



ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes	Action
<p>Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th. June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham</p> <p>Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, Adam Scott, Roger Walker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 6 members of the public.</p> <p>081/2024 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jean Jennings</p> <p>082/2024 Declaration of Members interests To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda. None Declared</p> <p>083/2024 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 7th. May 2024. All Agreed</p> <p>084/2024 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) A resident asked whether the PC would pay to cut the verges which were impassable for pedestrians and dangerous for drivers – reference to accident last week in Tey Road. The Parish Council is not responsible for cutting the verges. It is the responsibility of Essex Highways. Cllr A. D'Angibau to contact the contractor to see why the verges have not been cut. Disabled ramp outside the bungalow requires repair as it is uneven and difficult to use. Pathways around Hardings Close also require attention. PC to raise with Colchester Borough Homes on residents behalf. The Parish Council is responsible for the seat by the war memorial. It requires further treatment Cllr R. Walker offered to refurbish the seat.</p> <p>085/2024 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) No reports were given</p> <p>086/2024 Finance a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. May 2024 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. May 2024 b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25 c) To approve the payment of Accounts for June 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. All Agreed d) Update on changing to Internet Banking. The Clerk informed the meeting that at long last the Internet Banking arrangements are now up and running.</p> <p>087/2024 Planning Applications. No applications submitted</p> <p>088/2024 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham. No decisions made</p> <p>089/2024 To receive update and preliminary conclusions on the response to National Grid Statutory Consultation and to discuss how best to finalise and to communicate key messages to Aldham residents. Deadline has been extended due to the elections. 1st. draft has been compiled and has been circulated to Councillors. Residents were encouraged to submit their personal views on the proposal. 2nd. Draft to be ready for 2nd. July meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr A. D'Angibau</p> <p>Cllr R. Walker</p> <p>Cllr A. Scott</p>

<p>090/2024 Clerk to update on cost and procedure for installing Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Aldham The Clerk has contacted Fordham Parish Council to receive the SID schedule and cost to move the equipment. Aldham is due to receive the device on 17th. June 2024 at a cost of moving the device is £61.17p +VAT. All Agreed</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>091/2024 Cllr T. Gearey bringing forward a report on the results of the Monkey Survey on Priorities that we tabled at the Annual Assembly. Cllr T. Gearey circulated the results of the issues for Aldham Parish Council. The response was 34 residents responded with 18 coming from a physical survey and 16 from a virtual survey. This can be found at Aldham Parish Council website</p>	<p>Cllr T. Gearey</p>
<p>092/2024 To approve the attached Communication Protocol as a new policy Cllr A. D’Angibau proposed adopting the Communication Protocol policy. Cllr A. Scott seconded. All Agreed</p>	
<p>093/2024 To consider training opportunities available from EALC All Councillors to receive Good Councillor Guide from the Clerk. All EALC training courses have been circulated to Councillors</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>094/2024 Information Exchange Cllr D’Angibau: The ditch on first part of New Road has been cleared but going down the hill it is still blocked and requires access from land in properties fronting New Road to avoid major tress and hedge removal. Cllr Brown: Gallows Green is the Parish Council’s responsibility and a survey of the trees, wildlife and footpath should be undertaken to enhance nature conservation. Contact RSPB/EWT Cllr Gearey: Website update – 190 new users. Most come through “Home page” first. Request on behalf of Evie Hervey for PC support to put up posters be made to say “don’t chuck it – take it home” around the village supported and PC recorded its thanks for her efforts around the village to pick up litter. Cllr Lambert reported on a meeting he and Cllr Scott had with Sandra Scott and Laura Goulding from the City Planning Dept to discuss progress and timetable for the Review of the Colchester Local Plan, and the implications for Aldham. The Preferred Options Consultation will be in Autumn this year with a Draft Plan due for publication in Spring 2025. The Plan will run to 2041 and is expected to have to allocate enough housing land to build 920 new homes a year for that period. The allocations will need to include at least 10% on small sites (less than 10). Whilst no significant expansion of the village (or Ford St) is anticipated, smaller sites may be considered. The two sites at Corvettes and Millennium Playing Field were discussed and visited by the officers without prejudice to either Council expressing any views on their respective merits at this stage. The two larger sites put forward in connection with expansion at Eight Ash Green and Marks Tey under the Call for Sites process were also discussed and APC requested full involvement in the event there was any proposed allocation. Some discussion was held on the merits of considering a Neighbourhood Plan for Aldham but agreed any decision would be premature pending the next stage of the Local Plan Review. No further update on the A12 highways.</p>	<p>Cllr B. Brown</p>
<p>095/2024 Items for next agenda Cllr T. Gearey sends his apologies Response to National Grid Statutory Consultation Update on Monkey Survey on Priorities that we tabled at the Annual Assembly - September</p>	
<p>096/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 2nd. July 2024 at 7.30pm</p>	
<p>097/2024 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 9.15pm and thanked everyone for attending</p>	
<p>Signed <i>MLambert</i> Mike Lambert - Chair</p>	<p>2nd. July 2024</p>