

# ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Your attendance is required at the forthcoming meeting of Aldham Parish Council to be held at the village

hall on TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>. JUNE 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the business ONLY shown on the agenda

**ZBMoney** - Kevin B. Money CiLCA - Clerk/RFO - 28th. May 2025

# **AGENDA**

096/2025 Apologies for Absence

097/2025 Declaration of Members interests

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

098/2025 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 6th. May 2025

099/2025 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

100/2025 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber)

101/2025 National Grid- update from Cllr A. Scott

102/2025 Gallows Green Grant Application – update from Cllr M. Lambert

103/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

250944 - Frogs Hall Cottage Green Lane Aldham Colchester CO6 3PR

To determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of former Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Class C3), which include necessary operations reasonably for the conversion The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development

Documents can be found at

https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&ref=250944

## 104/2025 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham

250655 - Rose Cottage Halstead Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3PP

Proposed side and rear extension with entrance porch. Resubmission of 230662 - Application Refuse

### 105/2025 Highways & Traffic Working Group

- Update on LHP submission form Cllr M. Lambert
- Speed Indicator Device update from Clerk
- 1) Councillors to discuss what happens to the old SID once Wormingford and Fordham get their own SID. Should APC buy the device from the 2 other Councils?
  - Community speed watch Cllr T. Gearey

106/2025 Local Plan Update - Cllr M. Lambert

### 107/2025 Finance

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

108/2025 To consider training opportunities available from EALC

109/2025 Information Exchange

110/2025 Items for next agenda

111/2025 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 1st. July 2025 at 7.30pm

112/2025 Closure of the Meeting - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items

of business



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	Aldham Parish Council Annual meeting held on Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> . May 2025 at ne Village Hall at Aldham	Action
Present: Cllrs CCC Cllr Sara	Mike Lambert (Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, Roger Walker, a Naylor, CCC Cllr D. Willetts and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also mbers of the public.	
073/2025	Welcome by the Chair	
074/2025	Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr J. Jennings and Cllr A. Scott	
	Election of Chair for the 2025/2026 year 'Angibau proposed Cllr M. Lambert to act as Chair for 2025-2026 year. Cllr R. Walker Agreed. Cllr M. Lambert then signed his declaration of Acceptance of Office	
	Election of Vice-Chair for the 2025/2026 year irman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form ort proposed Cllr A. Scott to act as Vice-Chair for 2025-2026 year. Cllr T. Gearey Agreed.	Clir Scott
Planning Sub Playing Field S Footpaths (PF Village Hall Re Gallows Greet Infrastructure Grapevine Re Personnel Sul	Election of Appointments and sub-committee ees for 2025-2026 year are below: Committee: Adam Scott, Roger Walker, Mike Lambert, Tony Gearey Sub Committee: Jean Jennings ROW) Representative: Jean Jennings epresentative: Brenda Brown In Working Group: Andrew D'Angibau, Brenda Brown, Mike Lambert, Adam Scott (A120/Pylons) Representative: Adam Scott presentative: Tony Gearey In Committee: Mike Lambert, Brenda Brown, Adam Scott	
Cllr A. Scott in one or two that needs to be w Council agree 079/2025 To declare an agenda None	an be found at aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance-documents aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance-documents aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance-documents aformed the meeting via a note that there are a few policies that did not get reviewed and at we do not have. So, for 2025 he proposed we do as we did last year and agree what corked on by a small group and then bring them back to the September meeting for full ment. Cllr T. Gearey seconded. All Agreed  Declaration of Members interests  y Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the Declared	Clerk/A Scott/ T Gearey
080/2025 All Agreed	To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> . April 2025	
notice boards' Friday. The fir Can the hedge Owner in Gree	Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)  kip lorry attending Aldham on 17 <sup>th</sup> . May. Can it be inserted into the Grapevine and into ? A bus update was given by Anne Fulcher. There are no buses at 9.10am Monday to st bus is 9.40am. Cllr M. Lambert to investigate from First Bus. es in Tey Road be cut back? 3 landowners have been written to but no action as yet. en Lane has trimmed the hedges by hand.  To be sent to landowners. Another hedge in Brook Road requires attention.	M. Lambert

Penny Lang summarised article that will be in the Summer Grapevine. Latest consultation is prone to serious legal challenge. 400 people have responded to previous consultation, citing numerous reasons as to why the consultation is flawed.

A further report was commissioned by National Grid based on outdated data which they continue to pick and choose, depending on audience. CEO of National Grid is resigning later in the year. Reform UK are very anti-pylons, awaiting to see how this affects proposals in Lincolnshire. All Party Parliamentary Group is calling for for evidence into pylons across the UK.

O82/2025 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber)
Cllr D. Willetts spoke about efforts to tempt a cinema operator into the Council's Northern Gateway scheme. CCC spending a lot of time regarding devolution and mayoral election. Colchester will be in with another 4 Councils. It is paramount that the Local Plan is agreed to protect local residents. However, the Local Plan Committee have deferred a decision to move forward until there is greater certainty over the infrastructure needed to support new growth and how we cancatch up on the deficit from previous years

Cllr S. Naylor informed the meeting that a Local Plan meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. May at 6pm in the Old Library where the proposed housing and infrastructure issue will be discussed again. Anglian Water is opposed to a new housing scheme in West Bergholt as the Sewage Treatment Works cannot cope now, exemplifying the problem of inadequate infrastructure in the City

# **O83/2025** Speed Indicator Device – update from Clerk

The new SID has been delivered and will be erected in Hines Close tomorrow and moving existing one to Ford Street.

M. Lambert

084/2025 National Grid - Dealt with under item 081/2025

**085/2025** Gallows Green Grant Application – update from Cllr M. Lambert Not a huge amount of progress, pending information from EWT. The grant application now being submitted in September for works in the autumn

# 086/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response a) To consider response to Consultation on Proposed Housing Development on Land North of Halstead Road

It was reported at the last meeting that the Parish Council had been notified that the promoters of land opposite Bullbanks Farm on Halstead Road, adjoining the current Bellway site, were about to carry out a consultation exercise on proposals to submit a planning application for up to 250 new homes. The consultation is being carried out by Pinnacle Planning on behalf of Richborough, who are land promoters rather than developers, acting on behalf of the landowner.

https://www.richborough.co.uk/

The site has been identified as a potential site for housing in the City Council's Local Plan Review and was due to be included in the Council's Consultation on its Preferred Options this month. However, the decision to go ahead with the consultation was deferred for up to 9 months because of the lack of certainty about what infrastructure would be required to support the level of housing being proposed across the City and rural areas. Although we have been advised this decision may be reconsidered on 7th May. Given the uncertainty surrounding the Local Plan Review, an early planning application on the site could be regarded as premature, as under the current Adopted Local Plan the site lies outside any area designated for new development.

Although shown by the Council as part of Eight Ash Green the site is wholly within Aldham Parish. The Consultation leaflet is attached and was sent to 900 properties but only about 10 days was allowed for comment and the website sought to restrict responses to a limited range of detailed on-site issues rather than the principle. We have asked which properties in Aldham Parish were consulted and also enquired as to what, if any, response has been made by Eight Ash Green PC. It is understood that to date there have been 29 responses to the consultation.

It is also understood that a Scoping Request has been submitted to the City Council seeking clarification on what information would need to be submitted with any formal planning application. This suggests an early application that would pre-empt progress with the Local Plan on the grounds that the City Council cannot meet the requirement for a 5 year housing land supply.

Cllr M. Lambert proposed that the Parish Council makes the following response to the current consultation:

Clerk

'The site lies wholly within Aldham Parish and if developed would represent a doubling in the population of the village. The linear extension of Eight Ash Green would create an unbalanced form of development and result in the virtual merging of the two villages. If there is to be further development in Eight Ash Green then other sites closer to the centre of the village should be considered first. Furthermore, this site forms one of a number of potential housing sites proposed in the emerging Local Plan Review in the villages west of Colchester, which cumulatively would more than double the existing population over 15 years. A piecemeal approach to these sites will prevent proper assessment of what social and physical infrastructure is required to cope with the impact of development on this scale. For these reasons the consultation, and any application on this site prior to progress with the Local Plan Review, must be premature, and these considerations should outweigh any alleged shortfall in housing land supply' Clir A. D'Angibau seconded. All Agreed

250655 - Rose Cottage Halstead Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3PP

Proposed side and rear extension with entrance porch. Resubmission of 230662.

RESOLVED: No objections to this planning application

087/2025 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham

250272 - Church House Farm Rectory Road Aldham CO6 3RT

Replacement Windows and Doors to Dwelling. Refused

# 088/2025 Highways & Traffic Working Group

· Update on LHP submission form

Cllr M. Lambert has spoken to ECC Cllr L. Barber who has submitted it to ECC Officers and is taking this to the next LHP meeting as the April meeting was cancelled.

## 089/2025 2024/2025 Annual Return

- 1) To Receive the Internal Auditors report for 2024/2025
- Councillors noted the Internal Auditors report for 2024/2025
  - 2) To receive and sign the Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2024/2025 part 2
- Cllr M. Lambert proposed accepting and signing the Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2024/2025 part 2. Cllr B. Brown seconded. All Agreed
- The Chairman and Clerk then signed the Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2024/25 part 2
  - 3) To Receive and sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2024/2025
- Cllr M. Lambert proposed accepting and signing Section 1 Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2024/2025. Cllr T. Gearey seconded. **All Agreed**
- The Chair and Clerk then signed Section 1 Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2024/2025
  - 4) To Receive and sign Section 2 Accounting Statement of AGAR 2024/2025
- Cllr M. Lambert proposed accepting and signing Section 2 Accounting Statement of AGAR 2024/2025 Cllr R. Walker seconded. All Agreed

The Chair and RFO then signed Section 2 - Accounting Statement of AGAR 2024/2025

### 090/2025 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2025
- Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. April 2025
  - b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2025/26
- Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2025/26
- c) To approve the payment of Accounts for May 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements All Agreed

# 091/2025 To consider training opportunities available from EALC

## 092/2025 Information Exchange

Increase in signs at Mill Race – up to 10 unauthorised signs

Wash Corner is looking a lot better and thanks to Lewis Barber for getting this project completed

093/2025 Items for next agenda

Cllr A. D'Angibau gave apologies for the June meeting

094/2025 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. June 2025 at 7.30pm

**095/2025** Closure of the Meeting - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.05pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed 3<sup>rd</sup>. June 2025

Mike Lambert - Chair

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Balances are correct as of 12:40 on 29 May 2025.

<b>↓</b> Date	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
23/05/25	HMRC VTR • XKV126000102390	<b>√1,616.83</b>		y 10,196.38
07/05/25	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • CLERK PAYMENT		-492.40	8,579.55
07/05/25	B/P to: Landscape Services • INV. 3021		-303.60	9,071.95
07/05/25	B/P to: Landscape Services • INV. 3039		-303.60	9,375.55
07/05/25	B/P to: Landscape Services • INV. 3028		-303.60	9,679.15
07/05/25	B/P to: EALC • INV. 18499		➤ -172.25	9,982.75
07/05/25	B/P to: Michael Lawson • INTERNAL AUDIT		➤ -110.00	10,155.00
07/05/25	B/P to: Aldham Village Hal • APC MEETING COST		-12.00	10,265.00
30/04/25	Service Charge		-6.00	10,277.00
04/04/25	COLCHESTER CITY COUNCIL • PRECEPT	8,829.00		10,283.00
03/04/25	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • CLERK EXPENSES		-23.98	1,454.00
03/04/25	B/P to: Aldham Village Hal • APC MEETING COST		-16.00	1,477.98
03/04/25	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • CLERK PAYMENT		-492.40	1,493.98
03/04/25	B/P to: VCS Websites Ltd • INV. 1418		-233.00	1,986.38
03/04/25	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • CLERK EXPENSES		-60.62	2,219.38
03/04/25	B/P to: Landscape Services • INV. 3013		-303.60	2,280.00
03/04/25	B/P to: Millennium Field • MILLENNIUM FIELD		-300.00	2,583.60
02/04/25	Transfer to 20505569		-8,000.00	2,883.60
31/03/25	Service Charge		-6.00	10,883.60
24/03/25	ECC BACS • 10000042491	1,000.00		10,889.60
12/03/25	B/P to: Westcotec Ltd • INV. 16654		-4,783.20	9,889.60
05/03/25	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • CLERK SALARY		-492.40	14,672.80
05/03/25	B/P to: Aldham Village Hal • APC MEETING COST		-12.00	15,165.20



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Gross interest rate 2.25 % ?

Balance

Available

£ 8,000.00 £ 8,000.00

Balances are correct as of 12:39 on 29 May 2025.

<b>↓</b> Date	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
02/04/25	Transfer from 20505556	8,000.00	\J	8,000.00

APC ACTUAL AGAINST BUDGET REPORT 2025/2026									
				Total					
			1	ncome /		Left in			
		Agreed		spend to June '25		Budget as at			
		2025/26	1000			June '25			
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Income	Precept Canada		-	8,371.00					
	Other Income / Grant	916	£	458.00					
	Wayleave	0	£	-					
	Bank Interest	0	£	-					
	VAT Refund	0	£	1,616.83					
	TOTAL	17658	£	10,445.83					
Exp.									
	Salary	5609	£	1,402.20	£	4,206.80			
	Home / Office allowance	300	£	75.00	£	225.00			
	Grounds maintenance	4000	£	1,518.00	£	2,482.00			
	Playing Field Inspection	100	£	-	£	100.00			
	Street Lighting	120	£	14.57	£	105.43			
	Fees & Subscription	275	£	172.25	£	102.75			
	Stationery	80	£	50.52	£	29.48			
	Insurance	330	£	-	£	330.00			
	Village Hall Hire	250	£	40.00	£	210.00			
	Audit Fees	127	£	110.00	£	17.00			
	Courses, Books & Travelling	400	£	-	£	400.00			
	Poppy Wreath	25	£	_	£	25.00			
	Grapevine Magazine	420	£	-	£	420.00			
	Donations Other	150	£	-	£	150.00			
	Fete or Events	500	£	_	£	500.00			
	Defibrillator	200	£	_	£	200.00			
	Tree Surgery & maintenance	500	£	_	£	500.00			
	Miscellaneous	750	£	19.99	£	730.01			
	Speed Gun	100	£	-	£	100.00			
	Website	500	£	233.00	£	267.00			
	Clerk expenses	50	£	-	£	50.00			
	Contingency	1250	£	_	£	1,250.00			
	Playing Field Rent	300	£	300.00	£	_			
	Bank Charges	72	£	6.00	£	66.00			
	Speed Indicator Device	1250	£	_	£	1,250.00			
	TOTAL	17658	£	3,941.53		13,716.47			
	Outstanding VAT Claim		£	320.60	-	,			
	Total Expenditure		£	4,262.13					

	APC FINANCE JUNE 2025								
	Income: HMRC VAT Refund £1616.83p:								
		Expenditure							APC
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No.	Inv. No.	Payee		Cost		VAT		Total	No.
BACS	3061	Landscape Services - Grass cutting	£	253.00	£	50.60	£	303.60	16
BACS	May '25	Kevin B. Money - Salary	£	492.40	£	-	£	492.40	17
BACS	3051	Landscape Services - Grass cutting	£	253.00	£	50.60	£	303.60	18
BACS		Aldham Village Hall - Meeting cost	£	12.00	£	-	£	12.00	19
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