

# *Aldham Parish Council*

## Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30 P.M in the Village Hall, Aldham

- Present:** Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall (Vice Chairman), Cllr Adam Scott, Cllr Brenda Brown, Cllr Ann Honeyball, Cllr Tory Cook.  
& The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and no residents.
- 20/65      Welcome and apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from CBC Dennis Willetts, CBC Brian Jarvis. CBC Lewis Barber & Cllr Andrew D'Angibau
- 20/66      Declaration of Members interests**  
None
- 20/67      Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**  
Questions sent to the Parish Clerk for discussion were as follows:  
A resident asked about the Pumpkin Patch Event for 2020.  
The Chairman, Jackie Daines explained that the Pumpkin Patch had now moved to a ticketing schedule, which staggered times of arrival for visitors to the site and reduced traffic congestion. The Chairman suggested arranging a meeting with the vice-chairman, Chris Hall, the Parish Clerk, Grahame Walkingshaw, Emily & Guy French and 1 resident from Green Lane to discuss the event in more detail. The Parish Clerk was actioned to arrange a meeting. **ACTION**  
A resident asked about the development of Hardings Close.  
The Chairman explained that a letter will be sent to residents of Hardings Close from Amplis, the developing company informing them that work is due to start on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Amplis will provide a surgery for people to attend to ask questions and to air concerns during the development. **ONGOING**  
A resident asked about speeding in Aldham.  
The Chairman reported that she had met with CBC Lewis Barber at the weekend to discuss speeding in Aldham. CBC Lewis Barber will contact Essex County Councillor Anne Brown to include this issue at the next Local Highways Panel in October.  
The Chairman suggested a questionnaire on speeding could be sent to local residents in Ford Street to complete and look at ways of reducing speeds in that area. The Chairman further suggested doing another Questionnaire in New Road & Brook Road once the Marks Tey Railway Bridge is open to reduce speeding in that area also. The Parish Clerk was actioned to prepare the Questionnaire. **ACTION**  
The Clerk reported that the Community Speed Watch team cannot meet during the current COVID crisis.  
The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact the police with a view to more speed checks in Aldham. **ACTION**
- 20/68      To approve the minutes of the last meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were approved.  
Minutes signed by the Chairman  
Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall      Seconded: Cllr Adam Scott **RESOLVED**
- 20/69      Visitors Report (Brian Jarvis/Dennis Willetts/Lewis Barber)**  
None

- 20/70 Clerk's Report**  
The Clerk reported that the Parish Clerks Salary had been increased as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 in line with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) **RESOLVED**
- 20/71 Finance**  
The following payments were approved in accordance with the Budget
- The following payments were approved:
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|---------------------|----------------|
| Parish Clerk Salary | £446.37        |
| Mileage expenses    | £3.60          |
| HMRC                | £111.40        |
| Landscape Services  | £276.00        |
| ICO                 | <u>£40.00</u>  |
| Total               | <u>£877.37</u> |
- 20/72 Planning/Housing**
- 72.1 Applications for discussion at meeting  
None
- 72.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting:
- 201608 – Alpenhof, Tey Road, Aldham** - Single storey rear and side extension  
**Comments:** No Objection - the Parish Council would like to note that the flat roof is not aesthetically pleasing and would hope that consideration is given to neighbouring properties.
- 201736 – The Former Queens Head, Ford Street, Aldham** – New windows and internal alterations
- 201740 – The Former Queens Head, Ford Street, Aldham** – New windows and internal alterations (listed building)  
**Comments:** No Objections
- 72.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting
- 201059 – Dennington, Ford Street, Aldham** – Proposed detached outbuilding with extensions and changes to windows and external façade to main dwelling.  
**Comments:** No Objections  
**Decision: Approve Conditional**
- 201586 – Corvettes, New Road, Aldham** – Modifications to Canopy  
**Comments:** No Objection  
**Decision: Approve Conditional**
- 20/73 Community Speed Watch/Speeding in Aldham (Halstead Road)**  
(See 20/67 Public Open Forum Response)
- 20/74 Millennium Playing Field & Playground 2020**  
This item was deferred to the November meeting. **ONGOING**
- 20/75 Pumpkin Patch**  
To discuss pumpkin picking and the new ticketing for the event  
(See 20/67 Public Open Forum Response) **ONGOING**

**20/76**

**Flooding (Ford Street)**

Flash Flooding in Ford Street in August had led to water flooding into resident's homes on the main road. The Chairman explained that Anglian Water and Highways had both visited the site and cleared drains, ditches and culverts belonging to them. The Chairman had met with residents regarding the ditches to the rear of their properties, with the aim of clearing the ditches to allow a larger flow of water entering the river. The ditches belong to the owners of the houses and so far 3 residents have offered to clear the ditches at their own expense. One resident had so far not been contacted and the Chairman offered to visit the resident to see if they would clear the ditch behind their property as well.

**ONGOING**

**20/77**

**Training/Events**

77.1 Reports on attended events  
None

77.2 Nominations for new events  
None

**20/78**

**Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

It was agreed by all that future meetings should be conducted via zoom to allow residents to participate.

Agreed by all.

**Resolved**

**20/79**

**To confirm date and time of next meeting**

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....