



# ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes	Action
<p><b>Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham</b></p> <p>Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chairman), Adam Scott, Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, Jean Jennings, Adam Scott, Roger Walker, CCC Dennis Willetts, CCC Sara Naylor and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 4 members of the public.</p> <p><b>064/2024 Apologies for absence</b> None received</p> <p><b>065/2024 Declaration of Members interests</b> To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda. <b>None Declared</b></p> <p><b>066/2024 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. April 2024. All Agreed</b></p> <p><b>067/2024 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)</b> No questions were asked</p> <p><b>068/2024 Visitors Report</b> (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Report from James Ryan - <i>Colchester City Council on the National Grid proposals'</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Residents should submit their own representations to National Grid especially if pylons need to be moved</li><li>• JR had carried out various site visits along the route of the pylons, including Aldham</li><li>• Aldham pylons come close to residential homes</li><li>• Pushing for undergrounding by National Grid using new HVDC design that is less disruptive</li><li>• CCC will object to the principle of the scheme</li><li>• Next stage is a formal Development Consent Order involving highways and CPO but submitted proposal is not expected to change that much</li><li>• Conventional undergrounding is worse than overland in short term, as it decimates a wide swathe of the landscape</li><li>• Please make sure to comment on the scheme which has been submitted and not alternative schemes</li><li>• Public Exhibition next Thursday 16.05.24 2-7pm in Langham</li><li>• A 3D visual representation of the pylons can be viewed at the public consultation meeting but not available online</li><li>• It is difficult to mitigate this proposal with significant harm in all areas</li><li>• Community Benefit guidance from Government will be issued shortly</li></ul></li></ol> <p>James Ryan then took questions from Councillors and residents James Ryan then left the meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2) The Chair congratulated Cllr Willetts on his re-election – nothing further to report from City Council at this time</li></ol> <p><b>069/2024 Finance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. April 2024 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. April 2024</li><li>b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25</li><li>c) To approve the payment of Accounts for May 2024 and to agree a transfer of fund to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. <b>All Agreed</b></li></ol>	

<p><b>d) Update on changing to Internet Banking</b> The Clerk informed the meeting that he has received an email from Unity Trust Bank informing him that the account is opened. All Councillors will, in the post, receive their personal log in details to the account.</p>	
<p><b>070/2024      2023/2024 Annual Return</b> 1) To Receive the Internal Auditors report for 2023/2024 Councillors noted the Internal Auditors report for 2023/2024 Cllr M. Lambert asked the Clerk to prepare checklist of all the issues raised by the Internal Auditors' report 2023/2024 with time scale for action 2) To Receive and, if agreed, sign the Certificate of Exemption for 2023/2024 Cllr M. Lambert proposed signing the Certificate of Exemption for 2023/2024 form. Cllr A. Scott seconded. <b>All Agreed.</b> The Chair and RFO then signed the Certificate of Exemption for 2023/2024 form 3) To Receive and, if agreed, sign Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2023/2024 Cllr M. Lambert proposed signing Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2023/2024 form. Cllr A. Scott seconded. <b>All Agreed.</b> The Chair and Clerk then signed Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of AGAR 2023/2024 form 4) To Receive and, if agreed, sign Section 2 - Accounting Statement of AGAR 2023/2024 Cllr M. Lambert proposed signing Section 2 - Accounting Statement of AGAR 2023/2024 form. Cllr A. Scott seconded. <b>All Agreed.</b> The Chair and RFO then signed Section 2 - Accounting Statement of AGAR 2023/2024 Cllr R. Walker asked that "Explanation of Variances and Bank Reconciliation" is placed on the website.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>071/2024      Planning Applications.</b> No applications have been received</p>	
<p><b>072/2024      Planning Decisions affecting Aldham - None</b></p>	
<p><b>073/2024</b> To consider how best to co-ordinate the Parish Council response to the National Grid Statutory Consultation in the light of the Annual Parish Meeting, the disbanding of Aldham Against Pylons and any advice received from James Ryan at the meeting. See James Ryans report above. Key actions: Update website and add earlier report, link to maps and alternative routes Article for Grapevine Magazine Cllr Scott to take lead on updating earlier submission and consider support for the HVDC undergrounding solution. Undertake detailed analysis of harm caused along rout of pylons</p>	<p>ML/TG/AS TG/AS/ML AS ML</p>
<p><b>074/2024      Speed Indicator Device (SID) and Solar Panels on Brook Rd &amp; Ford St – update from Cllr M. Lambert</b> The SID is coordinated by Fordham Parish Council and there is a schedule of dates and Service Level Agreement covering the management, timetable and costs between Fordham, Wormingford and Aldham. The sign is due in Aldham mid-June costing approx. £132 pa. for each installation. The Clerk to liaise with Fordham Clerk to ensure the sign is in place for June</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>075/2024      To consider training opportunities available from EALC</b> EALC training bulletin circulated to Councillors</p>	
<p><b>076/2024      Information Exchange</b> Cllr T. Gearey has produced a survey from the website activities Cllr Gearey has created Monkey Survey based on questionnaire tabled at Annual Assembly</p>	

**077/2024 Items for next agenda**

Update on Pylons Consultation response

Website survey Cllr T. Gearey

Update from meeting with Fordham and Wormingford Chairs regarding SID SLA agreement

**078/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting.** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. June 2024 at

**7.30pm**

**079/2024 Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Councillors to Resolve that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during discussion of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr M. Lambert proposed to exclude the public and press from the meeting. Cllr A. Scott seconded. **All Agreed**

**080/2024 Closure of the Meeting** - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

4<sup>th</sup>. June 2024

**Mike Lambert – Chair**