

# ALDBURY PARISH COUNCIL      WARDENS UPDATE: AUGUST 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>	4/08, 11/08,18/08, 25/08
<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. Footpaths were in good condition with some encroaching vegetation in places; however no permanent obstacles were seen.</li> <li>3. Generally, the allotments were tidy and good housekeeping evident.</li> <li>4. A faulty gate latch has been repaired and is now functioning correctly.</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>	4/08, 11/08,18/08, 25/08 Tring Station 25/08
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Grass was in good condition and height was meeting the mowing specification.</li> <li>6. As previously reported a climbing frame upright post is wobbly at the Tring Station playground and needs fixing (Photo 1).</li> <li>7. Litter bin emptied on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of August.</li> <li>8. Information signs were in place at Aldbury Playground. Signs at both playgrounds were legible.</li> <li>9. Fences and gates were viewed in fair condition.</li> <li>10. Steel wire has snapped within the rubber cover of a cradle seat. Clerk informed (Photo 2).</li> <li>11. The hedges at the Tring Station playground are overgrown and will need cutting back in the Autumn.</li> </ol>

<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>	4/08, 11/08,18/08, 25/08
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Grass height meets the mowing specification. Reasonable sward coverage. Some bare patches visible.</li> <li>13. Weekly litter picks were undertaken. Litter level remains very low.</li> <li>14. Logs have been installed at the car park and are likely to prove more robust than the wooden posts, which were frequently damaged by motor vehicles (Photo 3).</li> <li>15. The Tennis court surface is in good condition and continues to be well used.</li> <li>16. No obvious defects were noted on the mature trees. Colin Chambers is due to undertake a tree condition survey soon.</li> <li>17. Car park hedge is overgrown.</li> <li>18. Please see previous report concerning the rundown condition of the basketball surface by the Sports Pavilion.</li> <li>19. The Grounds Maintenance contractor has reported that low hanging branches are obstructing tractor access when mowing the grass. Clerk informed (Photo 4).</li> </ol>

<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>	4/08, 11/08,18/08, 25/08
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>20. Grass height is meeting the mowing specification.</p> <p>21. Repair work to the Pond has commenced. Safety fencing and safety notices are evident around the pond (Photo 5). Much interest from residents, visitors, and on local social media.</p> <p>22. In relation to 21 above, once works are finished, APC may wish to review the <u>risk assessment of physical assets</u> to ensure existing control measures concerning the pond continue to be suitable and sufficient.</p> <p>23. Mature trees seem in good condition. No visible defects.</p> <p>24. Weekly litter picks were conducted.</p> <p>25. No defects visible on the benches. Bench by the pond has a weathered appearance but structurally appears sturdy despite age.</p> <p>26. The finger signpost has recently been cleaned and painted (Photo 6). A good job that has attracted positive comments.</p> <p>27. The village noticeboard is extremely unsteady. It is understood APC are arranging replacement very soon.</p>

<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>	4/08, 11/08,18/08, 25/08 (Streetlamps) 20/08
<b>ISSUES TO REPORT</b>	<p>28. All streetlamps were working.</p> <p>29. A blocked drain in Malting Lane has been reported to HCC. Ref No: 401003594875. This has been added to the HCC drain dig programme and will be attended within the next 12 months.</p> <p>30. Three potholes on Toms Hill (near FP39/hairpin) have been reported to HCC. Ref No: 401003631955 (Photo 7). Also, HCC have been made aware of the extremely worn/uneven road surface on Toms Hill. APC may wish to consult with the local HCC councillor to discover if road surface repairs are planned for Toms Hill.</p> <p>31. Rough and uneven road surface outside the Greyhound PH has been reported to HCC. Ref No: 401003511836.</p> <p>32. Overgrown shrubbery, concealing road signs on Toms Hill, has been cut back by the property owner.</p> <p>33. 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>34. <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> <li>- Blocked drain by Toms Hill/Station Road Junction. Ref No: 401003245784.</li> </ul>

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

## PHOTOGRAPHS



