

Aldham Parish Council

Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 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, and the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 1 resident.
- 20/232 Welcome and apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Adam Scott, ECC Lewis Barber & CBC Martin Leatherdale
- 20/233 Declaration of Members interests**
Cllr Andrew D'Angibau declared an interest in planning application 213532
- 20/234 Co-option of Parish Councillor**
Stuart Simpson was co-opted onto the Parish Council
- 20/235 Public Open Forum** (Maximum 15 minutes)
A resident reported that the fence at the back of a Green Lane property was in need of repair. CBC Dennis Willetts will liaise with a local resident in Green Lane to sort out this matter.
- 20/236 To approve the minutes of the last meeting** (2nd November 2021)
The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall Seconded: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau
- 20/237 Visitors Report** (CBC Dennis Willetts)
CBC Dennis Willetts informed the meeting that it would be a good idea to write a letter to ECC Lewis Barber from Aldham PC, Worminford PC & Fordham PC to secure funding for the VAS.
- 20/238 Guest Speaker – Laura Atkinson (Rural Housing Enabler for RCCE) & Neil Harper**
Laura Atkinson from RCCE informed the meeting that they are an independent charity on rural affordable housing developing more bespoke housing schemes as a priority local people and for younger people.
They would be able to do a housing survey to look at the housing needs of Aldham and see if there was a need for rural affordable housing within the village. If a need were identified then applicants would need to be on the housing register.
The chairman asked Laura to send information on similar projects within Essex. Laura will send the information via the Parish Clerk.
- 20/239 Clerk's Report**
VAS Signs
- 20/240 Finance**
To approve payments in accordance with the Budget
Payments for December 2021/January 2022

December

PC Salary	£457.79
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
HMRC – PAYE/Tax	£114.60
Poppy Wreath	£17.50
Jane Kemp (Tyler Kemp Plus One)	£330.00
CBC - Street Lighting	£12.80
Church Memorial Garden	£89.70
Special Event Licence	£21.00
Total	<u>£1,046.99</u>

January

PC Salary	£457.99
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
HMRC – PAYE/Tax	£114.40
Total	<u>£575.99</u>

The payments for December & January were approved

Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall

Seconded: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau

Agreed by all

20/241

Planning/Housing

241.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

213154 - Hoe Farm, Rectory Road, Aldham – new cartlodge

Comments: No Objections as long as this is not to be used as a secondary dwelling.

213532 - Land West of High Acre Farm, Tey Road – Change the use of land from agricultural to recreation/leisure purposes to provide four glamping pod units and associated parking and plant

Comments: Objection

(1) No vehicle access to this property – would involve removal of hedgerow

(2) Concern over vehicles coming in and out of site

(3) Creeping development – land owners own a lot of land in the area – concern that further glamping pods in the future

4 Councillors Objected, 1 Abstention, 1 Declared Interest

213538 - Old House, Ford Street (listed building) – Extension to garden wall

Comments: No Objections

213539 - Old House, Ford Street (listed building) – Extension to garden wall

Comments: No Objections

220022 - Footpath Diversion – Diversion of Footpath 3

Comments: Agreed at November 2021 meeting

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

213226 – May Cottage, Halstead Road, Aldham - proposed single storey front and rear extension to form an annex with internal alterations and proposed front bench

Comments: No Objections

241.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting
212418 – Tile House, New Road, Aldham – Erection of 4 detached dwellings, access road, new woodland plantation and additional landscaping.

Decision: Refuse

212919 – Former Grain Store, Hoe Farm, Rectory Road, Aldham – The former grain store is used for an ancillary residential function for the applicants (i.e .domestic storage) for at least the last 10 years.

Decision: No comments are allowed – this is not a planning application

213160 – Corvettes, New Road, Aldham – Extension of Garden Area

Comments: No Objections

Decision: Approve Conditional

20/242 Speeding in Aldham

Cllr Iain Wickes suggested an “Awareness Campaign” in relation to speeding that could be used at the local train station and in the village. Cllr Iain Wickes would put together a leaflet for the next meeting.

20/243 Millennium Playing Field & Playground

The Parish Council has not been able to find a new site for the Playground and Equipment.

20/244 Queens Platinum Anniversary Celebrations

The Parish Council confirmed that Durango would be playing in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th June 2022. Cllr Iain Wickes suggested an event for younger members of the community at the Millennium Playing field between 3.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. Cllr Stuart Simpson reported that he would be happy to provide music during that time and could provide a generator as well. Cllr Iain Wickes suggested that this could be a “bring your own picnic” event.

The Parish Clerk was actioned to look into the cost of a marquee in case of bad weather and to look into commemorative mugs.

20/245 Community Speedwatch (CSW)

Community Speed Watch would re-start in February 2022.

20/246 Precept

The precept for 2022/2023 was discussed and it was agreed that it would be increased by 10%.

Proposed: Cllr Jackie Daines

Seconded: Cllr Chris Hall

20/247 Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that the Parish council would not go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan. Agreed by all.

20/248 West Tey Housing Development

The Parish Council would not support this planning application (211788).

20/249 Training/Events

249.1 Reports on attended events - None

249.2 Nominations for new events - None

20/250 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Brenda Brown asked whether potholes and the broken railings around Ford Street Bridge could be looked into by ECC Lewis Barber. ECC Lewis Barber has a community team coming out to paint and tidy the area in the next week.

Cllr Stuart Simpson reported that the ditch leading into the River Colne from Halstead Road was now flowing well and it was hoped this would help reduce the impact of flooding in that area.

20/251 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting finished at 9.47 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....