

ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in Aldbury Memorial Hall
Monday 6th September at 8pm

4th October

MINUTES

In attendance: Cllr Stretton (Chair), Cllr McCarthy (Vice Chair), Cllr de la Bedoyere, Cllr Carmody, Cllr Holton, Cllr Juniper, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Webb and Dacorum Borough Cllr McDowell

Gosia Turczyn – Aldbury Parish Clerk
Parish Warden and 21 members of the public

21/111 Chair's Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

21/112 Apologies for absence.

The Council unanimously accepted apologies sent by the County Cllr Symington.

21/113 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations.

Cllr McCarthy declared an interest in HAPTC as the Chairman of HAPTC and was granted dispensation to authorise a payment to HAPTC.

21/114 Public Participation.

1. Parking on Trooper Rd – Several members of the public raised an ongoing issue with dangerous and obstructive parking on Trooper Road that is causing a safety issue and a nuisance to residents. The Council agreed that there will need to be a public consultation to determine what parking measures should be implemented and asked members of the public to forward photographic evidence to help build up a case for submission to HCC. The Council suggested to report all dangerous & obstructive parking to the Police by phone on 101.
2. Valiant Trooper Pub – Members of the public were eager to have an update on the future of the Valiant Trooper. Cllr de la Bedoyere and Cllr Webb had had meetings with the new owners and the Council had been advised that it was sensible to maintain discussions about any evolving plans, in order to ensure that residents' concerns were taken into account. The evidence also suggests that the longer a pub stays closed, the less likely it is that it will open again as a pub. The new owners had outlined their vision for the Pub. The plans were still fluid but could include: a multi-tenant hospitality venue including Bar, Restaurant, farm shop, Café, evening Pizzas.

The Parish Council had recommended that the new owner should have a meeting with residents to explain their position.

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A member of the public who, as part of a community group, had nominated the pub for listing as an Asset of Community Value to Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) asked whether the Parish Council would support the application that had been made.

Cllr McCarthy said that this would not have any effect on the outcome as the application had already been submitted & DBC would have to follow the legal process, including giving the new owners the opportunity to comment. Dacorum Borough Cllr McDowell was also supportive of the community initiative. Cllr McCarthy pointed out that the fact that 21 residents had got together to submit an ACV application would have sent a powerful message to DBC that there was a strong desire among residents that the Valiant Trooper should remain a pub.

The Parish Council voted on the following proposal:

Would the Parish Council support the ACV application submitted by the community group, should they be approached by Dacorum Borough Council?

4 votes – yes
3 votes -no
1 vote abstained

It was carried for the Parish Council to support the ACV application, should this be required by Dacorum Borough Council.

21/115 Hertfordshire Police.

Not present. Clerk received an update from PCSO Martin Leadbitter about crimes that were reported in Aldbury Parish during September 2021.

- Criminal Damage Trooper Road on 05/09. An offender has removed a Ring Doorbell from a property and thrown it away. Presently under investigation.
- Burglary Trooper Road on 06/09. Offender has forced entry to a property through a window. It is unknown if anything was taken at the time. Presently under investigation.
- Theft from motor vehicle on New Ground Road between 08/09 and 09/09. An offender has removed both number plates from a vehicle. Undetected.
- Burglary New Ground Road on 20/09. An offender has gained entry to an insecure property removing items of jewellery. Presently under investigation.

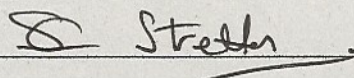
21/116 Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2021 were PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper as being correct and were to be signed by the Chair.

21/117 Allotments.

1. Update on the proposal on the allotment association.

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Documents were circulated to the allotment holders and the Parish Council awaits their responses. Should allotment holders have any questions regarding the proposal, they need to seek advice from Cllr Stretton. Work in progress.

2. Renewal of the allotment tenancies.

The Clerk reported that rent is being collected and some of the uncultivated plots that were rented out to new tenants are being worked on.

21/118 Warden's update.

1. New benches at the Recreation Ground had received positive feedback.
2. Stoneycroft ditch was cleared.
3. The Council agreed to spray the tennis court with weeding solution. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED by Cllr Carmody to accept the quote for £60. The Clerk will obtain another quote for moss removal for the next meeting.
4. The hedges adjoining the allotments are overgrown. The Clerk will write to the property owner asking them to cut back the hedges.
5. The Warden agreed to notify the charity responsible for shoe collection from the container located outside the village shop, when it becomes full.

21/119 Aldbury Play Area.

1. Update from working party.

The Play area working party had a meeting and investigated ways of fundraising. Dacorum Borough Cllr McDowell will advise on how to approach Dacorum Borough Council when applying for grants.

21/120 Tring Station Play Area.

New signage had been ordered and invoice will follow.

21/121 Footpaths, Highways and Bridleways.

1. Update from Parking and Traffic working group.

Cllr Juniper had circulated a draft questionnaire and asked members for further comments. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Juniper and SECONDED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere to approve an expenditure up to £300 to fund the parking and traffic survey.

2. Update on clearway and double yellow lines at Northfield Road.

Cllr McCarthy spoke about the report sent out to County Cllr Symington. The road users had expressed their concerns about safety and access and the Parish Council agreed with the idea of implementing double yellow lines or a clearway for the whole length of Northfield Road on both sides of the road, PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper.

21/122 Filming in Aldbury.

A meeting took place with the filming company representative to discuss the plans for the filming in Aldbury. Most of the filming will take place at private properties but there will be a block of time when this will take place at the centre of the parish until late night. A discussion took place whether the Parish Council should get involved with facilitating the parking and liaise with the community about the filming schedule and disruption. The Parish Council agreed to charge a location fee for causing disruption to the village. The income would be put aside as an earmarked reserve and would be used to benefit the Parish. The Council agreed that any liaison with other authorities such as HCC should be the responsibility of the filming company. The Parish Council will liaise with the filming company over the terms and conditions that will apply, PROPOSED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere and SECONDED BY Cllr Carmody and carried unanimously.

21/123 Future IT Support.

Cllr de la Bedoyere had set up the security on the Clerk's laptop and had taken over the administration. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton for Cllr Holton to be a second administrator should Cllr de la Bedoyere be unavailable.

21/124 Aldbury Pond.

Cllr Juniper reported about the current situation with the pond and the drainage system. There were reports of the pond overflowing. The Council will seek advice from the flood authority. Cllr Juniper will write a note for the Outlook asking residents to keep a record, which would be useful as evidence, of any flooding incidents

21/125 Planning Matters.

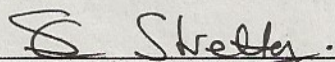
Application(s):

- 21/03452/FHA New bespoke timber building to replace concrete garage 25 Trooper Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RW No comment.
- 21/03487/TCA Works to Trees 22 Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RU No objection.
- 21/02968/FHA Part single storey, part two storey front, side and rear extension. Greenbanks Toms Hill Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5SA The Parish Council objects based on the fact that the revised plans do not address any of the issues previously raised.

Decision(s):

- 21/03168/FHA Demolition of conservatory and construction of rear

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extension, new entrance porch and garage conversion. 24 Clarkes Spring Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5QL Granted

- 21/02990/FHA Single storey side and rear extension, relocation of front door, new window to ground floor front elevation, and new garden wall. 42 Malting Lane Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RH Granted

Development Management - Aldbury Article 4 Directions

Cllr McCarthy and the Chair had attended the Development Management Committee (DMC) meeting. Cllr McCarthy reported that the DMC agreed with the DBC planners and the Parish Council that there was no justification for these Article 4 Directions (made in 1973 and 1974) to continue. The DMC therefore had rescinded the Article 4 Directions.

21/126 Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

New Cllr Training and Clerk's training.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton for the Clerk to attend Report Writing Training at the cost of £40.

It was also PROPOSED BY Cllr McCarthy and SECONDED BY Cllr Stretton for Cllr de la Bedoyere to attend New Cllr training on the 19th October at the cost of £30.

21/127 The Valiant Trooper Pub.

The Council had been advised about legal fees should they seek professional advice regarding any potential planning application for change of use of the Valiant Trooper, which would be circa £100 per hour. It was PROPOSED BY Cllr de la Bedoyere and SECONDED BY Cllr Juniper to authorise an expenditure up to £750 to pay for legal advice from planning consultants with the proviso that the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr de la Bedoyere should have delegated authority to consider and approve any proposed expenditure. Cllr de la Bedoyere and Cllr Webb will be the representatives of the Council.

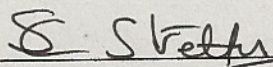
21/128 Financial Matters.

1. Successful completion of the annual audit for Aldbury Parish Council. Certificate of conclusion is displayed on the parish noticeboards and website. The Council to consider matters arising from the review and decide what, if any, action is required.

External auditor confirmed that no further action is required as the 2019/20 figures will no longer appear on the AGAR forms of future years.

2. A resolution was passed to authorise the following payments PROPOSED BY Cllr Webb and SECONDED BY Cllr Holton and carried unanimously:

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BACS presented for payment at the meeting on 4th October 2021:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
		£2,476.04
HCC Pension	Clerk's Pension September	£230.05
HMRC	PAYE	£4.44
BIDWELLS	Allotment Rent	£375.00
Keith Simkin	Warden Duties	£260.00
Keith Simkin	Reimbursement for Bin liners	£2.75
M Walters	Grass Cutting	£667.50
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	Alpha Software annual support and maintenance Licence for 1 user	£148.80
HAPTC	Clerk's training – Planning session	£30.00
SRT Trading Ltd	Work on allotment carried on 30 th April 2019.	£360.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Limited Assurance Review of AGAR for year ended 31 March 2021	£240.00
Rod Allsworth	Reimbursement for Membership Renewal -The National Allotment Society	£157.50

3. Preliminary discussion on 2022-2023 budget.

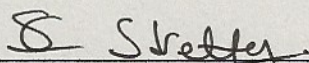
Monthly budget report was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Webb explained the budget format for the next financial year and that the adjustments that had been made work well. The Clerk asked members to think of projects that would affect the budget. Discussion deferred until November.

21/129 The Parish Plan 2021.

The community survey is going well and will be accessible online and in the shop. Cllr Carmody said that the budget approved for the Parish Plan had been spent. The Council agreed to keep the printing to minimal and encourage residents to use the website to respond to the survey.

Cllr Carmody announced that she was resigning from the post as a Parish Councillor. The Council thanked her for her efforts and service.

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