

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held remotely via Zoom on
Monday 2nd November 2020 at 8pm
MINUTES

In attendance: Chairman Cllr McCarthy, Vice Chairman Cllr Pearce, Cllr Stretton, Cllr Webb, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Juniper, Cllr Lucy Carmody (Cllr from minute 20/151 onwards) and Dacorum Borough Cllr Phil McDowell (joining the meeting from minute 20/161).

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk and the Village Warden

No members of the public.

20/145 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

20/146 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tollinton.

20/147 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

The Chairman declared an interest in the Tring Station Residents Association (TSRA) as an ex-officio member and as the Chairman of HAPTC. Cllr Stretton declared an interest in the grant applications received from Friends of Aldbury School and Tring Station Residents Association. Cllr Juniper and Cllr O'Neill declared an interest in the grant application received from the Memorial Hall.

20/148 Public Question Time.

None.

20/149 Hertfordshire Police.

No update.

20/150 Minutes of meeting held on 5th October 2020.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2020 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton as being correct and were to be signed by the Chairman.

20/151 Vacancy for Parish Councillor.

Lucy Carmody was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor, PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton and carried unanimously. She signed the declaration of acceptance of office. The Chairman welcomed her to the Council.

20/152 Warden's Update.

1. The Warden had reported blocked drains to HCC and a low hanging tree branch on Toms Hill to DBC.
2. The Warden reported to the Council an overgrown fungus on the climbing equipment at the Tring Station play area. Cllr Stretton will seek advice from Wildwood UK.

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20/153 Aldbury Sports Club.

Cllr Webb reported that he had spoken to the Sports Club representative. Further discussions will take place in January 2021.

20/154 Aldbury Recreation Ground Tree Work.

Cllr Juniper reported that work to trees behind the tennis court had been completed.

20/155 Footpaths and Highways inc Bridleways.

1. Cllr Pearce confirmed that clearance of the Stoneycroft ditch is the responsibility of the leaseholder. The Council agreed to contribute towards the ditch clearance as a goodwill gesture and Cllr O'Neill will speak to the leaseholder.
2. Cllr Juniper suggested writing a thank you letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner for agreeing to fund the pedestrian safety improvements in Aldbury village even though the work is yet to be fully completed. Cllr Juniper agreed to draft the thank you letter. Cllr Tollinton will be asked to speak to HCC about the installation of wooden gates.
3. Cllr Webb suggested that the Council should request that a public right of way should be established over the footpath at Shipley's Field as it had not been registered as such. Cllr Webb and Cllr Pearce will take this matter forward.

20/156 Greener Aldbury.

No information.

20/157 Allotments.

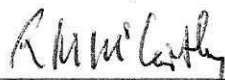
1. Cllr Juniper reported on the condition of the ash trees alongside the donkey paddock and suggested a tree survey should be carried out. He also asked whether the Council is responsible for any of the trees that are adjacent to the allotments. The Warden agreed to investigate the trees and report back.
2. Cllr Stretton and Cllr Webb attended training on allotments run by HAPTC. Cllr Stretton reported that she had had feedback from a few allotment holders who expressed their interest in taking an active role in managing the allotments with the policies being put in place by the Council.

20/158 Aldbury Parish Council Grants.

The following grants were approved in accordance with s137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972. The calculation of maximum grant money available was made using the s137 expenditure limit for 2020-2021 of £8.32 x 714 electors that gives a total of £5,940. The Council resolved to grant a total of £2,244 as s137 grants shown below:

1. Aldbury Memorial Hall £694
PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously.
2. Baby and Toddler Group £300
PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously.
3. Friends of Aldbury School £250
PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously.

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4. Tring Station Residents Association £400
PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously.
5. Peace Memorial Committee £600
PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously.

Cllr Stretton will draft an Aldbury Parish grant policy for the Council to adopt.

The Friends of Aldbury Church had applied for a grant of £1646. The application was rejected as the Council cannot make a grant towards the upkeep of the church. This dates back to 1894 when (civil) parish councils were set up as bodies separate from the Church of England. PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Pearce and carried unanimously.

An application for £400 in respect of the churchyard was approved as it related to maintenance of green spaces. PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Webb and carried unanimously

20/159 Planning Matters:

Applications:

- a) 20/02903/MFA Construction of manege. Harris House Pendley Farm Station Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QY No objection.
- b) 20/02903/FUL Construction of manege. Harris House Pendley Farm Station Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QY No objection.
- c) 20/02953/FHA Proposed new fenestration to the rear of the property, alterations to existing porch including new roof light and new driveway. 46 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH No objection.
- d) 20/03220/LDP Ancillary garden room. 27 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW. No objection, however Aldbury Parish Council query the accuracy of the submitted documents a) Existing Plans & Location Plan; and b) Proposed Plans & Elevations, both of which appear to show the Public Footpath running to the rear of the property as being within the curtilage of the property.

Decisions:

- a) 20/02457/DRC Details as Required by Condition 3 (Door and Window Arches) Attached to Planning Permission 19/02942/LBC (Garage Extension and alterations). Town Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU GRANTED
- a) 20/02411/FHA Single storey rear extension. 15 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW GRANTED

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- b) 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) café. The Old Barn Church Farm Station Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RS APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
- c) 20/01667/FUL Demolition of 4 single storey 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 GRANTED
- d) 20/02446/FHA Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of 2 storey rear extension The Burrow 9 New Ground Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RJ APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
3. **Dacorum Emerging Strategy for Growth 2020 - 2038 Tring (Town) Allocations.**
DBC Cabinet meeting of 20 October 2020 refers.

The Chairman reported on DBC's plans for development to the East of Tring town as part of its draft local plan for 2020 – 2038. A public consultation will take place after a DBC full council meeting on 16 November 2020. Dacorum Borough Cllr Phill McDowell recommended that private individuals should be encouraged to make their comments to DBC during the consultation process.

20/160 Website Accessibility Compliance.

Cllr Stretton reported that Aldbury Parish Council website was updated by TEEC Ltd to be WCAG 2.1 compliant. The Clerk asked the Council to comment on the content. A website working group formed by Cllr Carmody, Cllr Stretton and the Clerk will look into redesigning the current website and propose a new content at the next meeting.

20/161 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

1. The Clerk reported about an allotment holder raising an issue with rats at the allotments.
2. The Clerk asked about an alternative solution for wooden posts that need frequent replacing. The Council discussed whether logs or rocks would be better solution long term. No decision was reached.
3. Cllr Juniper reported that a resident had had emailed him following a cycling event that took place in the village.

20/162 Aldbury and Tring Station Play Areas.

Cllr Stretton reported that a fundraising note to replace the log world was posted to parents at Aldbury school and there is a note in the Aldbury Outlook.

20/163 Parking control in Aldbury Village.

Cllr Juniper reported that the Council received a number of comments and suggestions from residents as to what measures ought might be implemented around the village to control the parking. Cllr Juniper suggested writing a summary of the feedback and drafting a map of the village illustrating current parking arrangements. Work in progress. Cllr Juniper will report further at the next meeting.

20/164 Pavement Parking Department for Transport Consultation.

The Council had agreed not to make a comment to the Department for Transport concerning the consultation.

20/165 Luton Airport Consultation.

Signed *Richard Lacey* Date *8 December 2020* *if*

A discussion took place about the impact of London Luton Airport expansion. The Chairman suggested sending comments from the Council. He agreed to supply the Clerk with draft comments that would take account of the views expressed at the meeting. Cllr Carmody suggested making an application to the London Luton Airport Operations Community Fund to raise funds for the play area at Aldbury.

20/166 Financial Matters.

- 1 A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Pearce and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper and carried unanimously:

BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 2nd November 2020:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£2,789.03
HCC Pension	M Turczyn Pension October	£225.89
M Walters	Grass Cutting	£414.00
Leigh Newman	Flail Hedge Trimming	£120.00
TEEC LTD	Full Migration of existing site	£792.00
TEEC LTD	Hosting 12 months + transfer of domain	£155.99
Luke Mabbett	Tree work at Rec Ground	£835.00
Luke Mabbett	Tree Survey at the Green	£125.00
HAPTC	E-learning courses Cllr Stretton and Cllr Webb	£120.00
HAPTC	E-learning course Budget, Clerk	£30.00
Anglo Dutch	Payroll	£54.00
HMRC	PAYE	£5.04
Debbie O'Neill	Reimbursement for copy of land registry	£6.00
Propart Interiors Limited	Clearing of Basketball Area	£132.00

- 1) Preliminary discussion on 2021-2022 Budget.

Signed *R. M. Juniper* Date *8 December 2020* *5*

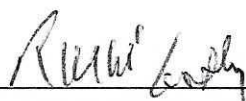
The draft 2021-2022 Budget was circulated prior to the meeting with some figures still not having been confirmed by DBC. The proposed increase in the precept was discussed by the Council. The councillors will review the budget further at the next meeting.

2) Update on implementation of new accounting software.

The Clerk had a full day training on the RBS Rialtas accounting software where a list of nominal codes was set up. The data from the start of financial year 2020 was migrated from an Excel spreadsheet_onto RBS Rialtas Suite. Full accounting data migration and new accounting reports will be in place by the next Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 22:12

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