

Aldham Parish Council

Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.30 P.M in the Village Hall, Aldham

Present: Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall (Vice Chairman), Cllr Brenda Brown, Cllr Adam Scott, & Cllr Andrew D'Angibau, the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 1 resident.

20/181 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from CBC Dennis Willetts, CBC Martin Leatherdale, ECC/CBC Lewis Barber Cllr Tory Cook & Cllr Iain Wicks

20/182 Declaration of Members interests

None

20/183 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

A resident reported dangerous overhanging branches on Tey Road. The Parish clerk was actioned to write to the landowners to have these cut back.

A resident reported that the fingerpost sign was still not fixed or removed and was still lying on the grass within the village hall. The Parish clerk reported that a 4th letter to Essex county Council had been sent out this week.

A resident reported that the weed clearance at Hardings Close had been completed but the work had been of very poor quality. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact CBC Martin Leatherdale to have the weeds cleared properly or spray used to stop the weeds from growing further.

A resident reported issues with the pavement between Hardings Close & Green Lane. The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact CBC Martin Leatherdale to look into this further.

20/184 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (6th July 2021)

Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall

Seconded: Cllr Adam Scott

20/185 Visitors Report (CBC Denis Willetts/CBC Martin Leatherdale/ECC Lewis Barber)

None

20/186 Clerk's Report

The Parish Clerk reported that the Precept had not yet been paid for September as of 6th September 2021.

20/187 Finance

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget
Payments for August/September 2021

August

PC Salary £457.99

Mileage Expenses £3.60

HMRC – PAYE/Tax £114.40

Landscape Services £276.00

Landscape Services £276.00

Colchester Workhorse £510.00

Aldham Grapevine Donation £400.00

Postage stamps £7.92

Total **£2,045.91**

September

PC Salary	£457.99
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
HMRC – PAYE/Tax	£114.40
Landscape Services	£276.00
Landscape Services	£276.00
Aldham Village Hall (Rental)	£120.00
ICO (GDPR)	£40.00
Community Bus Donation	£15.00
Printer Cartridges	£330.63
Landscape Services	£276.00
Landscape Services	<u>£120.00</u>
Total	<u>£2,029.62</u>

Proposed: Cllr Jackie Daines
Agreed by all

Seconded: Cllr Chris Hall

20/188

Planning/Housing

188.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

212418 – Tile House, New Road, Aldham – Erection of 4 detached dwellings, access road, new woodland plantations and additional landscaping
Comments: Objection – It is outside the village settlement boundary and concerns about access to New Road, which is a dangerous road.

212087 – Half a Loaf Cottage, Rectory Road, Aldham (Listed Building) – Removal of existing render from North, East & West external elevations. Remove timber cladding and replace with matching soft wood painted light cream to match existing. Remove sand and cement render from internal North elevation & East elevation ground floor.
Comments: No Objections

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

212068 – Half a Loaf cottage, Rectory Road, Aldham (Listed building) – Replace all existing softwood windows with British oak windows. Insert Oak French style doors to modern kitchen extension on South elevation. Replace softwood double.
Comments: No Objections

212069 – Half a Loaf Cottage, Rectory Road, Aldham (Listed building) – Replace all existing softwood windows with British oak windows. Insert oak French style doors to modern kitchen extension on South elevation. Replace softwood double.
Comments: No Objections

212074 – Dennington, Ford Street, Aldham – Install open-air swimming pool and new pool plant room
Comments: No Objections

212086 – May Cottage, Halstead Road, Aldham – proposed front and rear single storey additions to create suitable accommodation for a chair bound occupant.
Comments: No Objections

212088 – Half a Loaf Cottage, Aldham (Listed building) – Removal of all existing sand and cement render from the North, East and West external elevations of the original cottage. Remove the existing light cream painted timber cladding.

Comments: No Objections

212131 – Clearview, Rectory Road, Aldham – Application for removal of condition 8 (occupation limitation) following grant of planning permission 182576

Comments: No Objections but concerns over possible creeping development on this site and number of “family” now living on this site.

The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact planning regarding this application and possible sale of house.

188.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

210709 – New Burchiers Hall, New Road, Aldham – Alterations and additions to existing dwelling. Erection of attached annex and garage.

Decision: Approve Conditional

211604 – Barn at Aldham Hall Farm, Brook Road, Aldham – Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2no. dwelling houses (C3) and for associated development.

Comments: The Parish Council have concerns about the amount of development on this site and would object to this planning application under creeping development and outside the village envelope

Decision: Prior Approval Required (Approved)

211764 – Half a Loaf cottage, Rectory Road, Aldham (Listed building) – Remove existing deteriorated concrete plain tiles and ridge tiles including battens & felt. Replace felt with breathable felt, fit new treated timber battens, replace old tiles & ridge tiles with Berkshire Blend clay plain tiles (colour similar to existing)

Comments: No Objection

Decision: Approve Conditional

212040 – High Acre Farm, Tey Road, Aldham – General purpose agricultural building for general storage

Comments: None required

Decision: Agricultural determination - prior approval not required

20/189 Speeding in Aldham

Cllr Jackie Daines reported that speed survey cables have been positioned around the village.

20/190 Millennium Playing Field & Playground

The Parish Council discussed a possible location for the new playground opposite the Shoulder of Mutton. The Parish Council declined this location on the grounds that it was in Fordham Parish and not close to the current location, where the majority of playground users would be from.

- 20/191 Flooding**
Nothing to report
- 20/192 County Broadband**
The Parish Council discussed County Broadband and concluded that it was not an issue for the Parish Council, since contracts for County Broadband are with the individual as with other utility contracts.
- 20/193 Village Event**
The Village BBQ is on Saturday 11th September from 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. It will be organised by Cllr Chris Hall (on behalf of Aldham Parish Council) and Anne Fulcher (on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee).
- 20/194 Village Hall Event**
Tyler-Kemp Band has been booked for the 11th December 2021.
- 20/195 Queens Platinum Anniversary Celebrations**
Durango has been booked for Saturday 4th June 2022.
- 20/196 Footpaths**
The Parish Council wanted to thank Jean Jennings for her report on the footpaths. The report will be sent to Essex County Council to deal with any outstanding issues relating to the footpaths.
- 20/197 Highways – Devolution**
The Parish Council have decided not to join the scheme for highways devolution due to the lack of financial support offered, this would not compensate for the amount of money the Parish Council would be required to spend. Essex Highways have offered 68p per person in the Parish, which equates to £348.84 a year.
- 20/198 Community Speedwatch (CSW)**
The new Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator (Jan Willey) is now in place and we can resume Community Speed Watch. Cllr Jackie Daines will have the speed gun calibrated in the next couple of weeks. The location at Ford Street needs to be changed and the Parish Council is waiting for the police to visit and chose a new site. The Brook Road Community Speed Watch location can continue as soon as the speed gun is available once calibrated.
- 20/199 Community 360 Bus**
The Parish Council made a donation of £15 to the Community Bus Administration Costs.
- 20/200 Facebook**
The Parish Council has looked into a standard response for facebook enquiries designed to protect Parish Councillors & the Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk was actioned to send it to all councillors to make amendments/changes before the next meeting.
- 20/201 Ford Street Bridge**
Cllr Jackie Daines will meet with ECC/CBC Lewis Barber to discuss further.
- 20/202 Footpath 3 (Diverted New Route)**
Essex Highways has asked the Parish council to comment on the proposed diversion on Footpath 3. The Parish council response is as follows:
The PC would like the footpath to remain in its present diagonal position.
Agreed by all

20/203

Training/Events

203.1 Reports on attended events - None

203.2 Nominations for new events - None

20/204

Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Jackie Daines informed the meeting the rubbish bin at the playing field needs replacing. The Parish Council agreed to replace the bin (which could be moved from the playing field at the end of the lease).

Agreed by all

Cllr Jackie Daines informed the meeting that a handy man has been appointed to put shelves in the BT Phone Box, which will be used as a "book loan" in the future. This will be completed in September 2021.

20/205

To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting finished at 9.22 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....