

# *Aldham Parish Council*

## Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7.30 P.M in Aldham Village Hall, Small Room

- Present:** Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall, Cllr Ann Honeyball, Cllr Carol Itak, Cllr Brenda Brown, CBC Dennis Willetts, & CBC Brian Jarvis. The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 8 residents.
- 20/17 Welcome and apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from CBC Lewis Barber, Cllr Adam Scott & Cllr Andrew D'Angibau.
- 20/18 Declaration of Members interests**  
None
- 20/19 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**  
A resident informed the meeting about a number of issues at the Pumpkin Patch. The resident stated she would like Highways to become involved in relation to issues involving turning in people's drives and driving onto the verges.  
The Resident further stated that it would not be possible to get an emergency vehicle through when this is happening, which was over 6-week period.  
The Chairman informed the meeting that the Pumpkin Patch had trialled staggering opening times for people at their site in Basildon, which they hoped to use at Aldham. A resident mentioned that this was a succession of events over a number of weekends and not one isolated incident.  
CBC Dennis Willetts explained that if it came under agricultural use, then planning would have no jurisdiction over this, however, if it was for leisure activity then planning permission may be required.  
A resident mentioned the number of HGV's & Buses turning in Green Lane, the Parish Clerk asked that any evidence of this be sent to aldhampc@gmail.com  
A resident mentioned the state of the ditches in Tey Road. Water is seeping out from the ditches, which could have been as a result of work by County Broadband. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact County Broadband.
- 20/20 To approve the minutes of the last meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were approved.  
Minutes signed by the Chairman
- 20/21 Visitors Report (Brian Jarvis/Dennis Willetts/Lewis Barber)**  
CBC Brian Jarvis reported that Locality Budget Funds had been used to help subsidise the Community Bus (Shoppers Bus), this was reported in the latest edition of the Grapevine. CBC Dennis Willetts informed the meeting that this had helped to reduce the cost per trip from £2.00 to £1.00 and that there is plans to organise summer outings using the Community Bus.  
CBC Dennis Willetts explained that the Hardings Close Planning Application had been approved, despite lots of local opposition. Lots of reasons were given for why it shouldn't be approved but nothing specific that went against planning regulations.
- 20/22 Clerk's Report**  
The Clerk reported that the village green at Ford Street had now been repaired. A new bench and a new bin had been installed on the village green. The costs had been

accepted by the insurance claim on the driver involved in the accident. The Parish Council paid £125.00 in excess for the claim.

## 20/23 Finance

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget

The following payments were approved:

Parish Clerk Salary	£446.17
Mileage expenses	£3.60
Stuart Simpson Joinery (Bench)	£582.00
Stuart Simpson Joinery (Bin)	£180.00
Landscape Services – Moss Clearance	£150.00
Car Parking (Planning Meeting)	£9.20
Aldham Grapevine Donation	£400.00
Stuart Simpson Joinery – Installation of Bin	<u>£120.00</u>
	<u>£1,890.97</u>

## 20/24 Planning/Housing

24.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

None

24.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting:

None

24.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

**192671 – Garage Site – Hardings Close** – Demolition of existing garages and the construction of new affordable housing to provide 4no. two storey dwellings – 2 x 3 bedroom and 2 x 2 bedroom (Revised Plans)

**Decision:** Approve Conditional

## 20/25 Village Interpretation Board

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

## 20/26 Marks Tey Bridge/North Lane Signage/Roman River Bridge

The Chairman, Jackie Daines explained that a meeting had been arranged for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March with Essex Borough Councillor Anne Brown to discuss the signage.

## 20/27 Training/Events

27.1 Reports on attended events

27.2 Nominations for new events

## 20/28 VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The VE Day anniversary on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 will include cheese, wine & biscuits for residents and Tyler-Kemp will be performing. This will be advertised in the Grapevine, Church Newsletter and on Facebook.

The Chairman extended an invitation to our three CBC Councillors.

- 20/29 Donation to the Aldham Grapevine**  
 It was proposed to donate £400 to the Aldham Grapevine  
 Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall  
 Seconded: Cllr Ann Honeyball
- 20/30 Parish Council Website**  
 Websites4communities are currently in the process of putting the new website together. The Parish Clerk has seen the template for the website which will be up and running before the end of March 2020.
- 20/31 Grounds Maintenance Contract 2020**  
 Have received two grounds maintenance quotes from Landscape Services & Dines Agri Services. Two others were asked to quote but no reply had been received.  
 It was proposed that Landscape Services be given the Ground Maintenance Contract for 2020.  
 Proposed: Cllr Brenda Brown  
 Seconded: Cllr Anne Honeyball  
 Agreed by all.
- 20/32 Annual Parish Meeting (7<sup>th</sup> April 2020)**  
 The Chairman informed the meeting that we had been in contact with Perrywood's to speak at our annual parish meeting. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact Perrywood's to make arrangements.
- 20/33 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**  
 Chairman Jackie Daines reported that councillors had been asked to complete a traveller's survey, which is designed to look at new legislation in regards to travellers. The survey was quite lengthy but had been completed by at least 4 councillors to date.
- 20/34 To confirm date and time of next meeting**  
 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 at 7.30 p.m.  
 The meeting ended at 8.27p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....