

Aldham Parish Council

Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 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, CBC Dennis Willetts, & the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 2 members of the public.

22/52 **Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Stuart Simpson, ECC Lewis Barber & CBC Sara Naylor

22/53 **Declaration of Members interests**

None

22/54 **Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**

A resident reported that the streetlights outside the village hall were not working. These had already been reported to CBC.

A resident would be happy to offer First Aid training on the use of the new defibrillator In Spring 2023.

22/55 **To approve the minutes of the last meeting (6th September 2022)**

Proposed: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau

Seconded: Cllr Chris Hall

Agreed by all

22/56 **Visitors Report (CBC Dennis Willetts)**

CBC Dennis Willetts reported issues with people using Aldham as a cut through whilst repairs are being done on A12. Highways are going to put out better signage.

22/57 **Clerk's Report**

The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Council has been sent a copy of the Vas Unit Agreement for signing. It requires amendment on the costings before being signed.

22/58 **Finance**

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget

Payments for October 2022

PC Salary	£517.40
HMRC	£129.20
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
RCCE Housing	£396.00
Andrew Deptford	£92.40
Landscape Services	<u>£396.00</u>
Total	<u>£1,451.32</u>

Payments for November 2022

PC Salary	£517.40
HMRC	£129.20
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
Landscape Services	£276.00
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London Hearts (Defib)	£902.40
RCCE Subscriptions	£52.80
Memorial Flowers	<u>£22.00</u>
	<u>£2179.40</u>

Proposed: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau
Agreed by all

Seconded: Cllr Chris Hall

22/59

Planning/Housing

59.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

213532 - High Acre Farm, Tey Road, Aldham - Refusal of planning Permission
Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State

222648 – Corvettes, New Road, Aldham – Application for variation of condition 2 (drawing numbers) following grant of planning permission 162311
Comments: No Objections

222658 – 31 Hines Close, Aldham – Proposed single storey front and rear extension
Comments: No Objections

222689 – Somerson House, New Road – demolition of existing cartlodge and annex and the erection of a two-bedroom annex of similar footprint for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling (Resubmission of 221146)
Comments: Objection – owner looking to make two residential units, creeping development, outside the village envelope, conservation area – same reasons as objection to 221146.

222690 – Somerson House, New Road – conservation area relevant demolition of existing cartlodge and annex and the erection of a two-bedroom annex of similar footprint for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling (Resubmission of 221146)
Comments: Objection – owner looking to make two residential units, creeping development, outside the village envelope, conservation area – same reasons as objection to 221146.

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

59.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

222044 – Wick Farm Ltd, Wick Farm, New Road, Aldham – continued use of building and associated land for storage purposes
Decision: Approve Conditional

222283 – Rye House, New Road, Aldham – proposed new side extension
Comments: The Parish Council would object to this retrospective planning application for the following reasons:
The scale, character, appearance, and materials used in this development are out of keeping with the local area (the extension is very much larger than the previously existing conservatory) and it has not taken into account the existing material used to build Rye House. It is “wooden” in colour and should be painted

black, to tie in with other properties in the village, where there are several “black barns”. The development has a significant impact on the surrounding area with reference to landscape from its scale, design and materials with views being very prominent from the public footpath of the Essex Way (Visual Impact).

Decision: Refused

- 22/60 Defibrillator**
The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that the defibrillator has been purchased and are now awaiting delivery in next 14 days.
- 22/61 Gallows Green – Fallen Tree**
The tree that fell, has now been removed from the pond. Further work is required on the site. Quote from Chris Wynn to complete extra work to clear wooded area. £480
Leave till next year after summer growth.
Agreed by all
- 22/62 Aldham Grapevine**
To discuss making a £400 donation to the Aldham Grapevine
Defer to next meeting in January 2023
- 22/63 RCCE Solicitor & RCCE Housing Survey 2022**
To discuss using RCCE solicitor Michael Phelps (Thetford Solicitors) regarding land for new playground – he would be happy to work on PC behalf – his fee would be £2,500 plus VAT, plus extra £1,000 for land registry etc.
Cllr Jackie Daines proposal to appoint solicitor.
For: 0 Against: 5
- To discuss the Aldham Housing Survey Results 2022 – an extremely poor return 16%
Laura Atkinson of RCCE coming to January meeting.
- 22/64 Parish Councillor Vacancy**
To discuss the vacant position of Councillor
One resident has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and will email the Clerk to make it official.
- 22/65 Footpath Report 2022**
Cllr Jackie Daines expressed her thanks to Jean Jennings for putting together a footpath report. Cllr Andrew D’Angibau would give a copy of the report to Sarah Potter, Essex Highways on 16/11/22.
- 22/66 Christmas Gifts**
Peter Vestey £30, Sharon Tidy £30, Jean Jennings £30
Agreed by all
- 22/67 Meeting Dates 2023**
To discuss meeting dates for 2023
Agreed by all
- 22/68 Training/Events**
68.1 Reports on attended events - None
68.2 Nominations for new events - None
- 22/69 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**
Aldham Against Pylons

Aldham Housing Plan/Playground Plan

22/70

To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....