



ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 st . September 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham	Action
Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, Jean Jennings, Adam Scott, Roger Walker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There was also present 2 members of the public. 142/2026 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr S. Naylor, Cllr D. Willetts and CCC Cllr L. Barber 143/2026 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 the local plan. Cllr A. D'Angibau declared an interest in item 152/2026 144/2026 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 7th. July 2026 All Agreed 145/2026 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) Can the emergency plan be updated for Aldham due to the wildfires this year? The telephone box has a broken window. Can this please be repaired? The hall is being repaired so the next meeting in October can still be used Can a "Not suitable for HGV's" signage be erected to stop HGV's using a short cut through the village – especially Tey Road 146/2026 Visitors Report (ECC Sara Naylor / CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Lewis Barber) No visitor's report was given 147/2026 National Grid Consultation The DCO Examination is now closed. A decision should be made by the Secretary of State by 10th. February 2027. Cllr M. Lambert expressed a sincere thanks to Penny Lang, Caroline Homewood, Rosie Pearson and her team, and others for their efforts over the course of the Examination. Cllr M. Lambert circulated a document on the National Grid Consultation on Community Fund The Council expressed concern that no direct approach had been made to Parishes and that there was no guarantee of equitable distribution of funds to those communities directly affected. Cllr A. Scott to lead on responding to National Grid by December and identifying how best to get views from the village – open invite to November meeting? Review and update list of s106 potential projects (copy of current list to Cllr Scott) Request NG for a consultation/workshop in the village Can a hard copy of the rolling list be given to Cllr A. Scott 148/2026 Gallows Green – update on <i>Crassula helmsii</i> management No inspection possible yet, review again in November 149/2026 Millennium Field – Update on progress with new lease Cllr M. Lambert has had contact with the owners' solicitors regarding draft contract to be issued soon, but ID checks still not completed. 150/2026 Footpath and PROW update – Cllr J. Jennings Footpath 1 has become overgrown and has been reported. 30mph sign by Mill Race has broken. The footpath through Ashington Lodge has been resurfaced and with concrete and hedges and trees have been removed, changing its character 151/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response	Review Emergency Plan Cllr A. Scott Cllr M. Lambert Clerk to chase up

261470 - 4 Oak Tree Cottages Brook Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3RJ Proposed single storey rear extension RESOLVED: Aldham Parish Council has no objection to this planning application a) Local Plan Reg.19 Draft Cllr M. Lambert circulated note to Councillors prior to the meeting on the Local Plan review affecting Aldham. He also circulated a statement on behalf of the Parish council of Aldham, Chappel, Copford, Easthorpe, Eight Ash Green, Gt. Tey, Marks Tey and Wakes Colne The report can be found at Supporting documents 1st. September 2026 https://www.alldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/agendas The Reg.19 Plan has been approved and published for consultation prior to submission in December. Further report to October meeting	Clerk to send response to CCC Cllr M. Lambert
152/2026 Planning Decision/s affecting Aldham 261002 - Wick Farm New Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3QY Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for general purpose agricultural building for grain storage. Prior Approval Required (Approved) 260433 - Crapes, Rectory Road, Aldham, Colchester, CO6 3RR Listed building application for Demolition of later additions Grade II. Approve Conditional 153/2026 Highways & Transport Matters 1) SID – Cllr T. Gearey Cllr T. Gearey gave an update on the 2 SID in the village for the last 2 months. The data can be found at https://www.alldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/notices 2) Love your Bus contract with Transport Made Simple (Konnect) – update on new 83B Service An invoice to ECC has been submitted but no payment has been received. Connect has not released any marketing information. Further publicity required for new service 3) Various issues in Ford Street A resident asked the Clerk to raise some issues in Ford Street. Councillors, having received this email, prior to the meeting discussed its contents. Bollards and posts around green - A suggestion made to remove bollards and posts rather than replace as the original problem no longer exists. Reduce maintenance costs The hedge overhanging footway at the top of Ford St Hill requires cutting but this is the landowners responsibility. Owner to be approached. Landscape Services to be asked to clear overgrown verge. City Council to be requested to repair/renew dog bin at Ford St. Can the Parish Council obtain a Land Registry map to see what the Parish Council owns? 4) Response to A120 emergency diversions on 13th August As discussed under item (5) below 5) Traffic Calming Paper – Cllr M. Lambert Cllr M. Lambert circulated a report on the strategy to mitigate. The report can be found at Supporting documents 1st. September 2026 https://www.alldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/agendas All agreed, subject to inclusion of request for HGV signage	Cllr T. Gearey Cllr M. Lambert Clerk Clerk Cllr. M Lambert
154/2026 Finance a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 2026 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. August 2026 b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2026/2027 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2026/2027 c) To approve the payment of Accounts for August & September 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements All Agreed	
155/2026 Budget 2027/2028 – Councillors to put forward any items to be included in the 2027/2028 budget. The Clerk asked Councillors for any projects with costings for 2027-2028 year	
156/2026 Information Exchange Report back on visit to Eight Ash Green Village Hall. Village Hall Committee to consider further Report back on Meeting with, and action by, Colchester Borough Homes. A new manager at CBH, following her visit, has undertaken remedial works requested To note Essex Association of Local Councils' AGM on 15th September 2026 The Clerk informed the meeting that he cannot attend this EALC AGM due to a prior commitment Noted Wick Farm corner has had 3 accidents recently with vehicles not negotiating the bend correctly	

National Grid are currently doing intrusive surveys in the village at pylon locations

157/2026

Items for next agenda

- Local Plan Reg.19 Consultation
- Update on National Grid Consultation
- 2027 Budget

158/2026

To confirm date and time of next meetings. Tuesday 6th. October 2026 at 7.30pm

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To note 2026 meeting dates: 03.11: 01.12.26

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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

Mike Lambert – Chair

6th. October 2026

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