

# *Aldham Parish Council*

## Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 P.M via Zoom

- Present:** Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall (Vice Chairman), Cllr Adam Scott, Cllr Brenda Brown, Cllr Ann Honeyball, Cllr Tory Cook, Cllr Andrew D'Angibau, CBC Dennis Willetts, CBC Brian Jarvis, CBC Lewis Barber & The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw.
- 20/95 Welcome and apologies for absence**  
None
- 20/96 Declaration of Members interests**  
None
- 20/97 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**  
None
- 20/98 To approve the minutes of the last meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 were approved.  
Minutes signed by the Chairman  
Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall                      Seconded: Cllr Adam Scott                      **RESOLVED**
- 20/99 Visitors Report (Brian Jarvis/Dennis Willetts/Lewis Barber)**  
CBC Brian Jarvis reported that he would be moving house to a location in Suffolk but would continue in his role as CBC Councillor until the next elections.
- 20/100 Clerk's Report**  
Nothing to report
- 20/101 Finance**  
The following payments were approved in accordance with the Budget
- The following payments were approved:
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|---------------------|----------------|
| Parish Clerk Salary | £457.99        |
| Mileage expenses    | £3.60          |
| HMRC                | <u>£114.40</u> |
| Total               | <u>£575.99</u> |
- Payments for November & December 2020 were approved.  
To discuss Budget Figures for 2021/22  
Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall                      Seconded: Cllr Ann Honeyball
- 20/102 Precept**  
It was proposed to increase the Precept by 5%.  
Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall                      Seconded: Cllr Ann Honeyball  
Agreed by all.
- 20/103 Planning/Housing**  
103.1              Applications for discussion at meeting                      None

103.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting:  
**202871 – Mill Race Nursery, New Road, Aldham** – To replace poly tunnels, shipping containers and open storage with a new warehouse.  
**Comments:** No Objections

103.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

**20/104 Speeding in Aldham**

Chairman Jackie Daines informed the meeting that a questionnaire for speeding in Ford Street had been completed and the results distributed to all Parish Councillors and Borough Councillors. Essex County Councillor Anne Brown is happy for us to send recommendations to her showing the support of local residents.

CBC Dennis Willetts suggested completing LHP form with recommendations; they would then be looked at by LHP panel and would give options to them on what could be done.

The Parish Clerk was actioned to complete LHP form.

Chairman Jackie Daines confirmed that a questionnaire would be distributed in January for residents in Brook Road/Green Lane/Tey Road/New Road to identify speeding issues in that area as well. The Parish Clerk would distribute them through resident's doors in next few weeks. **ONGOING**

**20/105 Millennium Playing Field & Playground 2020**

Chairman Jackie Daines informed the meeting that a list of landowners had been compiled by Cllr Adam Scott and that it would be better for the Parish Council to purchase a piece of land for a new playground area.

Cllr Tory Cook suggested it would be best to send a letter to all the landowners on the list, as we may be surprised by the responses given.

Cllr Brenda Brown informed the meeting that not all the names on the list would be suitable.

Cllr Andrew d'Angibau suggested that a footpath would be required to the new playing field and that would be a good place to start.

The Parish Clerk was actioned to send a letter to 6 landowners on the list. **ONGOING**

**20/106 Flooding (Ford Street)**

The drains at the bottom of Ford Street Hill have now been cleared by Essex Highways. Colchester Borough Council has not swept the road. CBC Lewis Barber would chase up the road sweepers to remove the mud from the road.

Cllr Andrew D'Angibau reported that the drains further up the hill were still full of sediment/debris and had not been cleared. The Parish Clerk was actioned to report these to Essex Highways. **ONGOING**

**20/107 Flooding**

A working party to look into flooding in Aldham and to record flooding issues was set up with Cllr Tory Cook, Cllr Andrew D'Angibau & Cllr Ann Honeyball. To complete the working party the Parish Council would look into finding 2 residents who may be interested in joining the working party.

**20/108 Pavement on Ford Street Hill**

Cllr Brenda Brown informed the meeting of damage to the pavement on Ford Street Hill. She further reported that the hedges and verges on Ford Street Hill had been cut and an excellent job had been done on them.

The Parish Clerk was actioned to report the pavement condition to Colchester Borough Council.

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**Meeting Dates 2021**

The meeting dates for 2021 were confirmed. The Parish Clerk has booked the dates with the Village Hall although meetings would continue to be via zoom due to COVID restrictions at present.

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**Training/Events**

110.1 Reports on attended events  
None

110.2 Nominations for new events  
None

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**Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

Cllr Adam Scott informed the meeting that Network Rail had removed trees from the Marks Tey to Sudbury line and asked whether it had been raised by anyone else? CBC Brian Jarvis suggested the Parish Council contact Network Rail in relation to the environmental concerns.

Cllr Andrew D’Angibau explained that local farmers would require a licence to fell trees and was surprised that Network Rail could do so without a licence.

CBC Dennis Willetts informed the meeting that Network Rail could remove trees without a licence as long as the work required was for operational purposes and on their own land. Network Rail had a remit to do what was necessary to keep their lines operational. CBC Dennis Willetts suggested sending a letter to our local MP.

The Parish Clerk was actioned to send a letter to Network Rail and to Bernard Jenkins (MP)

Cllr Tory Cook asked whether it would be worth asking Network Rail what provision they had in place to replace the trees that had been removed.

Cllr Adam Scott confirmed that Network Rail did have a tree replacement scheme and it would be worth asking them where they planned to plant trees in Aldham to replace the ones removed.

Cllr Jackie Daines reported that the overgrown hedge at the foot of Ford Street hill had been reported to the owner and they had since contacted the Parish Clerk to inform us that he would get his sons to cut back the hedge next time they visited.

Cllr Jackie Daines informed the meeting that damage to the verges due to farming machinery had been reported to the farmer and he had visited the site the following morning to remove any mud from the road. It was agreed that the farmer should re-instate any damage done to the verges.

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

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.47 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....