



ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Aldham Parish Council Annual meeting held on Tuesday 1 st . July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham	Action
Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, J. Jennings, Adam Scott, ECC Lewis Barber, CCC Sara Naylor and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 5 members of the public. 113/2025 Apologies for Absence No apologies were received 114/2025 Declaration of Members interests To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda. Cllr A. Scott declared an interest in item 121/2025 115/2025 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 3rd. June 2025 All Agreed 116/2025 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) • The Speed Camera on Ford Street reading slower than car speedometer [PC response – this is explained by car speedometers always being set slightly higher than true speed] • A number of notices in Brook Road and Gallows Green have been erected by National Grid seeking information on landownership [PC to follow up on Gallows Green] • Ford Street - to consider a resident's concerns A discussion took place regarding the points raised by the resident. These will be addressed either by the Parish Council, ECC or CCC 117/2025 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) CCC Sara Naylor updated the meeting on the Local Plan and confirmed a meeting with CCC Planners, Aldham & Eight Ash Green PCs at the end of July to discuss the Local Plan Review and the Halstead Road allocation. CALC meeting at Langham held to discuss draft implications of local plan for rural villages which was extremely well attended. Highlighted the need for an extra 100 bedspaces at the Colchester General for the future developments. The local MP also attended the meeting. Local Taxes may rise in 2027 because of changes in the way Government allocates resources across England and proposed removal of New Homes Bonus that helped fund infrastructure needed for new development ECC Lewis Barber informed the meeting about Local Reform (Devolution). Unitary Authorities hav not yet been agreed. Proposal of between 2 and 5 were discussed. Funding Social Care will still remain a problem for the new Unitaries if they are too small. Mayoral elections being held in May 2026. Ringway Jacobs contract with ECC Highways expires in 2027 but may be extended during transition to Mayoral Office • Planning Training from CCC [deferred to September meeting] 118/2025 National Grid– update from Cllr A. Scott This DCO order has not been submitted yet. The DCO may not be submitted before APC September meeting National Grid has issued three notices, to land owners and on site, to establish ownership of certain parcels, to advise landowners of minor changes to the proposals with deadline of 18th July/6th August to respond and an invitation to certain landowners to enter into early negotiations of acquisition of rights of way etc. Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk Pylons have issued advice on this (see web site) • 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. Cllr J. Jennings proposed that APC supports the Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons group. Cllr A. D'Angibau seconded. PC to consider size of donation at future meeting All Agreed	Cllr M Lambert /Clerk M. Lambert

119/2025 Gallows Green Grant Application – update from Cllr M. Lambert & Cllr B. Brown A potential contractor has been approached to clear out the pond – awaiting response. A site meeting has been arranged on 18th. July from Essex Wildlife Trust with a view to carrying out a survey to inform the Enover Grant application.	
120/2025 Public Right of Way Scheme – Cllr M. Lambert & Cllr J. Jennings Cllr J. Jennings to take this on board together with her footpath role. Footpath signs that have been knocked over or broken have been reported to Essex Footpath officer via web link	Next Meeting
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 RESOLVED: The Parish Council notes this is a resubmission following an earlier refusal. From the Planning Statement submitted with the new application there appears to be no new material evidence to support the application and the PC continues to question the eligibility of this building under Class Q of the GPDO. Furthermore, the Parish Council notes and supports the observations from a local resident dated 19th June, and in particular the statements in paras.2, 3 & 4 of that representation.	Clerk
251155 - Ashington Lodge New Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3QT Retention of annexe for temporary period of 3 years during construction of self-build dwelling RESOLVED: The Parish Council note this is a retrospective application for residential use of this building, the planning status of which is unclear. It lies outside the village development limits where new residential development is not normally permitted. It is noted the applicant contends this is for temporary occupation by a family resident whilst construction of the permitted new dwelling (22/1258) is constructed. However, the PC notes construction does not appear to have been commenced to date even though the residential use is believed to have commenced some time ago. If the City Council grant temporary permission the Parish Council suggest conditions or s106 to limit the use to one ancillary to Ashington Lodge and not for any separate residential occupation and that the use should cease upon occupation of the development permitted under 23/1258	Clerk
251176 - Church House Farm Rectory Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3RT Replacement windows at rear of property RESOLVED: Aldham Parish Council has No Objections to this planning application	Clerk
122/2025 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham	
123/2025 Highways & Traffic Working Group Speed Indicator Device – update from Cllr T. Gearey & Cllr M. Lambert Cllr T. Gearey produced a comprehensive spreadsheet for the SID in Brook Road over last six months ECC Highways to be asked to review and comment 1) Councillors to review options for Shared SID and possible purchase of Wormingford's share? Cllr A. D'Angibau proposed donating Wormingford Parish Council £500 towards buying them out of the agreement. Cllr T. Gearey seconded. All Agreed Community speed watch – Cllr T. Gearey. No update or volunteers coming forward.	Cllr L Barber Clerk
124/2025 Local Plan Update - Cllr M. Lambert Cllr M. Lambert proposing to attend the Local Plan meeting on 24th. July at 2.30pm in Aldham village hall, requested another Councillor could attend to take notes.	Cllr B Brown
125/2025 Finance a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. June 2025 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. June 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 July 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements All Agreed	
126/2025 To consider training opportunities available from EALC	

127/2025 Information Exchange Review of Policies – Meeting tba Signs around Millrace Nursery are still in situ Speed sign on Ford Street Hill to be reported to Essex Highways Gully on corner of New Road by Wick Farm have been inspected and hopefully cleared Councillors to agree date for the remaining policies to be reviewed. Cllr A. Scott to arrange a date and time 2025-2026 Winter Salt Bag scheme. Not required for this year. Cllr A. D'Angibau holding adequate supply if and when needed 128/2025 Items for next agenda Donation from APC to support the Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons group Love your Bus Grants 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 The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.10pm and thanked everyone for attending Signed <i>MLambert</i> 2nd. September 2025 Mike Lambert – Chair	Cllr A Scott Cllr J Jennings
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