



August 2023

Chairman's Blog



This month's Chairman's Blog comes in place of our monthly council meeting, as August is the only month where the council does not meet. However, Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) work never stops and we have in fact been very busy with the following.

Summertime Events 2023



It is wonderful to once again see so many young people and their families attending our free Summertime Activities event - we had hundreds attend over the two days and they got to experience new sports, play on a variety of inflatables, watch performances by Captain Calamity and Jolly Jodie, meet the local police and PCSO, and talk to a range of services offered by Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC). These community events are so important in supporting families and highlighting the facilities available to all.

Save Our PCSOs

APC is very disappointed with the recommendation to remove funding of the PCSOs in Hertsmere. APC believes the PCSOs bring great value to the local community and provide a visible presence creating a safer neighbourhood. APC has written to HBC to question whether these enforcement officers will bring the same level of service and be an integral part of the community in a way that is equal to the current PCSOs.



Potential Housing Development in Harper Lane



St Albans City and District Council is in the process of drafting their local plan. One of the sites put forward is off Harper Lane and is to build 274 houses. APC has serious concerns about the impact of this site on Radlett given its proximity.

We have written a letter with our objections, and residents can give their opinions on their website <https://stalbans-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/>

Shenley Hill Planning Inquiry

The first half of the Planning Inquiry regarding the application on Shenley Hill was heard 22-25th August. APC worked with Save Hertsmere and the Radlett Society and Greenbelt Association to coordinate community efforts and organise residents who spoke on the first day of the inquiry. The inquiry will resume virtually on Friday 6th October, details of which can be found on APC and HBC's website.

Phillimore Rec Playground Improvements

APC is delighted to announce that Proludic have been appointed to complete the work on the playground, which will see us revamp the playground so that the equipment is set out by age, as well as installing several pieces of new equipment. We plan for this work to begin this Autumn.

