

# ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL      WARDENS UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 2023

<b>AREA</b>	<b>ALLOTMENTS &amp; MILLENNIUM ORCHARD</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Fencing & gates, benches, trees & shrubs, grass height, signs, footpaths, housekeeping, ground conditions
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	1/09, 12/09,16/09, 22/09
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No defects observed on fences, gates, and benches.</li> <li>2. Grass height meets the mowing specification.</li> <li>3. Plots in general are being well maintained and kept tidy. In most cases, only items that serve a useful gardening purpose are being kept on site.</li> <li>4. Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes from two tree surgeons to carry out corrective works as per tree survey recommendations.</li> </ol>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Equipment, Safety Information, Fencing & Gates, Benches, Trees, Grass height, General ground conditions, Empty litter bin.
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	1/09, 12/09,16/09, 22/09 Tring Station 16/09
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Grass height complies with the mowing specification. Pleasingly sward coverage around the log world is in first-rate condition following major resurfacing works last year (Photo 1).</li> <li>6. Litter bin was emptied on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of September.</li> <li>7. Essential user information signs were in place and legible at both playgrounds.</li> <li>8. Fences and gates were viewed in fair condition.</li> <li>9. Some swing chain links are worn (Photo 2). ROSPA recommend replacement at 40% wear. Continue to monitor.</li> </ol> <p><b>Outstanding items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A climbing frame post is unsteady at Tring Station playground and needs refixing. Quote obtained.</li> <li>- Cradle seat has a visible flaw (steel wire inside the rubber cover has snapped)</li> <li>- Tring Station playground hedges are overgrown.</li> </ul>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>RECREATION GROUND</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Tennis court, Basketball area, Pavilion, Fencing, Benches/seats, Bollards, Trees & vegetation, Grass height, car park, Litter & dog waste bins, Footpaths.
<b>INSPECTION DATES</b>	1/09, 12/09,16/09, 22/09
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Grass height meets the mowing specification.</li> <li>11. Weekly litter picks were undertaken. Litter level remains very low.</li> <li>12. Logs recently installed at the car park are proving robust despite some having been hit by motor vehicles.</li> <li>13. The Tennis court surface and fencing remains in good condition.</li> <li>14. No obvious defects were noted on the mature trees.</li> <li>15. Car park hedge is overgrown. Quote to cut the hedge to be approved at October meeting.</li> <li>16. The basketball surface by the Sports Pavilion is in poor condition. APC may wish to explore future options for this facility, as currently, it is not fit for purpose.</li> <li>17. The decayed wooden stile by the tennis court (FP. 58) has been removed by DBC (Photo 3).</li> </ol>

	18. Clerk has notified the responsible landowner about tree works needed at the recreation ground, as detailed in the recent tree survey report.
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<b>AREA</b>	<b>VILLAGE GREEN(S) &amp; POND</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Benches, Trees, Pond, Grass height, Stocks, Litter Bins, Notice board.
<b>DATES</b>	1/09, 12/09,16/09, 22/09
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>19. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification.</p> <p>20. As part of the pond restoration, turf where needed, has been laid down around the pond and in front of wooden seat (Photo 4). This has greatly improved the appearance of the pond borders. The pond water depth has also increased, helped by recent rainfall.</p> <p>21. APC are obtaining quotes from two tree surgeons to prune both mature trees in accordance with the tree survey recommendations.</p> <p>22. Weekly litter picks were conducted.</p> <p><b>Outstanding items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The village noticeboard is unsound, with wood decay visible. APC are purchasing a new noticeboard.</li> </ul>

<b>AREA</b>	<b>HIGHWAY'S, PUBLIC FOOTPATHS &amp; DITCHES</b>
<b>TO CHECK</b>	Surfaces, Pedestrian routes, Signage, Drainage, Grit bins, Litter, Street lamps, Bollards, kissing gates, Notice board (Tring Station)
<b>DATES</b>	1/09, 12/09,16/09, 22/09 (Streetlamps) 14/09
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>23. All streetlamps were working.</p> <p>24. Three potholes on Toms Hill (near FP39/hairpin) have been repaired by HCC. Ref No: 401003631955.</p> <p>25. Litter picking was conducted in Stocks Road (to the walled garden), New Ground Road (to the canal bridge), Station Road (to Church Farm) and Tring Station (GUC Bridge to station drop-off entrance).</p> <p>26. The salt/grit bin at the top of Malting Lane is almost empty and needs refilling (Photo 5). Clerk has ordered grit from HCC and this will be delivered in November.</p> <p>27. Uneven road surface, with small potholes, is visible by the Beechwood Drive/Toms Hill junction (Photo 6). Reported to HCC. Ref No: 401003701638.</p> <p>28. <u>The following HCC Highway work remains outstanding.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Faded markings by the Stonycroft junction (Ref No: 401002519044).</li> <li>- Uneven road surface by the pond. Ref No:401003511836</li> <li>- Blocked drain opposite the church (Ref No: 401003062584).</li> <li>- Removal of graffiti from a road sign by the Beggars Lane / Station Road Junction. Ref No: 401003475040. HCC report work has been scheduled..</li> <li>- Maintenance cover lifting during heavy rainfall near the Toms Hill/Stocks Road junction (Ref No: 401003153069). HCC Drainage team are looking to fund corrective works in the 2023/24 budget year.</li> <li>- Flood problem by the Tring Station railway bridge (Ref No: 401003099775). HCC Drainage Team are aiming for repair works in the 2023/24 budget year (Ref No: 401003156048).</li> <li>- Blocked drain in Stocks Road (by Applegarth), Ref No: 401003245782.</li> </ul>

- Blocked drain by Toms Hill/Station Road Junction. Ref No: 401003245784.
- Blocked storm drains/gullies in Tring Station (Station Road). Ref No: 401003164554.
- Three blocked drains on Toms Hill. Ref No: 401003446361.
- Blocked drain in Malting Lane. Ref No: 401003594875.
- Blocked drain on Stocks Road (near the walled Garden). Ref No: 401003446472.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

