



## **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/cycleway link to Marks Tey**

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. November 2024  
Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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

*MLambert*

**Mike Lambert – Chair**

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