



ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 th . November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham	Action
<p>Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Adam Scott (Vice-Chair), Brenda Brown, Jean Jennings, Roger Walker, CCC S. Naylor and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 5 members of the public.</p> <p>164/2024 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A. D'Angibau, T. Gearey, ECC L. Barber</p> <p>165/2024 Declaration of Members interests To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda. None Declared</p> <p>166/2024 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 1st. October 2024 All Agreed</p> <p>167/2024 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) The hedge on the corner at Green Lane requires cutting back together with repairs to large pot hole on opposite side (entrance to Pumpkin Patch). Moss and weeds are getting out of control at number 10 Hardings Close. Can CBH deal with this issue? There is also an accumulation of black bags deposited outside number 12 Hardings Close. Cllr M. Lambert to contact CBH to rectify the problems</p> <p>168/2024 Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) CCC S. Naylor spoke about the decision to introduce wheelie bins to all residents of Colchester for black bins and recycling with a few exceptions. CCC are in the process of setting its budget for 2025-2026. With the Rivenhall incinerator coming on stream will this affect Colchester's approach to recycling and waste. Cllr S. Naylor will report back on this issue.</p> <p>169/2024 Speed indicator Device for Brook Road - update The pole has been extended to take the new SID device with thanks to Councillor A d'Angibau. The Clerk to make contact to liaise with Sudbury TC wardens to ensure it is in place in December</p> <p>170/2024 National Grid– update from Cllr A. Scott National Grid are working to a process that will result in them submitting their Development Consent Order at some point in 2025. There are new MP's along the route in East Anglia and the Government is clearly supporting the principle of pylons but the campaign of lobbying for a different solution continues.</p> <p>171/2024 Dog Exercise Area – Cllr R. Walker made the following report to the Council: “At the PC meeting 5th September 2023 Minutes Item 23/53, Ben Hughes of Corvettes offered for free to the PC land behind the village hall for a playground area. This was not accepted by the PC. I met with Ben on site last month and he confirmed by email that he was “happy to gift to the parish the land for a dog walking/child play area”. He attached a survey he had done last September. I contacted Ray Pratt of the village hall committee and he was enthusiastic about the proposal. I drew up a plan for him to present to his committee next week, where I requested occasional access from the car park into the proposed dog park for plant and machinery for development and maintenance. I had already been advised the pedestrian access would not be allowed hence the proposed access from Tey Road. I have had discussions with Cllr. Lewis Barber about a lawyer to handle the transfer of the land and he has someone in mind. He is also looking into funding by the Essex Association of Local Councils and the Rural Prosperity Fund.</p>	<p>Cllr M. Lambert</p> <p>Cllr S. Naylor</p>

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,
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,
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,
All Agreed. Next Meeting of Working Group: 25th. November 2024

177/2024 Finance

- To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. October 2024

Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. October 2024

- To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25

- 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**
- To appoint Mr. M. Lawson as Internal Auditor for 2024-2025 year

Cllr M. Lambert proposed instructing Mr. M. Lawson to act as internal auditor for 2024/2025 year
Cllr A. Scott seconded. **All Agreed**

178/2024 Budget 2025/2026 - Councillors to discuss draft budget for 2025-2026

Councillors discussed the draft budget for 2025/2026

179/2024 To consider training opportunities available from EALC

Cllr A. Scott went to Stanway Parish Council on Councillor refresher course.

180/2024 Information Exchange

Cllr A. Scott to lay the wreath at Remembrance Day Service
Request for 80L black bags for dog waste bin on Millennium Playing Field
Footpaths signs have been risked assessed and will be repaired soon
Joint Parishes Working Group on traffic issues– Request to join the group.
All Agreed Cllr M. Lambert to be APC representative

181/2024 Items for next agenda

Dog Exercise Area – update: 2025-2026 budget

182/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 3rd. December 2024 at 7.30pm

183/2024 Closure of the Meeting - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.05pm and thanked everyone for attending

**Cllr M
Lambert**

Signed

M Lambert

Mike Lambert – Chair

3rd. December 2024