



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 1st. JULY 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 – 25th. June 2025

AGENDA

113/2025 Apologies for Absence

114/2025 Declaration of Members interests

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

115/2025 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 3rd. June 2025

116/2025 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

- Ford Street - to consider a resident's concerns

117/2025 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber)

- Planning Training from CCC

118/2025 National Grid– update from Cllr A. Scott

- To consider whether to support Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons with a donation to contest the DCO or whether APC should be represented. If former, to consider size of donation

119/2025 Gallows Green Grant Application – update from Cllr M. Lambert & Cllr B. Brown

120/2025 Public Right of Way Scheme – Cllr M. Lambert & Cllr J. Jennings

121/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

251117 - Ashington Lodge New Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3QT

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural storage building into two dwellings

Documents can be found at

<https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&ref=251117>

251155 - Ashington Lodge New Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3QT

Retention of annexe for temporary period of 3 years during construction of self-build dwelling

Documents can be found at

<https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&ref=251155>

251176 - Church House Farm Rectory Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3RT

Replacement windows at rear of property

Documents can be found at

<https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&ref=251176>

122/2025 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham

123/2025 Highways & Traffic Working Group

- Speed Indicator Device – update from Cllr T. Gearey & Cllr M. Lambert
 - 1) Councillors to review options for Shared SID and possible purchase of Wormingford's share?
- Community speed watch – Cllr T. Gearey

124/2025 Local Plan Update - Cllr M. Lambert

125/2025 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. June 2025
- b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2025/2026
- c) To approve the payment of Accounts for July 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements

126/2025 To consider training opportunities available from EALC

127/2025 Information Exchange

- a) Councillors to agree date for the remaining policies to be reviewed
- b) 2025-2026 Winter Salt Bag scheme

128/2025 Items for next agenda

129/2025 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 2nd. September 2025 at 7.30pm

130/2025 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 Annual meeting held on Tuesday 3 rd . June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham	Action
<p>Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Brenda Brown, Tony Gearey, J. Jennings, Adam Scott, Roger Walker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 5 members of the public.</p> <p>096/2025 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Andrew D'Angibau</p> <p>097/2025 Declaration of Members interests To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda None declared</p> <p>098/2025 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 6th. May 2025 All Agreed It was noted that the Chair had contacted First Bus regarding recent changes to timetable with little success. It would seem no consultation is required. However, a bus survey is now under way and all encouraged to participate. (see Grapevine and PC noticeboard) It was noted that hedging along Tey Road had been cut back</p> <p>099/2025 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) National Grid going for Development Consent Order over the summer hence Essex& Suffolk Pylon campaign are seeking funds to fight this application (in the region of £100,000 is required across the whole length of the pylons). Soil and environmental issues will require input from consultants, in addition to legal representation. Hedge requires cutting back a little more from footway at 10 Oaktree Cottages</p> <p>100/2025 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) No reports were given</p> <p>101/2025 National Grid– update from Cllr A. Scott The timings are very controlled once a DCO order has been submitted. All Parish and Town Councils are being approached to contribute to the extra costs to fight this application. Council to consider its position at next meeting regarding funding and representation</p> <p>102/2025 Gallows Green Grant Application – update from Cllr M. Lambert Cllr B. Brown informed the meeting that only found 2 contractors to de-silt the pond. Some of the trees are infected and a meeting this week with the tree expert. Further quotes are required before the application can be taken further.</p> <p>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 RESOLVED: The Council noted this application was to determine if the proposal qualified under Class Q of the GPDO. In the absence of any evidence in the application documents the Council requested the City Council seeks further information to demonstrate the building meets the criteria before making any decision.</p> <p>104/2025 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham Decision to refuse 250655 Rose Cottage Halstead Road noted</p>	<p></p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Next Agenda</p>

<p>105/2025 Highways & Traffic Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on LHP submission form - County Councillor Barber has advised that the LHP is has been put on hold until after devolution with no more applications being considered. The Council noted its disappointment that the work done to put the report together was not likely to be considered for at least two years • Speed Indicator Device The new sign has been erected on Brook Road and Cllr T. Gearey circulated the first data from the machine. This information is now on the website. The old SID has been examined to see if traffic data can also be taken off this device. The clerk to contact the company for further information Wormingford PC wants to sell its third of the investment in the shared SID. Wormingford has asked for £500 from each Parish Decision dependent upon Fordham's response and whether it is possible to extract data • Community speed watch – Cllr T. Gearey The have been no volunteers come forward to operate a Speedwatch team. <p>106/2025 Local Plan update The City Council's Local Plan Committee again refused to approve the Draft Plan for consultation because of the absence of any detail on infrastructure requirements. Unclear as to timetable and risk of losing sites on appeal. Cllr Lambert reported on Zoom meeting with Eight Ash Green Parish Council Chair and City Councillors regarding the Halstead Road site. Agreed that joint meeting with City Planners be arranged to discuss further. It was noted that continued use of Millennium Green Playing Field was dependent upon the outcome of the local plan. The site is not proposed for development in the draft Local Plan. There has been no further contact from the owners and the rent for 2025-2026 has been paid. Nothing has changed with ongoing use of Millennium Green.</p> <p>107/2025 Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. May 2025 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. May 2025 b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2025/2026 Councillors noted 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 All Agreed <p>108/2025 To consider training opportunities available from EALC</p> <p>109/2025 Information Exchange Playground equipment is fine and grass has been cut. The fences in the long term require attention. No update on Footpath issues 40mph Ford Street Hill speed sign has been flattened.</p> <p>110/2025 Items for next agenda</p> <p>111/2025 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 1st. July 2025 at 7.30pm</p> <p>112/2025 Closure of the Meeting - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business</p> <p>The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.25pm and thanked everyone for attending</p> <p>Signed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1st. July 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mike Lambert – Chair</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Next Agenda</p> <p>Final Review at next meeting</p> <p>Raise with ECC</p>
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For item 116/2025

Good morning Mike,

Could I report a couple of things please.

The dog excrement bin on the edge of the village green here in Ford Street has had a broken lid for a long time.

Now, with these extremes temperatures, its not pleasant walking past it as its haven for flies. Could that be sorted please.

Also one of the bollards that edge the village green has been knocked and needs replacing/re setting.

Are there any plans to clean up the bridge over the river here in Ford Street. Its in an awful mess. Think before its been a shared task with Fordham and a County Councillor or whoever.

Good to see we have the shared VAS here now in Ford Street.

Once our stint with it is over is there a schedule in place whereby we have the new SID down here on a regular basis.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Jackie

	BANK RECONCILIATION			
Financial year ending 31.03.26				
Bank Balance as at	30.04.25	31.05.25	30.06.25	31.07.25
Unity Trust Bank Current a/c	£ 10,277.00	£ 10,196.38	£ 3,057.30	
Unity Trust Bank Savings a/c	£ 8,000.00	£ 8,000.00	£ 14,000.00	
Total:	£ 18,277.00	£ 18,196.38	£ 17,057.30	
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Net Bank Balances as at	£ 18,277.00	£ 18,196.38	£ 17,057.30	
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.25	£ 10,883.60	£ 10,883.60	£ 10,883.60	
Plus Receipts	£ 8,829.00	£ 10,445.83	£ 10,445.83	
Total	£ 19,712.60	£ 21,329.43	£ 21,329.43	
Less Payments	£ 1,435.60	£ 3,133.05	£ 4,272.13	
Grand Total	£ 18,277.00	£ 18,196.38	£ 17,057.30	
Difference	£ -	-£ 0.00	£ -	
Bank Balance as at	31.08.25	30.09.25	30.10.25	30.11.25
Unity Trust Bank Current a/c				
Unity Trust Bank Savings a/c				
Total:				
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques				
Net Bank Balances as at				
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.25				
Plus Receipts				
Total				
Less Payments				
Grand Total				
Difference				
Bank Balance as at	31.12.25	31.01.26	28.02.26	31.03.26
Unity Trust Bank Current a/c				
Unity Trust Bank Savings a/c				
Total:				
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques				
Net Bank Balances as at				
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.25				
Plus Receipts				
Total				
Less Payments				
Grand Total				
Difference				



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Current T1

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Balance Available

£ 3,057.30 £ 3,057.30

Balances are correct as of 08:39 on 25 Jun 2025.

↓ Date	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
04/06/25	B/P to: Landscape Services • INV. 3061		✓ -303.60	✓ 3,057.30
04/06/25	B/P to: Kevin B. Money • CLERK PAYMENT		✓ -492.40	3,360.90
04/06/25	B/P to: Landscape Services • INV. 3051		✓ -303.60	3,853.30
04/06/25	B/P to: Aldham Village Hal • APC MEETING COST		✓ -16.00	4,156.90
04/06/25	Transfer to 20505569	✗	-6,000.00	4,172.90
31/05/25	Service Charge		✓ -6.00	10,172.90
29/05/25	B/P to: Colchester CC • INV. 20214385		-17.48	10,178.90
23/05/25	HMRC VTR • XKV126000102390	1,616.83		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



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Gross interest rate	Balance	Available
2.25 % ⓘ	£ 14,000.00	£ 14,000.00

Balances are correct as of 08:40 on 25 Jun 2025.

↓ Date	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
04/06/25	Transfer from 20505556	⌘ 6,000.00		\\14,000.00
02/04/25	Transfer from 20505556	8,000.00		8,000.00

APC ACTUAL AGAINST BUDGET REPORT 2025/2026

		Agreed 2025/26	Total Income / spend to July '25	Left in Budget as at July '25
Income	Precept	16742	£ 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	£ 1,869.60	£ 3,739.40
	Home / Office allowance	300	£ 100.00	£ 200.00
	Grounds maintenance	4000	£ 1,771.00	£ 2,229.00
	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	£ 44.00	£ 206.00
	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	£ 18.00	£ 54.00
	Speed Indicator Device	1250	£ -	£ 1,250.00
	TOTAL	17658	£ 4,702.93	£ 12,955.07
	Outstanding VAT Claim		£ 371.20	
	Total Expenditure		£ 5,074.13	

EARMARKED RESERVE ACCOUNT SUMMARY

General Reserves	£ 12,750.00	
Election Expenses	£ -	
Footpath Maintenance	£ -	
Mower Replacement	£ -	
Notice Board restoration	£ -	
Legal Fees	£ -	
Training	£ -	
Bank Interest	£ -	
SID Device	£ 1,250.00	
Total in EMR account	£ 14,000.00	

	APC FINANCE JULY 2025					
	Income:					
		Expenditure				APC Ref. No.
Chq No.	Inv. No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total	
BACS	July '25	Kevin B. Money - Salary	£ 492.40	£ -	£ 492.40	20
BACS	3067	Landscape Services - Grass cutting	£ 253.00	£ 50.60	£ 303.60	21
BACS		Aldham Village Hall - Meeting cost	TBC	£ -	£ -	22
		TOTAL:	£ 745.40	£ 50.60	£ 796.00	
		To be confirmed at meeting				