

# *Aldham Parish Council*

## **Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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 Iain Wicks, Cllr Andrew D'Angibau, CBC Dennis Willetts, the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 3 residents.
- 20/206      Welcome and apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Adam Scott, Cllr Tory Cook, ECC Lewis Barber & CBC Martin Leatherdale
- 20/207      Declaration of Members interests**  
None
- 20/208      Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**  
A resident reported a street light in Hardings Close as flashing on/off – street light number 6. The Parish Clerk was actioned to report it to Essex County Council.  
A resident reported the disabled ramp in Green Lane has dropped. Another resident informed the meeting that the grass/leaves were not being removed making it more dangerous to walk on. The Parish Clerk was actioned to report these.  
A resident reported that the permissive footpath around Brook Road & the Roman River has disappeared; the resident was concerned that this may force people onto the road.  
A resident informed the meeting that two tractors had collided recently near Fordham. The resident was concerned about the speed with which tractors were perceived to be reaching coming through the village.
- 20/209      To approve the minutes of the last meeting (7<sup>th</sup> September 2021)**  
Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall                      Seconded: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau
- 20/210      Visitors Report (CBC Dennis Willetts)**  
CBC Dennis Willetts reported that the Local Highways Panel had conducted the speed checks in Aldham and they did not show significant speeding in the village. He further stated that if it can be proved to the Local Highways Panel that speeding is an issue, then they will fund a VAS out of public funds, however, if unable to prove speeding as an issue then it would need to be funded by the Parish Council.
- 20/211      Clerk's Report**  
None
- 20/212      Finance**  
To approve payments in accordance with the Budget  
Payments for October/November 2021
- | <u>October</u>              |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| PC Salary                   | £457.79 |
| Mileage Expenses            | £3.60   |
| HMRC – PAYE/Tax             | £114.60 |
| Landscape Services          | £276.00 |
| Postage Stamps              | £15.84  |
| Temporary Bar Licence (BBQ) | £21.00  |
| Art Competition – Prize     | £20.00  |

BBQ Event Food	£179.07
Street Lighting (CBC)	£12.92
BT Phone Box	£150.00
BBQ Event Food	£55.39
Total	<b><u>£1,306.21</u></b>

November

PC Salary	£457.99
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
HMRC – PAYE/Tax	£114.40
Landscape Services	£168.00
Glasdon UK LTd (Rubbish Bin)	£486.86
Total	<b><u>£1,230.85</u></b>

Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall    Seconded: Cllr Jackie Daines  
 Agreed by all

**20/213      Planning/Housing**

213.1 Applications for discussion at meeting  
**None**

213.2 Planning Applications – Observations conveyed under delegated authority since last meeting  
**None**

213.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting  
**212087 – Half a Loaf Cottage, Rectory Road, Aldham** - 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  
**Decision:** Approve conditional

**212088 - Half a Loaf Cottage, Rectory Road, Aldham**  
 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  
**Decision:** Approve conditional

**20/214      Speeding in Aldham**

CBC Dennis Willetts covered this under visitors report (20/210)

**20/215      Millennium Playing Field & Playground**

The Chairman, Jackie Daines had met with a local landowner to see if some land could be set aside for a playground for the village. The landowner informed the chairman that housing was being considered for a site opposite Hardings Close for four houses and that a playground could be included in the development. The Parish Council would not support the building of the four houses and therefore would reject the development. Cllr Iain Wicks stated that this would set a dangerous precedent for housing outwith the village envelope. Agreed by all.

CBC Dennis Willetts suggested putting together a Neighbourhood Plan to protect areas from development. It was proposed that an EGM meeting be scheduled for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30 p.m. for the Parish Council to discuss whether to go ahead with a neighbourhood plan.

For: 4 Against: 1

The Parish Clerk was actioned to invite 2 people from Eight Ash Green Parish Council and 2 from West Bergholt Parish Council to talk about what is involved in putting together a neighbourhood plan.

**20/216 Village Hall Event**

Tyler-Kemp Band has been booked for the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The Parish Clerk was actioned to put an advert in the Grapevine and to put up posters on the notice board for the event. The Event will be free and people can bring their own food or drink (however, the bar will be open on the night as well). Cllr Iain Wicks will obtain a special event licence for the evening.

**20/217 Queens Platinum Anniversary Celebrations**

Durango has been booked for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**20/218 Footpaths**

Footpath 3 - It was agreed that permission would be given for the farmer to divert the footpath to the edge of the field.

For: 1 Against: 4

**20/219 Community Speedwatch (CSW)**

No further action at present - waiting on speed gun to be calibrated and new location on Ford Street to be agreed.

**20/220 Facebook**

The Parish Council has agreed on the following response in relation to facebook.

*Thanks for your question, we're here to help so would be grateful if you could send it to us at this email address, [aldhampc@gmail.com](mailto:aldhampc@gmail.com)\**

*The Parish Clerk can then make sure we take any action as necessary. We also welcome members of the village community to attend Parish Council meetings, and we hold a public open forum at each meeting for local people to raise issues of concern. Everyone is welcome.*

*\* This is in order to maintain a clear audit trail of questions & queries to the Council for GDPR purposes.*

Agreed by 6 councillors under delegated authority, 1 no response.

**20/221 Privacy Policy**

To review Privacy Policy 2021 for publishing on website

Proposed: Cllr Iain Wicks Seconded: Chris Hall

Agreed by all

**20/222 GDPR Policy**

To review GDPR Policy 2021 for publishing on website

Proposed: Cllr Iain Wicks Seconded: Chris Hall

Agreed by all

**20/223 Ford Street Bridge**

ECC Lewis Barber did not attend this meeting and was unable to give an update.

- 20/224 Bench**  
The Parish Council were asked by a resident whether it would be possible to situate a bench for residents on the grass verge outside the Millennium Playing field. The Parish Council do not own the land, so could not use the verge as a location for a bench.
- 20/225 Social Media/Bid Writing**  
Nothing to report
- 20/226 Proposed Meeting Dates 2022**  
The meeting dates for 2022 were agreed by all.
- 20/227 Precept**  
The Precept for 2022 will be agreed at the next meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The Parish Clerk distributed a document showing what the increases to the precept would be ranging from 0% to 5%.
- 20/228 Colchester City Status 2022**  
The Parish Council would not support Colchester becoming a city. The Parish Clerk was actioned to write to Colchester Borough Council informing them of this.
- 20/229 Training/Events**  
229.1 Reports on attended events - None  
  
229.2 Nominations for new events - None
- 20/230 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**  
None
- 20/231 To confirm date and time of next meeting**  
Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30 p.m.  
Meeting finished at 9.07 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....