

Alderbury Parish Council – October 2024

Agenda item 113.24 c- Web enquiry

We have had several emails from this correspondent over the past few weeks and I think Phil Spooner will reference this and other matters he has brought up in his report. I include this one in particular as he references getting involved in improving access to the land between Avon Drive and Firs Road, which you too have said is something you would be interested in.

As a member of the volunteer team carrying out maintenance on the village circular path I am frequently thanked by other dog walkers and asked if I can do anything about the seriously boggy sections of the circular path near Greenset House, fix the stile there or better still get the accessibility improved for disabled persons and mothers with pushchairs. Similarly I have been asked if the footpath between Avon Drive and Firs Road could be improved so it can be used safely all year; it becomes impassable boggy in winter preventing use for the school run and encouraging car use instead. I have arranged a meeting with one of the Longford Estate managers next week to do a walk round of the land between Avon Drive and Firs Road and discuss maintenance activity including the possibility of installing some 'french drain' pipe work and aggregate to make the path usable all year round, the removal of various partially fallen trees which might be considered hazardous, and the possibility of reinstating a second crossing of the brook at the football club end. I have already carried out some strimming back of bramble encroachment onto the paths in these woods; the Longford Estate were grateful and apologetic rather than miffed. The football club have asked if I could do likewise behind their goals backing onto the woods as they lose many balls there during training. As providers of the equipment for the circular path team I wanted the parish council to approve their wider use to maintain permissive paths used frequently by dog walkers like me, and to support the football club and other great village amenities. Would anyone from the parish council like to discuss these ideas and possibly join me when I do a walk round with the estate manager from Longford next week? On a related issue I noticed there has been an increase in littering in the canal area and while I was working with the trimmer the yellow 'work in progress' signs I put out were removed and a 2 litre fuel container taken from my backpack. As I walked home I heard loud music on the canal side Avon Drive side, so I put on a head torch and went looking for the missing signs and fuel. When the teenagers saw a bright torch beam and heard multiple dogs coming they turned off their music and ran away. My missing fuel container and fragments from my missing yellow signs were found near where they had been! Finally, today I see a mountain bike has been discarded beside Firs Road below where kids do jumps on top of the bank in the woods. The rear wheel mid badly bent and I suspect broke during use on the jumps. Should I remove and dispose of this bike before someone throws it in the lake? (Mindful it may have been stolen before being wrecked!)

Agenda item: 119.24 b- Email trail relating to rewilding/less mowing

Hi Liz,

We'd be happy to offer some ideas to support this initiative. Do let me know what help would be useful to you.

Amanda

On Sat, 7 Sep 2024 at 15:38, <clerk@alderburyparishcouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

Thank you, Ruth for your comments.

I am expecting this matter to be reviewed at the October PC meeting & can you send you more information when I draw up that agenda.

In the meantime, please do come along to any meeting to express your views. Our next is Monday 9th, 7.30.

Liz Holland

-----Original Message-----

From: Ruth Jennison

Sent: 07 September 2024 08:58

To: Bluecampaignrewilding@gmail.com; Steve Milton <clerk@alderburyparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Alderbury's wild areas

Hello,

I'm introducing you both because Alderbury has started to leave some areas unmown this year and some local residents are struggling with this.

I'm very concerned about the climate and biodiversity crises, so would like to make sure the villages sticks with this approach of supporting wildlife and pollinators.

In order to make it a success, I wonder if the Parish Council might be able to have some support, particularly along the social media/communications lines.

Thanks,

Ruth

(An Alderbury resident, not on the Parish Council)

Agenda item 119.24 e- Email about Eyres Drive

From: Chris House

Sent: 13 August 2024 11:26 AM

To: john.fuller@alderburyparishcouncil.gov.uk <john.fuller@alderburyparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Verges

Hi John

I've just spoken to a lovely chap cutting the triangle at Eyres Drive.

He is happy to also cut the verge going up our small hill about 100 yards from where he is standing but he needs it putting on the schedule.

It is very overgrown and is hiding the no parking post that were it up so this could cause damage to a vehicle as they can't be seen.

Also could you make sure we are in the road sweeps round for the autumn. Last year Mel said he would be around in October but I'm not sure which October she was talking about, as we've not seen him for a long while.

Sorry to ask this but we try to take a pride in where we live and it looks bad and the Hurdcott man was very nice and said it would take them 5 minutes.

Look forward to a nicely cut verge!!

Regards

Chris House a loyal law abiding member of this village

Sent from my iPhone

Regards

Chris House (Mrs)

[For information only- Clarendon Road email](#)

Dear All.

Thank you for your swift action with this matter. Its been really great to see how you all work together for the community of the village over the past couple of days.

Let's see how things play out over the coming days.

Many thanks

Ed