub and be mainly across National Trust and privately owned land, avoiding the roads.

**19/287 Footpaths and Highways inc Bridleways.**

Cllr Tollinton reported that P3 funding of £1000 has been granted. Work will be undertaken on the bridleway that runs from Toms Hill Road to Ashridge Monument. The Dacorum Borough Council road sweepers have visited the parish and Toms Hill still needs work. The Parish Clerk will ask Dacorum Borough Cllr McDowell to investigate further clearance of gutters in Toms Hill Road.

**19/288 Action List.**

The action list was updated.

**19/289 Parish Play Areas.**

Tring Station Iron Rooms play area is complete and the Parish Clerk will organise a post installation inspection.

Aldbury Play Area Log World surfacing has been re-distributed by Cllr Tollinton. The area will be monitored and Cllr Webb to report in March.

**19/290 Planning Matters:**

19/02874/FHA – Westlands Farm, Station Road, Aldbury, Herts HP23 5RS.

Removal and repositioning of access drive.

Objection PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously. Objection because of the visually detrimental effect on the AONB.

19/03096/FHA - Old Post Cottage 17 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RT. Single storey front extension to garage, to replace glazed porch and link between. No comment – date has passed.

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19/03261/FHA - Buckeye Barn Station Road Tring Station Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QU.

Single-Storey Extension to Form Bedroom, Gym, Office and Covered Parking Area.  
Replacement of Existing Windows to Main Building.

No objection.

20/00116/AGD -Corner Of Field Off Station Road, Tring Between Aldbury and Tring Station. Construction of Steel Framed Agricultural Barn.

Object PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr Moore and carried unanimously. The reason for the objection is the highly visible location and the detrimental effect on the AONB and concerns for future access drive and security fencing. The parish council has concerns over the purpose of the barn.

**19/291 Training – Approval of HAPTC Courses.**

The following training courses were approved:

End of Year Finance Training – Parish Clerk and Cllr Webb to attend.

New Clerk Training – Parish Clerk to attend.

**19/292 Clerk's Report and Correspondence:**

- Allotment Holder– various questions.
- Herts CC Year of Culture Email
- Andrew Freeman – Road Safety Presentation Slides (on APC website).
- Clayton Rae – P3 application.
- Two residents requesting Road Safety Slides (sent to them).
- Dacorum Borough Council – Minutes to the agenda for Development Management.
- Amir Fogel Dacorum BC – Litter Pick.
- HAPTC Bulletin & London Luton Airport Consultative Quarterly Meeting.
- Enquiry for advertising in Aldbury Outlook, passed to Outlook email address.
- Unity Trust – added Cllr Webb as signatory.
- Dacorum Borough Council – appeal against Village Shop ACV listing.
- Thank you letter from Memorial Hall and Aldbury Church for APC Grants.

**19/293 Aldbury Warden's Report.**

There were no further questions to the Warden's Report. The Aldbury Warden had reported he felt the Log World Surfacing was unsafe, the Councillors have re-distributed the Log World Surfacing and will monitor this.

**19/294 Aldbury Parish Assembly and Chairman's Award.**

Information about the award was sent to the Aldbury Outlook magazine but was not included in the February issue, the Parish Clerk will send the details again to the Outlook email address.

**19/295 Aldbury Traffic Calming Consultation.**

A discussion took place and the Parish Council supports the proposals that were made and in the future the parish council would welcome further traffic calming measures including parking restrictions around the pond and the problem of the restricted access for the bus. The Parish Council would welcome further input and the support from Herts County Cllr Hollinghurst to introduce further measures. Cllr Tollinton will co-ordinate the Parish Council response to the consultation.

**19/296 Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities Policy.**

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Work in progress.

**19/297 Financial Matters.**

A resolution was passed to make the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Tollinton and SECONDED By Cllr Webb and carried unanimously:

Payee	Description	Total
Almar Tring Ltd	500 A5 Leaflets	£32.00
Leigh Newman	Flail Hedge Playing Field	£114.00
Eon	Streetlights Jan 2020	£74.45
B Knight	Reimburse Expenses	£28.30
Herts CC Pensions	Pension costs	£176.24
HMRC	PAYE	£92.00

**Balances:**

Unity Trust Account	£8,061.54
NS&I	£34,215.17
Total:	£42,276.71
Income:	
Allotment Rents	£306

**19/298 Recruitment of Parish Clerk.**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**19/299 Black Bag Day – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed *R. Webb* Date 2-03-2020