



# 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 7<sup>th</sup>. JANUARY 2025 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup>. January 2025

## **AGENDA**

001/2025 Apologies for absence

002/2025 Declaration of Members interests

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

003/2025 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. December 2024

004/2025 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

005/2025 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber)

006/2025 Speed indicator Device for Brook Road – update from Cllr A. Angibau

007/2025 National Grid– update from Cllr A. Scott

008/2025 Planning Applications

**242365 - Old House Ford Street Aldham CO6 3PH**

Retrospective application for completion of the boundary fence between Old House and Caterpillar Cottage. This work was completed in 2022.

Documents can be found at

<https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&ref=242365>

**242415 - Old House Ford Street Aldham CO6 3PH**

Retrospective application for completion of the boundary fence between Old House and Caterpillar cottage. This work was completed in 2022.

Documents can be found at

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009/2025 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham

**241769 - Moon Acre Rectory Road Aldham**

Creation of a hobby farm and limited amenity use on agricultural land together with a vehicle hard standing area, the erection of a timber fence and an agricultural hay barn, hedgerow replanted, installation of private sewage treatment plant, and the use of a small touring caravan on site under the '60 day permitted rights' rule. **Approve Conditional.** See decision notice at

<https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&ref=241769>

010/2025 Update on Key Priorities for 2024/25: Housing, Millennium Playing Field, Gallows Green and FP/cycleway link to Marks Tey: Ben's Walk

011/2025 Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Cllr M. Lambert

012/2025 Highways & Traffic Working Group

- To consider any update/recommendations from the Working Group meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November

**013/2025 Finance**

- a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. December 2024
- b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25
- c) To approve the payment of Accounts for January 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements
- d) To agree the £420 grant to The Aldham Grapevine for 2024-2025

**014/2025 Budget 2025/2026 - Councillors to finalise budget for 2025-2026**

**015/2025 To consider training opportunities available from EALC**

**016/2025 Information Exchange**

**017/2025 Items for next agenda**

**018/2025 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. February 2025 at 7.30pm**

**019/2025 Closure of the Meeting - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business**



## **192/2024 Planning Applications**

### **241769 - Moon Acre Rectory Road Aldham**

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An amendment has been made to the description of development for the above planning application

**RESOLVED:** Aldham Parish Council has no further comments to add to our original planning objections. **All Agreed**

Cllr M. Lambert and Cllr A. Scott then rejoined the meeting and Cllr M. Lambert resumed the Chair

## **193/2024 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham** No decisions have been made affecting Aldham

## **194/2024 Update on Key Priorities for 2024/25: Housing, Millennium Playing Field, Gallows Green and FP/cycleway link to Marks Tey**

Essex Wildlife Trust – Community Ranger attending with brush cutter and working party to clear area of knapweed and brambles on Green Lane frontage

Woodland trust to come along to speak. Unfortunately, this contact is no longer available

## **195/2024 Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Cllr M. Lambert**

No further update at this meeting

## **196/2024 Highways & Traffic Working Group**

• To consider any update/recommendations from the Working Group meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November

### **Recommendations from last Working Group**

The meeting focused on how best to take forward the recommendations in light of ECC Highways advice

Lewis Barber reported on initial unfavorable response from ECC Liaison Officer John Simmons on the proposal to put in mini roundabouts at junction of A1124 and Green Lane and at Village Hall/Church Crossroads.

Meeting noted that traffic data was historic and needed updating.

Lewis Barber /Sara Naylor advised that they would hope to be able to secure up to 50 % of the permanent SID (i.e. £2600) from the City Councillors Locality Budget and from Lewis Barber's ECC Budget

### **Way Forward**

Lewis Barber / Sara Naylor recommended that Aldham Parish Council put together a strategy to promote highway safety in Aldham based on the Recommendations that could be submitted to the Local Highways Panel, County Councillor Tom Cunningham (Cabinet Member for Highways). This should be supported by any evidence available from local residents (e.g. Photos of congestion) and reporting any incidents of careless/dangerous driving in the village to Safer Essex Roads Partnerships - <https://saferessexroads.org/extra-eyes/>

## **197/2024 Finance**

a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. November 2024

b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25

c) To approve the payment of Accounts for December 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

## **198/2024 Budget 2025/2026 - Councillors to discuss draft budget for 2025-2026**

Councillors discussed the 2025-2026 budget but are awaiting the Tax Base figure from CCC before finalising the budget. This item will be finalised at the January 2025 meeting

## **199/2024 To consider training opportunities available from EALC**

All Councillors have been informed of EALC training courses

**200/2024 Information Exchange**

- a) Are the proposed boundary changes to Essex local authorities affecting Aldham Parish? Not to any Councillors knowledge
- b) Meeting with Essex Flood officer regarding Ford Street Hill and Somerson House where the gullies are to be jetted through. However, the funding may be cut and concerns raised about dangerous flooding on bend at Wick Farm/Mill Race Nursery.
- c) Started work on new level crossing gates and light controls for pedestrians
- d) The website is having over 50 views per day.

**201/2024 Items for next agenda**

**202/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. January 2025 at 7.30pm**

**203/2024 Closure of the Meeting -** To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.55pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

7<sup>th</sup>. January 2025

**Mike Lambert – Chair**

	BANK RECONCILIATION				
Financial year ending 31.03.25					
Bank Balance as at	30.04.24	31.05.24	30.06.24	31.07.24	
Barclays Bank - Current a/c	£ 18,141.71	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Unity Trust Bank Current a/c	£ -	£ 18,141.71	£ 13,181.89	£ 11,937.63	
Unity Trust Bank Savings a/c	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 18,141.71</b>	<b>£ 18,141.71</b>	<b>£ 13,181.89</b>	<b>£ 11,937.63</b>	
Less Unpresented cheques					
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
<b>Net Bank Balances as at</b>	<b>£ 18,141.71</b>	<b>£ 18,141.71</b>	<b>£ 13,181.89</b>	<b>£ 11,937.63</b>	
<b>CASH BOOK</b>					
Balance as at 01.04.24	£ 9,420.71	£ 9,420.71	£ 9,420.71	£ 9,420.71	
Plus Receipts	£ 8,721.00	£ 8,721.00	£ 9,811.71	£ 9,814.13	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 18,141.71</b>	<b>£ 18,141.71</b>	<b>£ 19,232.42</b>	<b>£ 19,234.84</b>	
Less Payments	£ -	£ -	£ 6,050.53	£ 7,297.21	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 18,141.71</b>	<b>£ 18,141.71</b>	<b>£ 13,181.89</b>	<b>£ 11,937.63</b>	
Difference	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 0.00	
Bank Balance as at	31.08.24	30.09.24	30.10.24	30.11.24	
Unity Trust Bank Current a/c	£ 11,937.63	£ 17,814.77	£ 16,808.27	£ 16,046.16	
Unity Trust Bank Savings a/c	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 11,937.63</b>	<b>£ 17,814.77</b>	<b>£ 16,808.27</b>	<b>£ 16,046.16</b>	
Less Unpresented cheques					
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
<b>Net Bank Balances as at</b>	<b>£ 11,937.63</b>	<b>£ 17,814.77</b>	<b>£ 16,808.27</b>	<b>£ 16,046.16</b>	
<b>CASH BOOK</b>					
Balance as at 01.04.24	£ 9,420.71	£ 9,420.71	£ 9,420.71	£ 9,420.71	
Plus Receipts	£ 9,814.13	£ 18,535.13	£ 18,535.13	£ 18,535.13	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 19,234.84</b>	<b>£ 27,955.84</b>	<b>£ 27,955.84</b>	<b>£ 27,955.84</b>	
Less Payments	£ 7,297.21	£ 10,141.07	£ 11,147.57	£ 11,909.68	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 11,937.63</b>	<b>£ 17,814.77</b>	<b>£ 16,808.27</b>	<b>£ 16,046.16</b>	
Difference	£ 0.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Bank Balance as at	31.12.24	31.01.25	28.02.25	31.03.25	
Unity Trust Bank Current a/c	£ 15,391.56				
Unity Trust Bank Savings a/c	£ -				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£ 15,391.56</b>				
Less Unpresented cheques					
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -				
<b>Net Bank Balances as at</b>	<b>£ 15,391.56</b>				
<b>CASH BOOK</b>					
Balance as at 01.04.24	£ 9,420.71				
Plus Receipts	£ 18,535.13				
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 27,955.84</b>				
Less Payments	£ 12,564.28				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 15,391.56</b>				
Difference	£ -				

# Your Account Statement

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Unity Trust Bank plc  
PO Box 7193  
Planetary Road  
Willenhall  
WV1 9DG

Date: 31/12/2024

Account Name: Aldham Parish Council

Swift Code (BIC): NWBKGB2L  
IBAN Number: GB93NWBK60023571418024

Sort Code: 608301  
Account Number: 20505556

Your arranged overdraft limit is £0.00

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Your Current T1 account transactions:					
Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
30/11/2024		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£16,046.16
05/12/2024	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: CALC	£35.00	£0.00	£16,011.16
05/12/2024	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: Kevin B. Money	£473.50	£0.00	£15,537.66
05/12/2024	Faster Payment Debit	B/P to: RCCE	£44.10	£0.00	£15,493.56

Your Current T1 account transactions:					
Date	Type	Details	Payments Out	Payments In	Balance
05/12/2024	Transfer	B/P to: EALC	\ £96.00	£0.00	£15,397.56
31/12/2024	Fee	Service Charge	\ £6.00	£0.00	£15,391.56

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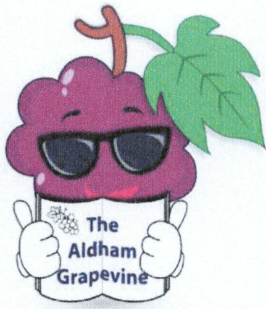


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# APC ACTUAL AGAINST BUDGET REPORT 2024/2025

		Agreed 2024/25	Total Income / spend to Jan '25	Left in Budget as at Jan '25
<b>Income</b>	Precept	16526	£ 16,526.00	
	Other Income / Grant	916	£ 916.00	
	Wayleave	0	£ -	
	Bank Interest	0	£ 2.42	
	VAT Refund	0	£ 1,090.71	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17442</b>	<b>£ 18,535.13</b>	
<b>Exp.</b>				
	Salary	5382	£ 4,503.90	£ 878.10
	Mileage Expenses	50	£ -	£ 50.00
	Home / Office allowance	300	£ 250.00	£ 50.00
	Grounds maintenance	3000	£ 3,818.50	-£ 818.50
	Playing Field Inspection	100	£ -	£ 100.00
	Street Lighting	120	£ 55.07	£ 64.93
	Fees & Subscription	275	£ 274.14	£ 0.86
	Stationery	50	£ 66.89	-£ 16.89
	Insurance	675	£ 300.00	£ 375.00
	Village Hall Hire	250	£ 170.25	£ 79.75
	Audit Fees	250	£ 272.00	-£ 22.00
	Courses, Books & Travelling	400	£ 80.00	£ 320.00
	Poppy Wreath	25	£ 25.00	£ -
	Grapevine Magazine	420	£ -	£ 420.00
	Donations Other	150	£ -	£ 150.00
	Fete or Events	500	£ 211.68	£ 288.32
	Defibrillator	200	£ -	£ 200.00
	Tree Surgery & maintenance	500	£ -	£ 500.00
	General Admin & Postage	50	£ -	£ 50.00
	Miscellaneous	750	£ 90.16	£ 659.84
	Speed Gun	100	£ -	£ 100.00
	Website	500	£ 215.00	£ 285.00
	Clerk expenses	50	£ -	£ 50.00
	Contingency	3045	£ 1,879.36	£ 1,165.64
	Playing Field Rent	300	£ -	£ 300.00
	Bank Charges	0	£ 41.73	-£ 41.73
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17442</b>	<b>£ 12,253.68</b>	<b>£ 5,188.32</b>
	<b>Outstanding VAT Claim</b>		<b>£ 813.85</b>	
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£ 13,067.53</b>	

	APC FINANCE JANUARY 2025						
	Income:						APC Ref. No.
		Expenditure					
Chq No.	Inv. No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total		
BACS	Jan '25	Kevin B. Money - Salary	£ 492.40	£ -	£ 492.40	48	
BACS		Kevin B. money - Postage and stamps	£ 10.85	£ -	£ 10.85	49	
		TOTAL:	£ 503.25	£ -	£ 503.25		
		Denotes already paid					



# The Aldham Grapevine Magazine

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20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Dear Aldham Parish Council**

We hope that you will all agree that the Grapevine Magazine and private Community Facebook page (currently over 330 members), have become integral to Aldham village. Both the Community Facebook page and email update service (currently over 50 subscribers) allow us to individually update most of the village in between editions of the printed magazine.

We continue to work at ensuring that our running costs are as low as they can be, without losing the quality of the magazine. We put in a tremendous amount of work as well as own personal time, to keep the magazine and Facebook page running to what we hope everyone thinks is a very high standard.

We are very proud of this little village magazine and this year was the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of us being editors. It is a lot of work and very time consuming but whilst we still enjoy doing it, we are happy to continue providing this valuable service to the village.

We have also been very grateful in the past, for the APC's donations towards the running of the Aldham Grapevine Magazine which helps cover approximately 25% of our running costs and really hope that the APC will be kind enough to support us again this year with another donation.

With our thanks.

Kind regards

*Claire & Tony*

**Claire & Tony Gearey**  
Editors of The Aldham Grapevine Magazine