ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th. November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham	**Action**
Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Jean Jennings, Adam Scott, Roger Walker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 2 members of the public. **180/2026 Apologies for Absence** were received from ECC Cllr S. Naylor, CCC Dennis Willetts and Cllr Tony Gearey **181/2026 Declaration of Members interests** To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda **None Declared** **182/2026 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 6th. October 2026 All Agreed** **183/2026 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)** A car is parked on the green in a dangerous position. The Clerk to ask the owner to have the car removed. Parking in Hardings Close is becoming problematic with non-residents parking on the highway making it difficult for existing residents to manoeuvre and park. The Parish Council asks all residents to be considerate of others, particularly those not living in Hardings Close, to minimise problems. **184/2026 Visitors Report** (ECC Sara Naylor / CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Lewis Barber) ECC Cllr S. Naylor submitted a report prior to the meeting which was circulated to Councillors and will be placed on the Parish council website at https://www.aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/agendas **185/2026 National Grid update** **a) Projects list for NG/s106 –** Cllr A. Scott The Inspectors have completed their report and it was submitted to the Secretary of State on 10.11.26.The decision will be made within 3 months. NG are still accelerating the bore holes and digging trial pits with trenches being constructed along the route. Cllr A. Scott circulated a note on the projects that might be eligible for the Community Fund. The consultation regarding benefits represents £200,000 per pylon (£30m) proposes a pot for local villages affected by the pylons with lasting benefits. The money must be spent within 15 years. Cllr A. Scott produced a list of rolling items of priorities i.e. green spaces / environment / biodiversity, leisure and wellbeing, skills and education, Highways and Transport, Community buildings. A meeting has been arranged with NG. The next steps are to improve the list above, engaging with NG and engaging with residents. **186/2026 Gallows Green** – Update on *Crassula helmsii* management This issue of the invasive weed still requires addressing. Initial steps to treat identified areas to be undertaken over the winter and reviewed in Spring 27 Wider issue of future management still needs to be addressed and brambles require clearing. Further discussion at next meeting required. **187/2026 Millennium Field** – Update on progress with new lease The plan has been accepted by the solicitor. The draft lease is the next step. **188/2026 Footpath and PROW update** – Cllr J. Jennings. No update / issues on footpaths.	**Clerk**

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189/2026 **Planning** – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

261587 - Land at New Road Aldham
Permission in principle for up to 9 dwellings.
Due to planning time constraints, the following planning response was sent to CCC planning department on 23.10.26 under delegated powers. To see the response go to
https://d0cs.colchester.gov.uk/Publisher/mvc/listDocuments?identifier=DC&ref=261587

261826 - Pippins Green Lane Aldham Colchester CO6 3PR
Extensions to dwelling, following partial removal of existing rear extension, and loft conversion.
RESOLVED: Aldham Parish Council has no objection in principle to a substantial extension and improvement to Pippins and acknowledges the site is well screened. However, the current application appears to be somewhat of a compromise following the previous application for a replacement dwelling. The resultant large flat roof dormer across the whole building at first floor level appear overly dominant in this semi rural setting and the Parish Council request further consideration be given to design, materials and colours to mitigate the potential impact

261872 - Somerson House New Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3PN
New outbuilding incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse at Somerson House
RESOLVED: Aldham Parish Council has no objections to this application – subject to conditions ensuring the building is only used for domestic purposes ancillary to, and incidental to, the enjoyment of Somerson House as a single residential dwelling.

Cllr M. Lambert

261926 - 21 Hines Close Aldham Colchester CO6 3RL
Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of a new storey rear extension and part two storey, part single storey side extension. Infill front extension and replacement of existing flat roof with a new pitched roof.
RESOLVED: Aldham Parish Council has no objections to this application

190/2026 **Planning Decision/s affecting Aldham**

261650 - Threshers Ford Street Aldham Colchester CO6 3PH
Remove existing orangery. New canopy to back snug door. New door and frame. Lime render walls
Approve Conditional

PP32a Land south of Halstead Road, Eight Ash Green – Cllr M. Lambert
To consider response to Pre-App Consultation by Bloor Homes for 250 new homes
Cllr M. Lambert circulated a [plan of the proposed site which Councillors then discussed. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council makes representations urging the developer to work with the City Council and ECC Highways to create a single access to serve both residential and commercial development south of Halstead Road and combine it with John Flower Avenue to form a roundabout, with safe pedestrian/cycle crossings and bus stops to improve flows, whilst reducing traffic speeds and improve safety. The existing 30mph limit should be extended westwards towards the top of Ford St Hill and consideration given to extending it further to the bottom and removing the short section of 40mph limit, as has been urged by residents living along Halstead Road.

191/2026 **Highways & Transport Matters**

1) SID – Cllr T. Gearey. No report was given

2) Love your Bus contract with Transport Made Simple (Konnect) – update on new 83A Service
Further to communication with connect Transport Cllr M. Lambert proposed paying the £50,000 grant from ECC to Connect Transport. Cllr B. Brown seconded. **All Agreed**
The contract is being extended by a month.

3) Speed/Noise through the village arising from Mill Race Moto Café – update Cllr M. Lambert
Councillors considered a Statement for publication on the website setting out action taken following concerns raised at the last meeting about traffic, noise and general disturbacnce arising from customers using the new café. **All Agreed**

4) Community Speedwatch update – Cllr T. Gearey No report was given

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192/2026 Finance

a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. October 2026

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b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2026/2027

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c) To approve the payment of Accounts for November 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements **All Agreed**

193/2026 Budget 2027/2028 – Councillors discussed the draft 2027/2028 budget

194/2026 Information Exchange

Ford Street bollards to be removed: Verges to be maintained:

195/2026 Items for next agenda

196/2026 To confirm date and time of next meetings. Tuesday 1st. December 2026 at 7.30pm

197/2026 To note 2027 meeting dates: 05.01: 02.02: 02.03: 06.04: 04.05: 01.06: 06.07: 07.09: 05.10: 09.11: 07.12.27

198/2026 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 1st. December 2026

M. Lambert - Chair

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