

# *Aldham Parish Council*

## Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 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 Andrew D'Angibau, Cllr Adam Scott, Cllr Stuart Simpson, Cllr Iain Wickes & the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 1 member of the public.

**22/23**      **Welcome and apologies for absence**  
ECC Lewis Barber & CBC Dennis Willetts

Ian Wickes joined the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

**22/24**      **Declaration of Members interests**  
**Cllr** Iain Wickes declared an interest in 22/31, as he is a Committee Member of AAP.

**22/25**      **Public Open Forum** (Maximum 15 minutes)  
A resident reported a tree leaning in Green Lane that the resident would report to Colchester Borough Homes.  
A resident requested a copy of the Parish Council Social Media (Facebook) Policy, the Parish Clerk was actioned to send a copy to the resident.

The Chairman requested to bring forward the discussion on 22/31 at this point in the meeting. Agreed by all.

**22/26**      **To approve the minutes of the last meeting** (3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022)  
Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall      Seconded: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau

**22/27**      **Visitors Report**  
None

**22/28**      **Clerk's Report**  
None

**22/29**      **Finance**  
To approve payments in accordance with the Budget  
Payments for July 2022

PC Salary	£517.40
HMRC	£129.20
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
Waste Bags	£10.20
Landscape Services	<u>£276.00</u>
Total	<b><u>£936.40</u></b>

Agreed by all

**22/30**      **Planning/Housing**

30.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

**221484 – Hall Cottage, Brook Road, Aldham** – Single storey side extension to provide garage, single storey rear extension and alterations to existing windows and doors

**Comments:**

The Parish Clerk was actioned to contact the enforcement team at Colchester Borough Council in regards to this planning application.

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

None

30.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

**220856 – Half a Loaf Cottage, Rectory Road, Aldham** - Remove existing front door and dismantle the timber framed west elevation of the porch. Remove the window from the east elevation of the porch and infill. Extend the front (north) elevation of the porch towards the west by 500mm. Re-build the west elevation.

**Decision:** Withdrawn

**220857 – Half a Loaf Cottage, Rectory Road, Aldham** - Remove existing front door and dismantle the timber framed west elevation of the porch. Remove the window from the east elevation of the porch and infill. Extend the front (north) elevation of the porch towards the west by 500mm. Re-build the west elevation.

**Decision:** Withdrawn

**220957 – Wick Farm, New Road, Aldham** – continued use of land for external storage purposes

**Comments:** No Objections

**Decision:** Approve conditional

**221000 – Ashington Lodge, New Road, Aldham** – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use dwelling of an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse

**Decision:** Prior Approval Required (Approved)

**22/31**

**Donation to Aldham Against Pylons (AAP)**

Cllr Adam Scott on behalf of Aldham Parish Council wanted to record how grateful the Parish Council are to the AAP Group who have done an amazing job so far in campaigning against the proposed Pylon Scheme.

Cllr Adam Scott proposed that the Parish Council set aside a certain amount of money (£750 donation – split into three payments) for the campaign.

Cllr Jackie Daines informed the meeting that the Parish Council are very supportive of this campaign but would require a copy of the groups constitution and details of a bank account before any money could be paid out.

Cllr Iain Wickes stated that the group was meeting next week (12/07/22) and he would raise these points at this meeting.

Cllr Jackie Daines asked that this be deferred until the September meeting where a decision could then be made.

Cllr Adam Scott left the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

**22/32**

**VAS - Speeding in Aldham**

The Parish Clerk reported that Aldham Parish Council are still awaiting the issue of a licence from Essex Highways and that no further progress could be made until the licence had been approved.

**22/33 Rural Affordable Housing (RCCE Survey)**  
Cllr Jackie Daines informed the meeting that there had been a very low response rate for this survey of 13% despite letters to all households in Aldham and residents being able to fill the survey out online.

**22/34 Training/Events**  
34.1 Reports on attended events  
34.2 Nominations for new events

**22/35 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**  
Cllr Andrew D'Angibau informed the meeting of 2 hedges – 1 in Tey Road & 1 in Green Lane – that the Parish council should be aware of. The hedge in Tey Road could be a potential issue due to being so close to the edge of the verge and the Green Lane hedge coming out onto the road, which could reduce visibility for drivers. The Parish Clerk was actioned to send a letter to the owner of the Green Lane hedge.  
A resident reported that hedges/pavements that were requiring cutting or were overgrown in the proximity of the Almhouses, should have been done by now and that he would chase this up for immediate attention.  
Cllr Brenda Brown informed the meeting that a tractor had attempted to go round a broken down truck and had then become jammed at the side of the road – blocking the road completely for traffic in both directions.  
Cllr Jackie Daines informed the meeting that agreement had been reached with the owners of the Millennium Playing Field for an ongoing extension of the lease arrangements on a year-to-year basis starting in July 2023 to July 2024.  
Cllr Jackie Daines further reported that the owner of Corvettes would gift the land to the rear of the Aldham Village Hall to the Parish Council, and that this site would be the new location for the Play Area. The Parish Council would use the extended lease to transfer the equipment over to the new site. The Chairman pointed out that this would not happen overnight and that legal advice would be required from the RCCE before the land would be transferred to the Parish Council.  
Permission was given by the Parish Council for an “AAP” banner/board to be erected at the triangle in Ford Street & on Gallows Green.  
Proposed: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau                      Seconded: Cllr Iain Wickes  
Agreed by all.  
Cllr Jackie Daines reported that the grass had worn away on the Triangle at Ford Street and may require re-seeding. This was proposed as an agenda item for the September meeting.

**22/36 To confirm date and time of next meeting**  
Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30 p.m.  
The meeting finished at 8.40 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman

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