



ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Kevin B. Money 7 Roach Vale Ardleigh Essex CO4 3YN

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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 4th. MARCH 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 – 26th. February 2025

AGENDA

- 037/2025 **Apologies for absence**
- 038/2025 **Declaration of Members interests**
To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda
- 039/2025 **To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 4th. February 2025**
- 040/2025 **Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**
- 041/2025 **Visitors Report** (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber)
- 042/2025 **Update on Colchester Local Plan Review Preferred Options**
- 043/2025 **Speed Indicator Device** – Councillors to agree design so that an order can be placed ASAP
- 044/2025 **National Grid**– update from Cllr A. Scott
- 045/2025 **To consider grant application from Enover Community Trust for Gallows Green**
- 046/2025 **Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response**
- 047/2025 **Planning Decisions affecting Aldham**
250163 - Wick Farm New Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3QY
Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed new road.
Prior Approval Required (Approved)
242365 - Old House Ford Street Aldham Essex CO6 3PH
Retrospective application for completion of the boundary fence between Old House and Caterpillar Cottage. This work was completed in 2022. **Approve Conditional**
- 048/2025 **Highways & Traffic Working Group**
 - Update on LHP submission form
- 049/2025 **Finance**
 - a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 28th. February 2025
 - b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25
 - c) To approve the payment of Accounts for March 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements
- 050/2025 **To consider training opportunities available from EALC**
- 051/2025 **Information Exchange**
- 052/2025 **Items for next agenda**
- 053/2025 **To discuss and agree the date and time of the Annual Village meeting**
- 054/2025 **To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 1st. April 2025 at 7.30pm**
- 055/2025 **Closure of the Meeting** - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business



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Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 th . February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham	Action
<p>Present: Cllrs Adam Scott (Vice-Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, Jean Jennings, Roger Walker, CCC Sara Naylor, CCC Dennis Willets and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 5 members of the public.</p> <p>020/2025 Apologies for absence were received from ECC Lewis Barber and Cllr M. Lambert</p> <p>021/2025 Declaration of Members interests To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda. None Declared</p> <p>022/2025 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 7th. January 2025 All Agreed</p> <p>023/2025 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) No questions from the public but the offer to streamline payments for the use of the village hall to be taken outside the meeting</p> <p>024/2025 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willets / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) CCC Draft Local plan – the preferred options paper (that will see an increase in allocation for house building to over 1300 units a year) will be out on Friday. A public meeting at Charter Hall is to be held on 17th. February 2025 and will be followed by a public consultation lasting for 6 weeks. Next CCC meeting is a budget setting meeting. No dramatic cuts in the proposed CCC budget for 2025-2026 ECC Cllr L. Barber has secured £1633 locality funding plus funding from Cllr S. Naylor and Cllr D. Willets who will make up the difference for a new Speed Indicator device for Aldham</p> <p>025/2025 National Grid– update from Cllr A. Scott Debate over Norwich to Tilbury has always been in two parts; firstly, the National approach to energy overall and the need for a national strategy to energy distribution. The second aspect is the actual National Grid Project. Progress on a nation energy transition strategy has been lamentable while the pylon project continues to progress on their timeline Recent announcements have sent two mitigations removed from the table as National Grid have backtracked on undergrounding in Waveney valley in Norfolk and have shown no interest in considering HVDC in East Anglia. A second alternative to conventional pylons was T pylons, a modern Danish design that are 30% shorter that have been trialled in Somerset but National Grid have announced these are no longer being considered for use elsewhere. This only really leaves community benefits as an offer for mitigation from National Grid. Some minor changes are being proposed to the construction of the pylons and a short-targeted consultation for Norfolk and Suffolk sections has been launched Runs for 30 days from 30th. January to 3rd. March 2025. Consultation on the Essex section will be launched this month Update will be provided for the Grapevine</p> <p>026/2025 VE Day 80 - 8th May 2025 Councillors discussed possible village event/s and Concluded the village and Parish Council will not holding any specific events for the celebrations on 8th. May but the Village Hall is organising a summer BBQ on 21st. June for the village which falls between VE and VJ day. The Parish Council will be supporting this event Cllr M. Lambert is purchasing a new flag >>>></p> <p>027/2025 Planning Applications 250031 - Old Rectory Rectory Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3RR Single storey side extension to create a garden room. New entrance porch RESOLVED: Aldham Parish Council has no comment to make on this application</p>	<p>Cllr M. Lambert</p>

<p>250032 (Listed Building application) - Old Rectory Rectory Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3RR Single storey side extension to create a garden room. New entrance porch RESOLVED: Aldham Parish Council has no comment to make on this application</p> <p>028/2025 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham No planning decisions made by CCC affecting Aldham</p> <p>029/2025 Update on Key Priorities Housing, Millennium Playing Field, Gallows Green and FP/cycleway link to Marks Tey: Sam's Walk This list of potential projects was created about 18 months ago. If any s106 or National Grid money comes to APC then these projects can be looked at. They are not necessarily priorities for this year but will be progressed as appropriate and will be looked at future meetings. Sam's Walk initiative is being progressed by volunteers and will therefore be removed from the future agenda as the Parish Council is not involved in this project Gallows Green – Cllr R. Walker requested that a risk assessment be undertaken on Gallows Green due to the platform is possibly a "Health & Safety" issue as well as the condition of the footpaths. Sample Risk Assessment templates to be sought from EALC and Roger Walker</p> <p>030/2025 Highways & Traffic Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider draft note to LHP <p>Cllr M. Lambert submitted and forwarded his letter to Councillors for consideration prior to the meeting Councillors discussed the 4-page letter which was well received; it has also been sent to Cllr L. Barber for his advice. The only suggested change was to highlight that parishioners have resorted to protecting the verge to prevent further damage and or accidents if Cllr L. Barber is happy without any significant changes, then this proposal should be sent to Colchester Local Highways Panel. CCC D. Willetts indicated the LHP panel workload is high and there is often at least a 2-year waiting list before any proposals are validated, discussed and authorized. The Essex Speed Management Strategy was also relevant to any proposals made to the LHP. https://www.essexhighways.org/uploads/files/strategy_speed_management_strategy.pdf Councillors felt it was important to keep progressing highway matters, to share the A1124 residents petition and to proactively propose solutions to the traffic issues the village faces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a petition from residents on A1124 Halstead Road <p>The Clerk had forwarded to Councillors, prior to the meeting, the petition from residents on the A1124 Halstead Road. The petition to accompany the Colchester Local Highways Panel submission.</p> <p>031/2025 Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. January 2025 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. January 2025 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 February 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. All Agreed d) To review Landscape Services contract for grass cutting (NB: charges same as last year) Cllr T. Gearey proposed to accept the quotation from Landscape Services for 2025-2026 year. Cllr J. Jennings seconded. All Agreed <p>032/2025 To consider training opportunities available from EALC All Councillors have been circulated the training courses from EALC</p> <p>033/2025 Information Exchange The SID works in both direction in slowing traffic down especially leaving the village. The village entrance sign in Ford Street Hill. The sign has been removed totally. County Council will erect a sign that states "Aldham" if required. New footpath sign erected on Rectory Road". Enovert Community Trust provides grant support for community projects with in a 10 mile radius of the Bellhouse landfill site (previously Veolia) Flytipping costs CCC over £1m per annum – householders were reminded they have a duty of care to only use licensed waste carriers for disposal and the new Essex initiative SCRAP it can help</p>	<p>Clerk and Cllr R Walker</p>
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034/2025 Items for next agenda

CCC Draft Local plan – Consultation response from Aldham PC and its residents
Annual Village meeting – April 2025

035/2025 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 4th. March 2025 at 7.30pm

036/2025 Closure of the Meeting - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Vice-Chair then closed the meeting at 8.40pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

4th. March 2025

Mike Lambert – Chair

Aldham Parish Council

4th March 2025

Item 42/2025 Local Plan Update

The City Council has published its Preferred Options as part of the Local Plan Review which covers the period up to 2040. The Plan makes provision for 20,000 new homes during this period, including 11,000 new sites spread across both the urban areas and surrounding villages.

The six parishes west of the City will accommodate 3600 new homes broken down as follows:

Aldham	15
Chappel&Wakes Colne	235
Copford	300
Eight Ash Green	430
Gt Tey	125
Marks Tey	2500

I calculate that this would more than double the number of existing homes in the six parishes, which at present total about 3300 homes.

One of the sites for 250 new homes and shown as Eight Ash Green, north of Halsted Road and opposite Bullbanks Farm, is actually within Aldham Parish. Furthermore, more than half of the site at Marks Tey, north of the A120, for 1000 new homes, is also within the Parish of Aldham.

There is a lack of detail about what infrastructure would be required to support this level of development and to assess its wider impact on the six parishes, in terms of increased traffic on an inadequate rural road system. The level of development at Marks Tey is not linked to any assessment of the impact on the A12 and A120, and at present there is no commitment to funding any improvements to either road.

The Preferred Options were to be approved for consultation over a six week period in March/April at a meeting on 17th February. However, the decision to consult on the Plan was deferred pending further information on infrastructure. This could involve a delay of several months but we await a revised timetable.

The proposed plans for Aldham, Eight Ash Green and Marks Tey are attached and the other plans are available on the link below:

<https://colchester.cmis.uk.com/colchester/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=qIcb3D8zb5%2bX9r%2f8AFqO7ZDGA8x3G3WCaamOgygSQOt5cL%2bPDUzrA%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNIh225F5QMaQWctPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9IXnlg%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAJvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJff55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qjj0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xqBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJff55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCPMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJff55vVA%3d>

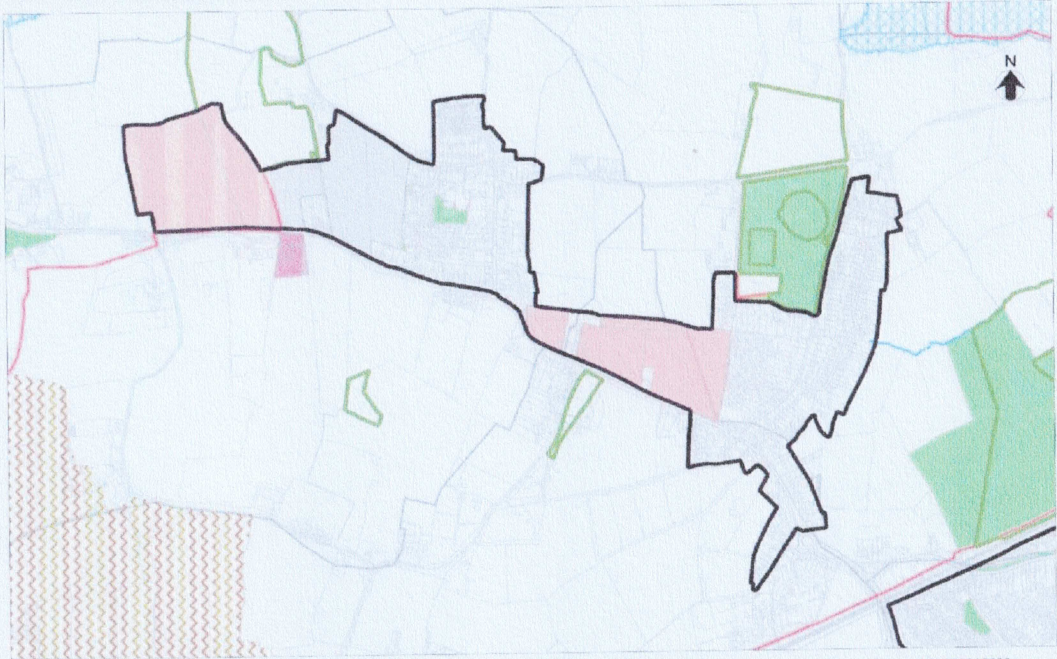
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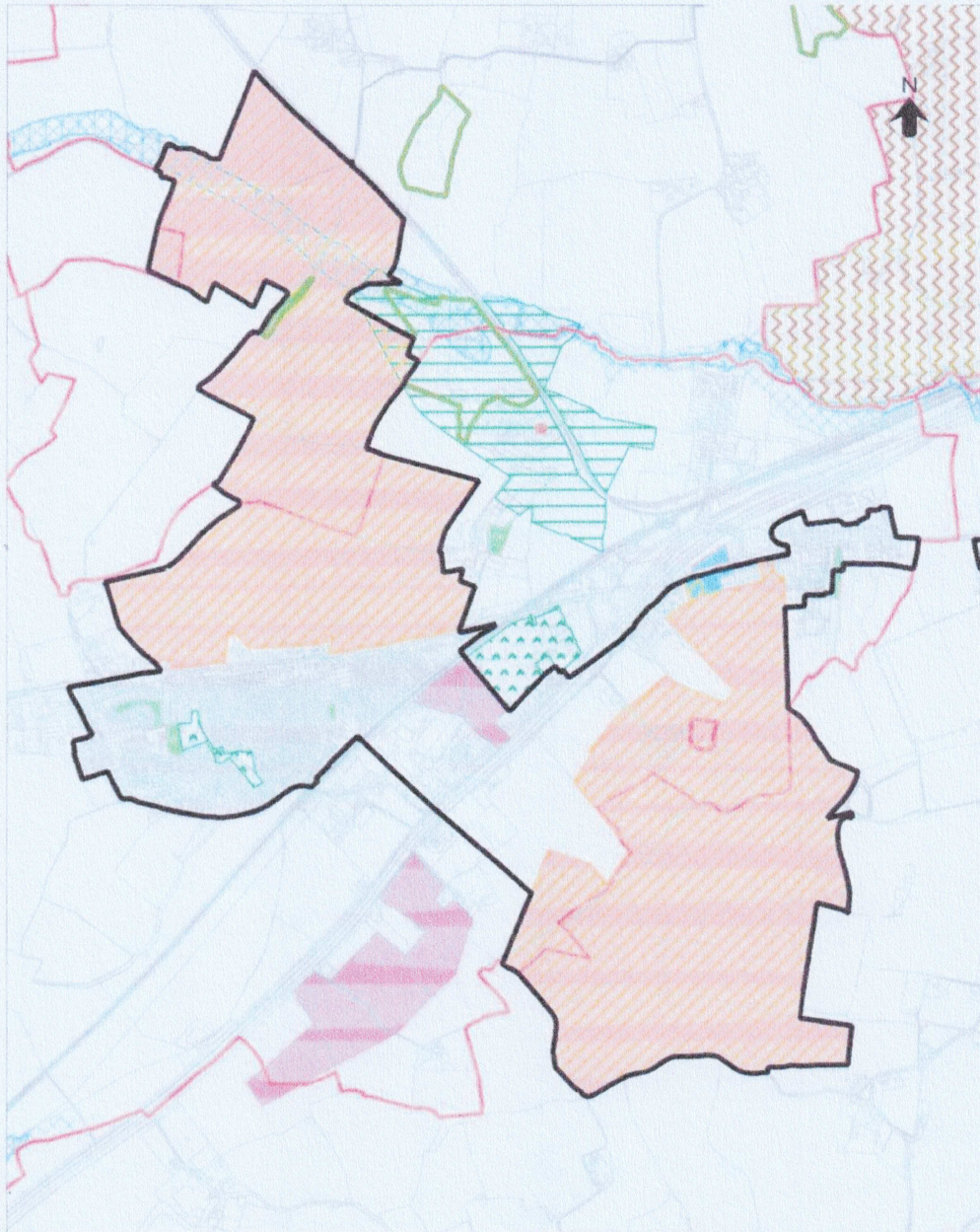
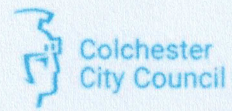
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Aldham Parish Council

4th March 2025

Item: 45/2025 Consider grant application to Enovert Community Trust for Gallows Green

Enovert is one of the UK's leading operators of waste management and landfill services in the UK. With twelve operational landfill sites, two composting facilities, three waste transfer stations and an anaerobic digestion facility, Enovert manages in excess of 2.3 million tonnes of waste per annum.

Enovert's landfill operations and anaerobic digestion facility generate considerable amounts of renewable energy from landfill and biogas, contributing to the UK's drive to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels.

Enovert Community Trust was established in 2003 as an Environmental Body (EB) under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). The Trust was previously called Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB).

The Trust provides grants to support community and environmental projects in a number of locations across the UK. The Trust provides funding to a broad range of projects that bring environmental benefits and have as big an impact as possible on the community.

The Trust receives an income of landfill tax credits from Enovert of approximately over £2.5 million per annum. The Trust endeavours to allocate funds to high-quality projects at its three annual meetings, with a view to making as many grants as possible. As a result of the Landfill Communities Fund, Enovert Community Trust has distributed more than £34.4 million in grants to community and environmental projects since its inception.

(Extract from website)

<https://www.enovert.co.uk/enovert-community-trust/>

Aldham Parish Council would be an eligible body for a grant being a public body and within 10 miles of the Colchester Landfill Site. Gallows Green would qualify as a community resource open to the public.

There are five project criteria would need to be met:

- **A** – Opening up access for the public to an area of land that has been closed or partially closed up to now.
- **B** – Cleaning up land that has been polluted because of now ceased activity.
- **D** – Helping to improve, protect, provide and/or maintain land or a building as a public amenity.
- **DA** – Protecting the environment, and conserving or promoting biological diversity.
- **E** – Helping to preserve, maintain, restore and/or repair a religious building or one of historical or architectural interest.

Grants of up to £50,000 are available of which 10% must be in the form of a contribution to the overall cost. Support for the application could be sought from EWT or RSPB.

The Deadline for applications is 23 May 2025 for the Trust meeting on Tue 8 July 2025.

	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	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total:	£ 18,141.71	£ 18,141.71	£ 13,181.89	£ 11,937.63
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Net Bank Balances as at	£ 18,141.71	£ 18,141.71	£ 13,181.89	£ 11,937.63
CASH BOOK				
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
Total	£ 18,141.71	£ 18,141.71	£ 19,232.42	£ 19,234.84
Less Payments	£ -	£ -	£ 6,050.53	£ 7,297.21
Grand Total	£ 18,141.71	£ 18,141.71	£ 13,181.89	£ 11,937.63
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	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total:	£ 11,937.63	£ 17,814.77	£ 16,808.27	£ 16,046.16
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Net Bank Balances as at	£ 11,937.63	£ 17,814.77	£ 16,808.27	£ 16,046.16
CASH BOOK				
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
Total	£ 19,234.84	£ 27,955.84	£ 27,955.84	£ 27,955.84
Less Payments	£ 7,297.21	£ 10,141.07	£ 11,147.57	£ 11,909.68
Grand Total	£ 11,937.63	£ 17,814.77	£ 16,808.27	£ 16,046.16
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	£ 15,322.31	£ 15,183.20	
Unity Trust Bank Savings a/c	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Total:	£ 15,391.56	£ 15,322.31	£ 15,183.20	
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Net Bank Balances as at	£ 15,391.56	£ 15,322.31	£ 15,183.20	
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.24	£ 9,420.71	£ 9,420.71	£ 9,420.71	
Plus Receipts	£ 18,535.13	£ 19,395.13	£ 20,095.13	
Total	£ 27,955.84	£ 28,815.84	£ 29,515.84	
Less Payments	£ 12,564.28	£ 13,493.53	£ 14,332.64	
Grand Total	£ 15,391.56	£ 15,322.31	£ 15,183.20	
Difference	£ -	£ -	£ -	



Aldham Parish Council

Current T1

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Balance

£ 15,183.20

Available

£ 15,183.20

Balances are correct as of 11:50 on 27 Feb 2025.

↓ Date	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
11/02/25	COLCHESTER CC	467.00		15,183.20
05/02/25	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • CLERK PAYMENT		-492.40	14,716.20
05/02/25	B/P to: Aldham Village Hal • APC JAN MEETING		-12.00	15,208.60
05/02/25	B/P to: Millennium Field • MILLENNIUM FIELD		-300.00	15,220.60
05/02/25	B/P to: Colchester CC • INV. 20212710		-34.71	15,520.60
05/02/25	COLCHESTER CC	233.00		15,555.31
31/01/25	Service Charge		-6.00	15,322.31
08/01/25	B/P to: Aldham Grapevine • DONATION		-420.00	15,328.31
08/01/25	ESSEX ASSOCIATION • EALC CLB82	60.00		15,748.31
08/01/25	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • CLERK PAYMENT		-492.40	15,688.31
08/01/25	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • POSTAGE TO BARCLAY		-10.85	16,180.71
06/01/25	COLCHESTER CC	800.00		16,191.56
31/12/24	Service Charge		-6.00	15,391.56
05/12/24	B/P to: EALC • INV. 18077		-96.00	15,397.56
05/12/24	B/P to: RCCE • ALDHAM PARISH C		-44.10	15,493.56
05/12/24	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • CLERK PAYMENT		-473.50	15,537.66
05/12/24	B/P to: CALC • ALDHAM PC		-35.00	16,011.16
30/11/24	Service Charge		-6.00	16,046.16

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APC ACTUAL AGAINST BUDGET REPORT 2024/2025				
		Agreed 2024/25	Total Income / spend to Mar '25	Left in Budget as at Mar '25
Income	Precept	16526	£ 16,526.00	
	Other Income / Grant	916	£ 2,476.00	
	Wayleave	0	£ -	
	Bank Interest	0	£ 2.42	
	VAT Refund	0	£ 1,090.71	
	TOTAL	17442	£ 20,095.13	£ 2,653.13
Exp.				
	Salary	5382	£ 5,438.70	-£ 56.70
	Mileage Expenses	50	£ -	£ 50.00
	Home / Office allowance	300	£ 300.00	£ -
	Grounds maintenance	3000	£ 3,818.50	-£ 818.50
	Playing Field Inspection	100	£ -	£ 100.00
	Street Lighting	120	£ 84.00	£ 36.00
	Fees & Subscription	275	£ 274.14	£ 0.86
	Stationery	50	£ 66.89	-£ 16.89
	Insurance	675	£ 300.00	£ 375.00
	Village Hall Hire	250	£ 182.25	£ 67.75
	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	£ 47.73	-£ 47.73
	TOTAL	17442	£ 14,005.41	£ 3,436.59
	Outstanding VAT Claim		£ 819.63	
	Total Expenditure		£ 14,825.04	

APC FINANCE MARCH 2025						
Income: CCC Locality Fund £233.00p: CCC Locality Fund £467.00p:						
Expenditure						APC
Chq No.	Inv. No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total	Ref. No.
BACS	Mar '25	Kevin B. Money - Salary	£ 492.40	£ -	£ 492.40	55
BACS		Aldham Village Hall - Meeting cost	TBC	£ -	TBC	56
TOTAL:			£ 492.40	£ -	£ 492.40	
		Denotes already paid				