

# *Aldham Parish Council*

## Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 P.M in Aldham Village Hall, Small Room

**Present:** Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall, Cllr John D'Angibau, Cllrs Adam Scott & Cllr Barry Webber. The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw, CBC Lewis Barber, CBC Brian Jarvis & 7 residents.

**19/16 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Anne Honeyball & Cllr Clive Bainbridge & John D'Angibau & CBC Dennis Willetts

**19/17 Declaration of Members interests**

None

**19/18 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**

A resident informed the meeting of flooding from the drain at the bottom of Four Acres. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Anglian Water to report this. A resident asked if it would be possible to have a mirror at the junction of Green Lane & Halstead Road – this junction is considered dangerous. The Parish Clerk was actioned to make enquiries to Highways.

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

The minutes of the meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved. Minutes signed by the Chairman

**19/20 Visitors Report (Brian Jarvis/Dennis Willetts/Lewis Barber)**

CBC Brian Jarvis reported that at a meeting last night (04/03/19) with the Police & Fire Commissioner, the Commissioner stated that over the last two years, funding for Special Constables has increased police numbers by 476. The target is for 700 Special Constables. CBC Brian Jarvis further reported that they have approved 7 new officers to work with travelers.

CBC Lewis Barber informed the meeting that speed cables to measure data for speeding could be placed at Ford Street, but to do so would require five resident's signatures to progress. Five signatures were obtained by residents.

CBC Lewis Barber reported issues in relation to people parking on pavements in Ford Street. CBC Lewis Barber will contact the parking partnership to look into the matter. CBC Lewis Barber reported that the planning department was not interacting with local residents as much as they should be, especially in relation to enforcements.

CBC Lewis Barber reported that the local bus consultation mentioned the bus service in relation to reliability of the service.

**19/21 Clerk's Report**

The Parish Clerk reported that Pete Vestey had sent a report containing 12 potholes to the Parish Clerk on Brook Road/North Lane. The Clerk informed the meeting that 8 of these had been added to the Highways Interactive Map and Reference Numbers obtained. The other 4 had already been reported. The Clerk would contact Kevin Bentley to chase up pothole repairs in Aldham. None had been completed in the last 12 months.

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### **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	£433.32
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
HMRC	£108.20
Book of Condolence	£26.99
Speed Gun	£2,371.20

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### **Planning/Housing**

23.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

**190434 – Old House, Ford Street, Aldham, CO6 3PH** – Installation methods and materials used for fitting of windows, repairs to the building to be carried out whilst windows are installed

**Comments:** No Objections

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

23.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

**182134 – Corvettes, New Road, Aldham, CO6 3QU** – Application for removal of condition 1 of permission 100930 (Amended Description)

**Decision:** Approved without condition.

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

**Decision:** Refuse (Appeal Pending)

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### **County Broadband**

Target for broadband was 30% - Aldham has achieved 32% uptake.

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### **Roman River Bridge**

A resident's letter was read out to the meeting enquiring about a cycle path and pedestrian walkway. Cllr Adam Scott was actioned to make contact with the resident in relation to the letter.

A second resident had enquired about number of HGV's still using this road, despite bridge being closed. SatNav brings drivers onto North Lane/Rectory Road causing issues with vehicles turning and damaging verges/ditches. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Highways to ask for a "Bridge Closed" sign.

The Chairman had met up with Highways Kevin Bentley and Marks Tey Chairman, Alan Walker to discuss the Roman River Bridge on site. Kevin Bentley informed the chairman that he can change the SatNav instructions to stop vehicles accessing North Lane.

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### **Interpretation Boards**

The Parish Clerk obtained 3 quotes for the artwork, replacement and installation of new interpretation boards. Cllr Adam Scott informed the meeting that the interpretation board in Ford Street is still in good condition and would not need to be replaced. He further suggested that repairs could be made to the village green and gallows green interpretation boards. Cllr Adam Scott will assess the interpretation boards and report

back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. It was decided to take no action at this present time.

**19/27 Community Speed Watch**

The Parish Council has now purchased a speed gun with the help of CBC Brian Jarvis, CBC Lewis Barber & CBC Dennis Willets, who used the locality fund to pay the costs of the speed gun.

**19/28 Grounds Maintenance**

The Grounds Maintenance contract for 2019/2020 was awarded to John Glover (Landscape Services). Two other quotes from Danny Page & Tom Plowman were unsuccessful.

Agreed by all.

**19/29 Training/Events**

29.1 Reports on attended events

29.2 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.

**19/30 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Parish Council Elections are coming up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. The Parish Clerk was actioned to send the link for the application form to all councillors.

A local blacksmith had asked if he could put a sign up at the New Road Junction. The Parish Council have previously said no to other businesses and it was agreed to maintain this. A suggestion was that the blacksmith could advertise in the grapevine instead. The Parish Clerk was actioned to inform the blacksmith of the decision.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. The chairman Jackie Daines will look into getting a speaker for that evening.

**19/31 To confirm date and time of next meeting**

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 9.02 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....