



# ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> . September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham	Action
<p>Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, Jean Jennings, Adam Scott, Roger Walker, CCC Dennis Willetts and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 2 members of the public.</p> <p><b>139/2025 Apologies for Absence</b> were received from ECC Cllr L. Barber, CCC Cllr S. Naylor</p> <p><b>140/2025 Declaration of Members interests</b> To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda <b>None Declared</b></p> <p><b>141/2025 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>. July and 5<sup>th</sup>. August 2025. All Agreed</b></p> <p><b>142/2025 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)</b> Defibrillator at the village hall. Can further training be undertaken? Footpath 10 has been ploughed over. This is now accessible. National Grid application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) has been submitted on 29th August.</p> <p><b>143/2025 Visitors Report</b> (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) CCC Cllr D. Willetts informed the meeting that an FOI request had been submitted by CCC regarding an EoI to resurrect the West Tey project with the Government's New Towns Commission. CCC Councillors were not informed or consulted about this issue. If included as a potential new town this would be in addition to the housing numbers that CCC has to find. Post Meeting Note: It is understood the EoI has now been withdrawn by the City Council.</p> <p><b>144/2025 National Grid</b>– update from Cllr A. Scott The DCO process came in about 7 years ago to try and speed up infrastructure applications. The planning inspectorate has 28 days to check the application. The next stage is to appoint an examiner. The other groups (including Parish councils) can then make representation. Nothing substantial has changed from the plans previously consulted upon. The decision, in principle, has been agreed by Councillors to support the Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons Campaign Group to represent the objections of Aldham Parish, subject to receiving satisfactory details of their constitution. Cllr M. Lambert asked about how much money to be added to the Ear Marked Reserve account further to this scheme. A figure of £850 up to a maximum of £5850 spread over a 2-year period. Cllr T. Gearey proposed this scheme and Cllr A. Scott seconded. <b>All Agreed</b></p> <p><b>145/2025 Gallows Green Grant Application</b> – update from Cllr M. Lambert &amp; Cllr B. Brown Councillors discussed the report from Essex Ecology with costings a) which can be found at <a href="https://www.aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/notices">https://www.aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/notices</a> Cllr B. Brown proposed applying for a grant to Enovert to cover the cost of Preliminary Ecological Survey (PES) plus additional costs, including an estimate for clearing and dredging the pond. Cllr M. Lambert seconded. <b>All Agreed</b></p> <p><b>146/2025 Estimate for tree work at Gallows Green</b> The Clerk circulated the estimate number 803 for £600.00 + VAT = £720.00p Cllr A. d'Angibau proposed to accept this estimate of £600.00p +VAT. Cllr T. Gearey seconded. <b>All Agreed</b> Cllr B. Brown to contact C J Wynn to give him the go-ahead.</p> <p><b>147/2025 Footpath and PROW update</b> – Cllr J. Jennings Footpaths generally are in a good state except footpath 5 and 7 All broken footpath street signs have been reported to Essex Highways</p>	<p></p> <p><b>B. Brown</b></p> <p><b>B. Brown</b></p> <p><b>J. Jennings</b></p>

<p><b>148/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response</b> No planning applications have been received affecting Aldham</p>	
<p><b>149/2025 Planning Decision/s affecting Aldham</b></p> <p><b>251407</b> - Somerson House New Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3PN Demolition of existing outbuildings (part renewal of approval ref 222690 dated 19 Dec 2022) <b>Approve Conditional</b> – See decision notice at <a href="https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&amp;ref=251407">https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&amp;ref=251407</a></p> <p><b>251155</b> - Ashington Lodge New Road, Aldham Colchester CO6 3QT Retention of annexe for temporary period of 3 years during construction of self-build dwelling <b>Approve Conditional</b> – See decision notice at <a href="https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&amp;ref=251155">https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&amp;ref=251155</a></p>	
<p><b>150/2025 Highways &amp; Traffic Working Group</b></p> <p>1) Speed Indicator Device – update from Cllr T. Gearey Cllr T. Gearey informed the meeting of the speed data from both VAS. See website at <a href="https://www.alldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/notices">https://www.alldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/notices</a></p> <p>2) Love your Bus Grants – Cllr M. Lambert Cllr M. Lambert circulated a report and will attend the next meeting</p> <p>3) Response to Consultation on Bus Services and Transport Plan Cllr M. Lambert circulated a report which can be found at <a href="https://www.alldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/notices">https://www.alldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/notices</a> for the Consultation on Bus Services and Transport Plan report Cllr A. Scott raised an additional issue to be raised in the response to ECC</p>	Cllr A Scott to forward Note
<p><b>151/2025 Local Plan Update</b> - Cllr M. Lambert Local Plan committee meeting in October has been cancelled.</p>	
<p><b>152/2025 s106 monies update</b></p> <p>a) Discussion and decision on any items we wish to ask to be included in s106 Heads of Terms for 251310 (Richborough Estates) on without prejudice basis Cllr M. Lambert circulated a report which can be found at <a href="https://www.alldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/notices">https://www.alldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/notices</a> for the s106 monies report It was agreed that the priority for the village would be the acquisition and re-equipping of a playing field/ground and the provision of a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists to Marks Tey.</p>	Cllr M Lambert
<p><b>153/2025 Assets in Aldham to be transferred to Aldham Parish Council</b> – update Clerk No further update has been received from CCC in response to the email sent to CCC by the Clerk</p>	Clerk to follow up
<p><b>154/2025 Finance</b></p> <p>a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. August 2025 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31<sup>st</sup>. August 2025</p> <p>b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2025/2026 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2025/2026</p> <p>c) To approve the payment of Accounts for September 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. <b>All Agreed</b></p>	
<p><b>155/2025 2026-2027 Budget</b> – Councillors to submit proposals for the draft 2026-2027 budget Councillors were asked to consider project, with costings, for 2026-2027 financial year.</p>	All
<p><b>156/2025 To consider training opportunities available from EALC</b> Councillors have received all training courses from EALC</p>	
<p><b>157/2025 Information Exchange</b> Bollard in Ford Street requires action from Essex Highways. Hardings close hedge is getting too large. Convene meeting to update Council policies/procedures as necessary</p>	Cllr A Scott
<p><b>158/2025 Items for next agenda</b></p>	
<p><b>159/2025 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. October 2025 at 7.30pm</b></p>	

**160/2025      Closure of the Meeting** - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.25pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

**Mike Lambert – Chair**

7<sup>th</sup>. October 2025

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