

## ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> . November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham		
Present: Cllrs Roger Walker,	Mike Lambert (Chair), Adam Scott (Vice-Chair), Brenda Brown, Jean Jennings, CCC S. Naylor and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). so present 5 members of the public.	
<b>164/2024</b> Barber	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A. D'Angibau, T. Gearey, ECC L.	
165/2024 To declare any agenda. None	Declaration of Members interests / Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the Declared	
166/2024 All Agreed	To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> . October 2024	
on opposite sid	Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) the corner at Green Lane requires cutting back together with repairs to large pot hole de (entrance to Pumpkin Patch). ds are getting out of control at number 10 Hardings Close. Can CBH deal with this	
There is also a	an accumulation of black bags deposited outside number 12 Hardings Close. Cllr M. ntact CBH to rectify the problems	CIIr M. Lambert
CCC S. Naylor black bins and CCC are in the With the River	Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) r spoke about the decision to introduce wheelie bins to all residents of Colchester for recycling with a few exceptions. e process of setting its budget for 2025-2026. hall incinerator coming on stream will this affect Colchester's approach to recycling r S. Naylor will report back on this issue.	Clir S. Naylor
	<b>Speed indicator Device for Brook Road - update</b> been extended to take the new SID device with thanks to Councillor A d'Angibau. hake contact to liaise with Sudbury TC wardens to ensure it is in place in December	
National Grid a Order at some	<b>National Grid</b> – update from Cllr A. Scott are working to a process that will result in them submiting their Development Consent point in 2025. There are new MP's along the route in East Anglia and the clearly supporting the principle of pylons but the campaign of lobbying for a different ues.	
free to the PC I met with Ben the land for a o I contacted Ra drew up a plar from the car pa maintenance. I had already ba access from T I have had disc he has someo	<b>Dog Exercise Area</b> – Cllr R. Walker made the following report to the Council: eting 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 Minutes Item 23/53, Ben Hughes of Corvettes offered for land behind the village hall for a playground area. This was not accepted by the PC. on site last month and he confirmed by email that he was "happy to gift to the parish dog walking/child play area". He attached a survey he had done last September. y Pratt of the village hall committee and he was enthusiastic about the proposal. I n for him to present to his committee next week, where I requested occasional access ark into the proposed dog park for plant and machinery for development and been advised the pedestrian access would not be allowed hence the proposed ey Road. cussions with Cllr. Lewis Barber about a lawyer to handle the transfer of the land and ne in mind. He is also looking into funding by the Essex Association of Local Councils Prosperity Fund.	

I have asked Kevin to see if our current Public Liability insurance for the playing field would also			
cover the dog park. I have been in touch with the Rural Community Council of Essex regarding funding. Our PC used to			
be a member but had lapsed. The fee is £79.80 per year incl. VAT.			
I received an email from Danielle Frost of the RCCE with solid information on ways to proceed with			
setup of the project and ways to proceed with funding from the Forestry Commission and the Essex Forrest Initiative. She also suggested a conversation with Tom Moat from Essex County Council as			
she rates his knowledge highly.			
I have spoken to Chris Wynn, the tree surgeon, and he will inspect the site and advise which trees			
are dead or dying and need removal. The trees within range of the village hall will need to be			
topped. Kevin has advised that he is able to keep project funding as a separate spreadsheet item and so			
manage income and expenditure.			
I propose that the villagers contribute funds and labour to the project as funding charities like to see			
local participation. Locals I have spoken to are enthusiastic.			
I calculate that an initial £3000 to £5000 will get the project up and running with the work spread			
over a year or more. Work such as re-fencing, tree maintenance, nesting boxes, etc. will come in time. I have prepared an entry into the Aldham Grapevine outlining my proposal and linking to a			
YouTube video ( <u>https://youtu.be/d6jxh4FBnzQ</u> )showing the plans and photos of the site as			
existing. Publishing the article will depend on the reception I get from this meeting.			
I think it will be a great asset to the village and recommend that we go ahead with the project."			
The Chair, thanked Cllr R. Walker for his efforts in putting together this report. Whilst the Parish	Cllr R.		
Council did not consider it was in a position to make a decision at this stage it was agreed that Clir			
<ul> <li>R. Walker should place an article in the Grapevine to gauge the interest in pursuing this project</li> <li><b>172/2024</b> Planning Applications. No planning applications received affecting Aldham</li> </ul>			
173/2024 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham			
241684 & 241685 - Old Queens Head Ford Street Aldham CO6 3PH Two additional roof windows - Approve Conditional			
241778 - Somerson House, New Road, Aldham Colchester CO6 3PN			
Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission for 241291 Approve Conditional			
174/2024 Update on Key Priorities for 2024/25: Housing, Millennium Playing Field,			
Gallows Green and FP/cycleway link to Marks Tey	CIIr M		
Local Flan. Coo have delayed the process due to NFFT being reviewed. A femole meeting to			
update Parishes will take place in December. Gallows Green: Cllr M Lambert to contact EWT. Cllr A. Scott to contact Woodland Trust	CIIr A.		
175/2024 Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Cllr M. Lambert	Scott		
Councillors noted the report circulated by Clir M. Lambert			
176/2024 Highways & Traffic Working Group			
To consider the following recommendations of the Working Group			
i. that the Local Highways Panel (LHP) be asked to be consider the merits of a using a mini			
roundabout at the junction of Tey Road, Green Lane, Brook Road and New Road, and at the junction of the A1124 and Green Lane,			
ii. that the PC agree to purchase a permanent solar powered Speed Indicator Device (SID) with			
Thank you/Slow Down legend for Brook Road, including dual colour display and Data Collection			
Unit at a total cost of £5241 + VAT and make provision for this in the 2025/26 Budget,			
NB: Councillor Barber has indicated the potential for a contribution towards the cost of up to £2400			
from the City Councillors' Locality Budget. Further funding from ECC and s106 funds to be			
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Signed <i>MLambert</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> . December 2024 Mike Lambert – Chair			
The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.05pm and thanked everyone for attending			
<ul> <li>7.30pm</li> <li>183/2024 Closure of the Meeting - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business</li> </ul>			
182/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> . December 2024 at			
181/2024Items for next agendaDog Exercise Area – update: 2025-2026 budget	Lambert		
180/2024Information ExchangeCllr A. Scott to lay the wreath at Remembrance Day ServiceRequest for 80L black bags for dog waste bin on Millennium Playing FieldFootpaths signs have been risked assessed and will be repaired soonJoint Parishes Working Group on traffic issues– Request to join the group.All Agreed Clir M. Lambert to be APC representative			
<b>179/2024</b> To consider training opportunities available from EALC Cllr A. Scott went to Stanway Parish Council on Councillor refresher course.			
<b>178/2024</b> Budget 2025/2026 - Councillors to discuss draft budget for 2025-2026 Councillors discussed the draft budget for 2025/2026			
<ul> <li>177/2024 Finance <ul> <li>To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. October 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. October 2024 <ul> <li>To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25</li> </ul> </li> <li>Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25 <ul> <li>To approve the payment of Accounts for November 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. All Agreed <ul> <li>To appoint Mr. M. Lawson as Internal Auditor for 2024-2025 year</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cllr M. Lambert proposed instructing Mr. M. Lawson to act as internal auditor for 2024/2025 year Cllr A. Scott seconded. All Agreed</li> </ul></li></ul>			
<ul> <li>iv. that notwithstanding current ECC policy the PC seek support from the LHP for the introduction of 40mph limits on all or part of Brook Road and Tey Road, and an extension of the 30mph limit on Ford St Hill to replace current advisory limit,</li> <li>v. that the PC seek support from LHP for the introduction of Quiet Road status for Rectory Road to assist in slowing traffic and discouraging rat running/short cuts,</li> <li>vi. the PC continues to lobby National Highways to take action at the A12/A120 junction at Marks Tey to reduce queuing and consequential rat running through Gt Tey and Aldham villages,</li> <li>All Agreed. Next Meeting of Working Group: 25<sup>th</sup>. November 2024</li> </ul>			