



ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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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>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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