



ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 nd . July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham	Action
<p>Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Jean Jennings, Adam Scott, Roger Walker, ECC Cllr L. Barber, CCC Cllr S. Naylor and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 6 members of the public.</p> <p>098/2024 Apologies for absence were received from CCC Cllr D. Willetts & Cllr T. Gearey</p> <p>099/2024 Declaration of Members interests To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda. None Declared</p> <p>100/2024 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 4th. June 2024. All Agreed</p> <p>101/2024 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) Does Aldham still have the Neighbourhood Watch scheme? Councillors thought it has been disbanded. How often are the verges to be cut by Colchester Borough Homes? CCC Cllr S. Naylor to endeavour to make contact at Colchester Borough Homes Councillor d'Angibau agreed to request to help erect Pylon signage on A1124</p> <p>102/2024 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) CCC S. Naylor – She has had a conversation with Officer at CCC as the review stage is approaching on CCC response to National Grid. James Ryan has been very proactive. 17th. July 2024 next Full Council meeting. ECC Cllr L. Barber - flooding on Brook Road has been submitted for urgent repair. ECC Social Care budget is taking a lot of money from other budgets i.e. potholes etc. Should a 40mph limit along Tey Road be considered? The scale of the challenge to change the speed limit is very high.</p> <p>103/2024 Finance a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. June 2024 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. June 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 July 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. All Agreed d) Councillors to approve a letter to Barclays Bank closing the account The RFO recommended to Councillors to sign the Barclays Bank closure form and send it Special Delivery. By doing this the account will be closed and any monies in the account be transferred to Unity Trust Bank. Cllr M. Lambert proposed and Cllr A. Scott seconded. All Agreed. The RFO then asked the Barclays Bank signatories to sign the closure form.</p> <p>104/2024 APC Policies Councillors to re-adopt the following policies: Financial Regulations: Standing Orders: Code of Conduct: Complaints procedure: Equal Opportunities Policy: Internet Banking Policy: Sent prior to the meeting. Cllr M. Lambert proposed to review and update policies and bring back to next meeting for approval. Cllr R. Walker seconded. All Agreed</p> <p>105/2024 Response to National Grid Statutory Consultation. See 108/2024 below</p>	<p>S. Naylor CBHomes A. D'Angibau</p>

106/2024 Planning Applications	Clerk to investigate
<p>241291 - Somerson House, New Road, Aldham Colchester CO6 3PN Demolition of existing dilapidated outbuildings (as approved under ref 222690 dated 19/12/22) with construction of replacement building to be used in conjunction with existing dwelling as gymnasium and workshop.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Parish Council notes the conclusions of the appeal decision last year regarding the undesirability of a separate dwelling in this location and also notes that consent has been given for the demolition of the existing building. Whilst raising no objection to the current proposals the Parish Council would wish to see planning conditions and/or a s106 undertaking that the new building remains ancillary to Somerson House and is not sold or used separately at any time in the future, on the grounds that a separate dwelling in this location would 'undermine the Council's policy of ensuring that new residential development is situated in sustainable locations' (Inspector's report para.14)</p> <p>241275 - Ashington Lodge, New Road, Aldham Colchester CO6 3QT Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwellinghouse and building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Parish Council notes the recent changes to Class Q of the GPDO, but whilst now the building itself does not need to have been used for agriculture, which it has not, it still needs to form part of an 'agricultural unit'. The applicant's agent states it does not need to form part of an agricultural holding in paragraph 1.7 in the Planning Statement, but the Parish Council believe this is incorrect. Notwithstanding reference to a registered holding there is, in the Parish Council's view, a lack of any evidence that Ashington Lodge has ever been operated as an agricultural unit and is not therefore entitled to benefit from permitted development under Class Q.</p>	
107/2024 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham	
<p>240867 - Bullbanks Farm, Halstead Road Eight Ash Green Essex CO6 3PT Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry The decision made is: Prior Approval Required (Approved)</p>	
<p>108/2024 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 and encourage as many as possible to make individual representations to make representations.</p> <p>A Draft version has been compiled. The next step is to be shared with Councillors then after local consultation to be placed on APC website and Facebook for resident consultation. Draft copy to Councillors on 4th. July back by 9th. July. To residents on 11th. July back by 19th. July. Sending to NG by 26th. July. Cllr M. Lambert proposed as the Council does not meet until September a final decision can be made electronically. Seconded by Cllr A. Scott. All Agreed</p>	
<p>109/2024 Clerk to update for moving Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Aldham The Clerk informed the meeting that the SID device has not been erected in Aldham as per agreement with other Councils. The Clerk has taken pictures of the 2 sites as Bradley from Sudbury Town Council informed the Clerk that the sites allocated are not suitable at New Road and Brook Road. The Clerk to make contact with Bradley at Sudbury Town Council to see why the sites are not suitable.</p>	Cllr J. Jennings
<p>110/2024 To consider training opportunities available from EALC All training courses have been circulated</p>	
<p>111/2024 Information Exchange Gallows Green. Mark Nowers from RSPB is willing to meet with Councillors this week to look at the site Playground slide is dirty and has been cleared. The picnic bench needs attending to. A regular inspection on a monthly basis should be undertaken. Cllr J. Jennings volunteers to carry out monthly inspections</p>	

<p>Can we get any results from the speed camera van that attends the village? When is the A12 works being completed? The 1st. weekend of September '24 National Highways informed Cllr M. Lambert. Highway verges have been cut.</p> <p>112/2024 Items for next agenda Dates for 2024 / 2025: Policies update: Review Priorities and response to Monkey Survey</p> <p>113/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 3rd. September 2024 at 7.30pm</p> <p>114/2024 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> 3rd. September 2024</p> <p>Mike Lambert - Chair</p>	
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