

ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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		Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 rd . December 2024 at le Village Hall at Aldham	Action
	Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chair), Adam Scott (Vice-Chair), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, Jean Jennings, Roger Walker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 5 members of the public.		
	184/2024	Apologies for absence No apologies were received	
	agenda	Declaration of Members interests y Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the eclared a Pecuniary Interest in item 192/2024. Cllr M. Lambert declared a	
	non- Pecuniary interest in item 192/2024 and will leave the meeting at this item		
	186/2024 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 5 th . November 2024. All Agreed		
	187/2024 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) The bus service in the village is now very limited. Can ECC be lobbied for an improvement? Deadly nightshade around the garages. An email was sent to Colchester Homes by Cllr M. Lambert but no response has been received.		
	188/2024 No reports we	Visitors Report (CCC Dennis Willetts / CCC Sara Naylor / ECC Lewis Barber) re given	
	 189/2024 Speed indicator Device for Brook Road a) Email from Sudbury Town Council - Due to resourcing issues, we will no longer be able supply the SLA/SIDs service to parishes outside Sudbury and therefore we will cease to provide any serv from 31st March 2025. Councillors to discuss way forward b) The Clerk to chase the December movement going to Brook Road 		Clerk
	190/2024 Nothing new f group of new Suffolk and Noon APC websi	National Grid— update from Cllr A. Scott or Aldham but MP B. Jenkin called a debate in Westminster Hall which confirmed a MPs were totally unaware of the impact on the pylons affecting East Anglia. Essex, or folk group have produced a report entitled Leaders not Laggards. Copy to be posted	Clerk
	The Council to	write to Bernard Jenkin and Rosie Pearson thanking them for their support.	Scott
	191/2024 Dog Exercise Area – update on consultation from Cllr R. Walker The result of the survey 60% in favour with 40% against having 42 responses. Cllr R. Walker has renamed it as Ben's Walk as a working title.		
	Councillors discussed the survey results and way forward. What are the ongoing costs? Access over the ditch onto Tye Road will need to be considered for safety reasons and future of Millennium Playing Field.		
		be added to the rolling list under Key Priorities for 2024/25 as it will give the Council consider the full cost and impact on the village. Of the dog owners only 50% responded	
	Cllr M. Lambe the meeting	rt handed the Chair over to Cllr A. D'Angibau. Cllr M. Lambert and Cllr A. Scott then left	

192/2024 Planning Applications

241769 - Moon Acre Rectory Road Aldham

Creation of a hobby farm and limited amenity use on agricultural land together with a vehicle hard standing area, the erection of a timber fence and an agricultural hay barn, hedgerow replanted, installation of private sewage treatment plant, and the use of a small touring caravan on site under the '60 day permitted rights' rule

An amendment has been made to the description of development for the above planning application **RESOLVED**: Aldham Parish Council has no further comments to add to our original planning objections. **All Agreed**

Cllr M. Lambert and Cllr A. Scott then rejoined the meeting and Cllr M. Lambert resumed the Chair

193/2024 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham No decisions have been made affecting Aldham

194/2024 Update on Key Priorities for 2024/25: Housing, Millennium Playing Field, Gallows Green and FP/cvcleway link to Marks Tev

Essex Wildlife Trust – Community Ranger attending with brush cutter and working party to clear area of knapweed and brambles on Green Lane frontage

Woodland trust to come along to speak. Unfortunately, this contact is no longer available

195/2024 Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Cllr M. Lambert

No further update at this meeting

196/2024 Highways & Traffic Working Group

 To consider any update/recommendations from the Working Group meeting on 25th November

Recommendations from last Working Group

The meeting focused on how best to take forward the recommendations in light of ECC Highways advice

Lewis Barber reported on initial unfavorable response from ECC Liaison Officer John Simmons on the proposal to put in mini roundabouts at junction of A1124 and Green Lane and at Village Hall/Church Crossroads.

Meeting noted that traffic data was historic and needed updating.

Lewis Barber /Sara Naylor advised that they would hope to be able to secure up to 50 % of the permanent SID (i.e. £2600) from the City Councillors Locality Budget and from Lewis Barber's ECC Budget

Way Forward

Lewis Barber / Sara Naylor recommended that Aldham Parish Council put together a strategy to promote highway safety in Aldham based on the Recommendations that could be submitted to the Local Highways Panel, County Councillor Tom Cunningham (Cabinet Member for Highways). This should be supported by any evidence available from local residents (e.g. Photos of congestion) and reporting any incidents of careless/dangerous driving in the village to Safer Essex Roads Partnerships - https://saferessexroads.org/extra-eyes/

197/2024 Finance

- **a)** To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. November 2024 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30th. November 2024
- **b)** To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25
- Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2024/25
- c) To approve the payment of Accounts for December 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

198/2024 Budget 2025/2026 - Councillors to discuss draft budget for 2025-2026

Councillors discussed the 2025-2026 budget but are awaiting the Tax Base figure from CCC before finalising the budget. This item will be finalised at the January 2025 meeting

199/2024 To consider training opportunities available from EALC

All Councillors have been informed of EALC training courses

200/2024 Information Exchange

- a) Are the proposed boundary changes to Essex local authorities affecting Aldham Parish? Not to any Councillors knowledge
- b) Meeting with Essex Flood officer regarding Ford Street Hill and Somerson House where the gullies are to be jetted through. However, the funding may be cut and concerns raised about dangerous flooding on bend at Wick Farm/Mill Race Nursery.
- c) Started work on new level crossing gates and light controls for pedestrians
- d) The website is having over 50 views per day.

201/2024 Items for next agenda

202/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 7th. January 2025 at 7.30pm

203/2024 Closure of the Meeting - To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.55pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed *M_Lambert* 7th. January 2025

Mike Lambert - Chair