

# *Aldham Parish Council*

## Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 6.30 P.M in Aldham Village Hall, Small Room

**Present:** Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall, Cllr Ann Honeyball, Cllr John D'Angibau, Cllr Clive Bainbridge, Cllrs Adam Scott & Cllr Barry Webber.  
The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw, CBC Lewis Barber and 9 residents.

**19/01 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from CBC Brian Jarvis.

**19/02 Declaration of Members interests**

None

**19/03 Public Open Forum** (Maximum 15 minutes)

A resident asked if the dog poo bin at the village hall could be lowered in height. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Colchester Borough Council to see if this was possible.

A resident asked if the Millennium playing field could be used for car parking for the Aldham Open gardens event on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The resident will contact the owner for permission.

**19/04 To approve the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting dated 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved.  
Minutes signed by the Chairman

**19/05 Visitors Report** (Brian Jarvis/Dennis Willetts/Lewis Barber)

None

**19/06 Clerk's Report**

None

**19/07 Finance**

To approve payments for signature in accordance with the 2019/2020 Budget and to receive financial report as of today's date

The following payments were approved:

Parish Clerk Salary	£433.12
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
HMRC	£108.40
World War 1 Event	£189.60
World War 1 Event	£100.00
Colchester Borough Council - Streets	£11.52

**19/08 Planning/Housing**

08.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

None

08.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting

**182576 – Clearview, Rectory Road, Aldham, CO6 3RR** – Removal of static caravans and replacement with 1 detached dwelling  
**Comments:** The Parish Council would object to this planning application for the following reasons: (1) Planning Application is outside the village envelope (2) Applicant has moved property boundary onto grass verge (creep).  
The Parish Council is also concerned that they would be required to provide another traveller site as a result of this application.

**\*\*Decision now made: Approve Conditional\*\***

**182640/182641 – The Former Queens Head, Ford Street, Aldham, CO6 3PH**  
– Change of use of former public house to residential building  
**Comments:** No Objections

**182780 – 7 Oak Tree Cottages, Brook Road** – Replacement of existing polycarbonate conservatory roof and existing timber windows with new insulated flat roof and new uPVC windows.  
**Comments:** No Objections

**182781 – Honeysuckle Cottage, Halstead Road, Aldham, CO6 3PP** – Proposed single storey porch extension and first floor rear extension including internal alterations.  
**Comments:** The Parish Council would support this application on the condition that planning application 182534 was withdrawn. The Parish Council thinks this is a small site and only one of the two planning applications should be accepted (not both).

**182824 – Aldham Hall Farm, Brook Farm, Aldham, CO6 3RW** – Prior notification to convert domestic agricultural barn into two dwellings with associated internal and external alterations, and change of use associated land to domestic garden.  
**Comments:** No Objections

#### 08.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

**182161 – Motts Cottage, Rectory Road, Aldham, CO6 3RR** – Planning and Listed Building Consent application for internal alterations, removal and replacement of modern staircase in Oak, replacement of existing softwood windows with oak windows with slim profile IGU's and the insertion of a window.  
**Comments:** No Objections **Decision:** Approve Conditional

**182348 – Kingsdown, Green Lane, Aldham, CO6 3PR** – Proposed cart lodge and garage conversion.  
**Comments:** Object on grounds of over development of site  
**Decision:** Approve Conditional

**182534 – Honeysuckle Cottage, Halstead Road, Aldham, CO6 3PP** – Outline application: Proposed two bedroom detached bungalow.  
**Decision:** Refuse

- 19/09 Roman River Bridge**  
Nothing further to report, Chairman Jackie Daines & Marks Tey Chairman, are still waiting for Highways to meet up for a site visit. Pressure should be put on Highways to put up the “not suitable for HGV” sign as promised. Parish Clerk to Action.  
Residents were left without phone lines for 2 days after Highways cut through an active cable. Some residents had received compensation from BT as a result.
- 19/10 Interpretation Boards**  
Cllr Adam Scott put an advert in the Grapevine and received no response. The Parish Clerk was actioned to obtain quotes from companies to complete the work.
- 19/11 Community Speed Watch**  
The Parish Council has ordered a speed gun at a cost of £2,371.20. The cost will be covered by CBC Brian Jarvis with funding from the locality fund.
- 19/12 Training/Events**
- 12.1 Reports on attended events
  - 12.2 Nominations for new events  
Chairman Jackie Daines & Cllr Adam Scott would like to attend a planning course. Parish Clerk actioned to book them on next available course.
- 19/13 Grounds Maintenance**  
Landscape Services have sent a quote for Grounds Maintenance that keeps pricing at the same level as last year. The Parish Clerk was actioned to obtain 2 further quotes for contract.  
The hedges around the Millennium playing field require cutting. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Landscape Services to complete the work.
- 19/14 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**  
Cllr Adam Scott attended County Broadband meeting along with 60/70 local residents. Aldham require 30% of villagers to sign up with County Broadband or may not get the service required. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact County Broadband to voice concern that residents want County Broadband but may struggle to reach figures required.  
Four residents had sent letters to the Parish Council thanking them for kind donations over the festive period.  
Chairman Jackie Daines reported overgrown trees and hedges that require trimming at two properties in Aldham. The Parish Clerk was actioned to send letters to owners asking for them to be trimmed.  
Highways have still not completed work on the Footpath on Ford Street Hill. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact the probation services to see if they could complete the work.
- 19/15 To confirm date and time of next meeting**  
Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.