

Aldham Parish Council

Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.30 P.M via Zoom

- Present:** Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall (Vice Chairman), 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.
- 20/113 Welcome and apologies for absence**
None
- 20/114 Declaration of Members interests**
None
- 20/115 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**
None
- 20/116 To approve the minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the meeting dated 5th January 2021 were approved.
Minutes signed by the Chairman
Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall Seconded: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau **RESOLVED**
- 20/117 Visitors Report (Brian Jarvis/Dennis Willetts/Lewis Barber)**
CBC Brian Jarvis reported that this would be his last meeting with Aldham as he is standing down at the elections in May 2021. Chairman Jackie Daines thanked Brian for all his hard work and effort on behalf of Aldham residents and stated that he would be greatly missed by all of us at Aldham Parish Council.
Cllr Lewis Barber reported that he had enquired about the Pavement Parking legislation and informed the meeting that the legislation is currently still pending.
- 20/118 Clerk's Report**
The Clerk informed the meeting that a grant for the new playground had been submitted to the Prince's Countryside Fund on 02/03/21.
The Clerk was informed today that there would be a retrospective planning application coming in for a business called "The Yard" (Ford Street).
Chairman Jackie Daines explained that her daughter operated the business and that she had contacted Colchester Borough Council Planning on 3 different occasions and been told no planning application was required. An enforcement officer contacted the owner in February and stated that planning permission would be required. Chairman Jackie Daines informed the meeting that a retrospective planning application would be completed on 03/03/21 and sent to Colchester Borough Council Planning. Once the retrospective application has been received, then permission to operate at Easter time would be acceptable to Colchester Planning. The planning application would be reviewed at a future Parish Council meeting.
- 20/119 Finance**
The following payments were approved in accordance with the Budget
- The following payments were approved:
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| Parish Clerk Salary | £457.79 |
| Mileage expenses | £3.60 |

HMRC	£114.60
Landscape Services	£120.00
Zoom Invoice	£14.39
Defibrillator Battery	<u>£216.00</u>
Total	<u>£926.38</u>

Payments for February & March 2021 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall

Seconded: Cllr Jackie Daines

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Planning/Housing

120.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

210388 – 8 Oak Tree Cottages, Brook Road, Aldham – first floor rear extension and pergola

Comments: No Objections

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

202723 – Long Barn, Rectory Road, Aldham – Like for like replacement of windows and doors from decayed softwood into hardwood. Conversion of a first floor 2 bed area with bathroom into a 1-bed area with bathroom.

Comments: No Objections

210288 – Tile House, New Road, Aldham – proposed change of use from existing garage to residential annexe

Comments: No objections, the Parish Council have concerns that this might lead to similar future developments on large plots of land.

The Parish Council after discussion with the owner of the property would like the following conditions added to this application:

This conversion is near to an existing building, a condition that the conversion should always be linked to the main house thereby rendering it unable to be used as a “stand alone” property, or sold on separately from the main house. This conversion should not be a holiday let. (This should require separate planning permission)

The Parish Council has concerns over this type of development as it may set a precedent for future planning permissions.

120.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

202781 – Mill Race Nursery, New Road – to replace poly tunnels, shipping containers and open storage with a new warehouse

Decision: Approve Conditional

210037 – Old School, Rectory Road, Aldham – Amendments to planning application approved under 200293

Comments:

The Parish Council would have no objections to this planning application as long as it does not impact on the neighbour’s. Main concerns would be that there are now roof windows in the new office and the 1st floor bedroom balcony, which would overlook neighbouring properties, also the new extension being less than a metre from the adjoining boundary.

Decision: Approve Conditional

- 20/121 Speeding in Aldham**
The Clerk informed the meeting that the questionnaire for Green Lane/Tey Road/Brook Road/New Road area was ready to go once lockdown restrictions had eased. The chairman asked when it would be likely that Community Speedwatch could resume. The Clerk informed the meeting that no date had been set yet but it would be June/July 2021 at the earliest.
- 20/122 Millennium Playing Field & Playground 2020**
The Clerk informed the meeting that 2 landowners had replied so far but were unable to offer land to the Parish Council. The Chairman informed the meeting that she would meet up with one landowner in the near future to discuss land that could be used. Cllr Andrew D'Angibau suggested that a footpath and car parking would be needed at the new playground.
- 20/123 Flooding**
A new working party for flooding has been set up and three residents have joined the three Parish Councillors to form the committee. Cllrs Andrew D'Angibau, Cllr Tory Cook & Cllr Brenda Brown will be joined by Andy Heaford, Steve Jennings & Jean Jennings. The Elected Chairman of the Committee is Cllr Andrew D'Angibau & the Liaison Officer is Cllr Tory Cook
Proposed: Cllr Jackie Daines
Seconded: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau
Agreed by all
An informal meeting of the Committee was held on the 23rd February 2021 and Terms of Reference & a copy of the Parish Council Code of Conduct were distributed to the Committee members.
Cllr Andrew D'Angibau reported that the main issues discussed included ditch clearances, fallen trees over the River Colne as well as gullies in Ford Street, Brook Road & Tey Road. A further issue discussed was the drains going into the ditches.
The next meeting of the working party would be the 11th May 2021
- 20/124 Pavement on Ford Street Hill**
Cllr Brenda Brown reported that the pavement is breaking up and that water from cars has now left a solid silt material on the pavement that requires being cleared.
- 20/125 Training/Events**
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| 125.1 | Reports on attended events
None |
| 125.2 | Nominations for new events
Cllr Brenda Brown, Cllr Andrew D'Angibau & Cllr Tory cook to attend new councillor courses |
- 20/126 Grass Cutting Contract 2021**
The grass-cutting contract for 2021 was awarded to Landscape Services.
Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall
Seconded: Cllr Ann Honeyball
Agreed by all
Four companies had quoted for the work. The Parish Clerk was actioned to let the companies know of the decision.

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Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Andrew D'Angibau reported that a posting on the local facebook pages had named local landowners. This was noted as the Chairman informed the meeting that the facebook pages are not in the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.

Cllr Chris Hall informed the meeting of the damage to a pavement in Hardings Close. Cllr Chris Hall had been in touch with Amplis, who would be repairing the damage.

Cllr Jackie Daines reported that a local farmer had now completed the work on the fields and that a letter should now be sent to the farmer asking for the verges and the footpath to be re-instated.

Cllr Jackie Daines informed the meeting that Essex County Councillor Anne Brown would be leaving at the Elections in May. The Chairman wanted to express her thanks on behalf of the Parish Council and residents for all she has done for the village and to wish her well in her retirement.

Cllr Jackie Daines informed the meeting that Anthony Gormley (Artist/Sculptor) has launched the Great Big Art Exhibition and is asking people to make an artwork at home and put in their window or garden. She asked whether it would be a nice idea for the Parish Council to be involved in this and even offer prizes to the best ones in the village. This would also be a chance for the village to celebrate coming out of lockdown.

CBC Lewis Barber reported that anyone over 60, clinically vulnerable or an NHS worker could book a vaccine now through the NHS online system.

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To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.26 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....