



ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 st . April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham	Action
<p>Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, Jean Jennings, Roger Walker, CCC Cllr Sara Naylor and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 4 members of the public.</p> <p>056/2025 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A. Scott</p> <p>057/2025 Declaration of Members interests To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda None Declared</p> <p>058/2025 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 4th. March 2025 All Agreed</p> <p>059/2025 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) No questions from the public</p> <p>060/2025 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) CCC Cllr Sara Naylor informed the meeting that the Local Plan is giving most concern. CCC Councillors asking for an infrastructure audit. The local plan is not just the physical location of development in the area it is more that new residents are coming to the area under false expectations about availability of doctors, schools, sewage system, hospital beds etc. Another 140 beds will be needed by year 10 of the new plan at Colchester hospital, which means a new block of 3 wards to be built. This build will take about 8 years to complete from start to finish costing £120m. This investment is needed from Government now. This may make the local plan unsustainable. West Bergholt is at capacity for sewage in the village. Colchester is a new City but still has the infrastructure of la market town. Speculative planning applications are being submitted to CCC if CCC does not have a 5-year housing supply. More infrastructure is needed to meet the Government planning plans. With the devolution there is a lot of uncertainties at CCC level.</p> <p>061/2025 Update on SID purchase – Clerk The order for the new SID has been placed and paid for. We are just waiting for delivery</p> <p>062/2025 National Grid– update from Cllr A. Scott As discussed at the Annual Parish meeting earlier</p> <p>063/2025 Gallows Green Grant Application – update from Cllr M. Lambert As discussed at the Annual Parish meeting earlier. A more detailed response from Essex Wildlife is required. Quotations required to remove the silt from pond</p> <p>064/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response No planning applications have been received</p> <p>065/2025 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham 250031 - Old Rectory Rectory Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3RR Single storey side extension to create a garden room. New entrance porch. Approve Conditional 250032 - Old Rectory Rectory Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3RR Listed building application for single storey side extension to create a garden room. New entrance porch Approve Conditional</p> <p>066/2025 Highways & Traffic Working Group • Update on LHP submission form As discussed at the Annual Parish meeting earlier</p>	<p>M. Lambert / B. Brown</p>

067/2025 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. March 2025
Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. March 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 April 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements **All Agreed**
- d) To consider moving some General money to interest earning account and establishing Earmarked Reserves
Cllr M. Lambert proposed transferring £8000 to EMR account. Cllr T. Gearey seconded. **All Agreed**

068/2025 To consider training opportunities available from EALC

Councillors have received all training events from EALC

069/2025 Information Exchange

Parking on the pavements along the local roads (Hinds Close) is difficult for residents with buggies.
Cllr T. Gearey to place a note in the Grapevine asking for residents' co-operation
Glass at the bottom of the kiosk is broken. It is safe so far.
Aldham Community volunteers' leaflet has been circulated to residents. It is for the benefit of the whole Parish. Regarding Litter picking, cleaning of signs, helping for the BBQ etc.

070/2025 Items for next agenda

Update on SID purchase
Review of Council Standing Orders and Policies

071/2025 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 6th. May 2025 at 7.30pm which is APC AGM and Full Council meeting

072/2025 Closure of the Meeting - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.25pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

Mike Lambert – Chair

6th. May 2025

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