

Aldham Parish Council

Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30 P.M in Aldham Village Hall, Small Room

Present: Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall, Cllr Ann Honeyball, Cllr Andrew D'Angibau, Cllr Carol Itak, Cllr Brenda Brown, Cllr Adam Scott, CBC Brian Jarvis & CBC Dennis Willetts. The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 1 resident.

20/01 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from CBC Lewis Barber. Cllr Andrew D'Angibau stated by e-mail that he would be late to the meeting.

20/02 Declaration of Members interests

None

20/03 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

A resident mentioned that Hardings Close was looking neglected with moss growing on the pathways. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Landscape Services to remove moss from pathways.

A resident informed the meeting that Footpath 5 was in need of some attention. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Landscape Services to trim and cut back vegetation on the footpath.

20/04 To approve the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated 5th November 2019 were approved.
Minutes signed by the Chairman

7.43 p.m. Cllr Andrew D'Angibau joined the meeting.

20/05 Visitors Report (Brian Jarvis/Dennis Willetts/Lewis Barber)

CBC Dennis Willetts explained that County Broadband would be working in the area this week. He also informed the meeting that work on the Railway Bridge would start on 13th January 2020.

The planning application for housing in Hardings Close will go before the planning officer on the 7th February 2020. Will then go to planning committee at a later date (possibly March 2020).

20/06 Clerk's Report

Cheque for £500 received from EALC Micro Grant to enable Parish Council to clear ditch at Recreation Ground and to replace playground bark around the playground equipment. The Micro Grant is also to enable the gate to be widened and for a bollard to be installed.

20/07 Finance

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget

The following payments were approved:

Parish Clerk Salary	£446.37
Mileage expenses	£3.60
Tax/Paye	<u>£111.40</u>
	<u>£561.37</u>

20/08 Planning/Housing

08.1 Applications for discussion at meeting
None

08.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting:
None

08.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting
None

20/09 Village Interpretation Board

The Interpretation Board has now been purchased and is due to be put up in the next few weeks.

20/10 Hardings Close

(See 20/05 comments by CBC Dennis Willetts)

20/11 Marks Tey Bridge/North Lane Signage/Roman River Bridge

(See 20/05 comments by CBC Dennis Willetts)

20/12 Training/Events

12.1 Reports on attended events

12.2 Nominations for new events

20/13 VE Day 75th Anniversary

Nothing further to report

20/14 Parish Council Website

It was proposed that a local company called websites 4 communities be used for the new website. The Cost would be £10 per month or £100 per year.

Proposed: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau

Seconded: Cllr Chris Hall

20/15 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Andrew D'Angibau mentioned a suggestion from the Parish Clerk about planting trees along the side of the field next to the Recreation Ground. Cllr Andrew D'Angibau suggested planting the trees inside the Recreation Ground boundary. Pippa Holmes owns both areas. The Chairman was actioned to meet with Pippa Holmes to discuss the current Lease for the Recreation Ground and to discuss the possibility of tree planting. Cllr Adam Scott reported that the cycle path idea had not moved forward. CBC Dennis Willetts informed the meeting it would need to be a local initiative. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact National Cycling Network and Anne Brown to see if anything could be done.

Cllr Adam Scott suggested a big event for the county broadband switch on. This would be instead of the proposed Music Festival, which was advertised in the Grapevine and received no new ideas.

Cllr Brenda Brown reported two lights out of action. The Parish Clerk was actioned to report this to Colchester Borough Council for repair.

Chairman Jackie Daines reported that a new bin has been ordered for the village green at Ford Street to replace the bin that was damaged by a car accident. The new bin will arrive on 21st January 2020.

Cllr Jackie Daines discussed the Community Speed Watch relocating of the Ford Street position. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Essex CSW to see if it had gone any further.

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To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....