

Chairman's Blog

The summer holidays are fast approaching, so make sure you have the dates of our free events in your diary. On Monday 28 June we are hosting a Films in the Park event at the Phillimore Recreation Ground (the Rec), where we will be screening Paddington 3 and Inside Out 2. Phillies Cafe will have extra food offerings, including kosher hotdogs, burgers, nachos and ice creams. On Monday 11 August we will be hosting our summertime activities, also at the Rec. We will have inflatables, games and Jolly Jodie performing for the little ones.



Cllr Helen Jones



ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL BIDS TO SAVE NEWBERRIES CAR PARK

APC has approached Hertsmere Borough Council offering to save this local asset.



Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) have put forward a motion to dispose of Newberries Car Park. A recent public meeting hosted by County Cllr Caroline Clapper, and a petition to stop this disposal, have made public sentiment clear.

This is the second time in the last ten years that HBC have looked to develop the car park, this time without meaningful consultation to date with the local residents and users of the car park.

HBC maintain that they must recoup the funds they expended on the previous attempt to develop Newberries Car Park. As a result, at the APC meeting on 27 May 2025, the council resolved to offer to purchase the car park for this amount, thus keeping the debt within the 'Local Government' sector. To finance this, APC will borrow from the Public Works Loan Board, with the repayments being met from the receipts from the car park charges so there is no additional burden to the taxpayer.

APC want to ensure that Newberries Car Park does not become a constant concern for residents by transferring ownership to the local council, in order to

preserve the car park as an asset that sustains Radlett High Street as well as the highly popular Radlett Centre and somewhere to park for the local Red House Surgery.

Once purchased APC would then look to carry out repairs to the car park surface, which have been neglected over the years, as well as consider returning an element of 'free parking'.

APC will also look to consult and meaningfully engage with the public, the Radlett Centre Trust and the Red House Surgery about any possible future plans for the car park which will enhance the retail experience of visitors to Radlett, as well as safeguarding the local services we need.

Cllr Alan Plancy

Aldenham Parish Council were saddened to hear about the passing of Cllr Rabbi Alan Plancey MBE who died on 8 June. Cllr Plancey had been a borough councillor for the Borehamwood Brookmeadow ward since 2015 and served twice as the Mayor of Hertsmere. He was a Borehamwood County Councillor from 2009 to 2021 and, on his retirement from the county council, he was made an Honorary Alderman of the County. Cllr Plancy dedicated his life to the betterment of his community, not just in Borehamwood but across the borough and across Hertfordshire. APC extend their deepest condolences to his loved ones.

