



# ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

Your attendance is required at the forthcoming meeting of Aldham Parish Council to be held at the village hall on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall** for the purpose of transacting the business ONLY shown on the agenda

*KBMoney* - Kevin B. Money CiLCA - Clerk/RFO – 31<sup>st</sup>. December 2025

## AGENDA

**001/2026 Apologies for Absence**

**002/2026 Declaration of Members interests**

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda

**003/2026 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. December 2025**

**004/2026 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**

**005/2026 Visitors Report** (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber)

**006/2026 Local Government Reorganisation in Essex** – Cllr M. Lambert

To consider what response to make to options for local government in Essex

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-essex-southend-on-sea-and-thurrock/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-essex-southend-on-sea-and-thurrock>

**007/2026 National Grid** – update from Cllr A. Scott

**008/2026 Gallows Green Grant Application** – update from Cllr M. Lambert & Cllr B. Brown

**009/2026 Footpath and PROW update** – Cllr J. Jennings

- Update on closure of FP7 at Ashington Lodge

**010/2026 Planning** – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

**Local Plan Review** - Consultation on Preferred Options

a) Update from Cllr M. Lambert regarding discussions with neighbouring Parishes

b) To consider form and content of representations to the City Council by 14<sup>th</sup>. January (report to follow)

**252553** - Oak House New Road Aldham

Proposed replacement of agricultural building with a self-build/custom build new dwelling. (In lieu of Prior Approval for conversion of building into a dwelling 221000). To confirm the following decision of the Planning Committee agreed by email:

This is one of several 'agricultural' buildings that form part of Ashington Lodge and was the subject of an original Class Q Prior Notification application that was approved on the basis it was a conversion of the existing building with minimal change. A subsequent application (223028) to replace the building with a large new two storey house was refused on the grounds that the form, scale and design of the building was contrary to policies protecting the countryside.

A further application for a smaller chalet style house, more appropriate was then granted permission under (231258).

The current application seeks to revert to a very large two storey house which is both marginally larger and higher than application that was refused.

The applicant is claiming that Government policy has lowered the requirement for building quality in the countryside.

Nevertheless, the design and overall form of the building is suburban, rather than 'farmhouse' as suggested. It would be out of keeping and cause demonstrable harm in this rural setting and be visible from the PROW that runs through the site. Nor has any evidence been submitted to demonstrate the building 'encompasses a broader set of measurable criteria such as functionality, inclusivity, sustainability, response to context, integration, robustness and aesthetics', as claimed. The application is seeking to exploit the

Class Q approval to justify an inappropriate development, which conflicts with policies to protect the character of the area. Aldham Parish Council **OBJECTS** to the application and considers it should be refused for the same reasons as the earlier application 223028

**011/2026 Planning Decision/s affecting Aldham**

**252346** - The Cabin Rectory Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3RR

Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission 231906.

**Approve Conditional**

**012/2026 Highways & Traffic Working Group**

- 1) Speed Indicator Device – update from Cllr T. Gearey
- 2) Love your Bus Grants – Cllr M. Lambert

**013/2026 Finance**

- a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. December 2025
- b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2025/2026
- c) To approve the payment of Accounts for January 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements

**014/2026 2026-2027 Budget** – Councillors to confirm the 2026-2027 budget and to sign the Precept form

**015/2026 To consider training opportunities available from EALC**

**016/2026 Information Exchange**

**017/2026 Items for next agenda**

**018/2026 To confirm date and time of next meetings. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. February 2026 at 7.30pm**

**019/2026 To note 2026 meeting dates:** 03.03: 07.04: 05.05: 02.06: 07.07: 01.09: 06.10: 03.11: 01.12.26

**020/2026 Closure of the Meeting** - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business