Aldham Parish Council

<u>Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30 P.M in the Village Hall, Aldham</u>

Present: Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall (Vice Chairman), Cllr Brenda Brown,

Cllr Andrew D'Angibau, Cllr Adam Scott, Cllr Stuart Simpson, CBC Dennis Willetts

& the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 2 members of the public.

22/71 Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from CBC Sara Naylor & ECC Lewis Barber

22/72 Declaration of Members interests

None

22/73 Co-option of Parish Councillor

Mike Lambert was co-opted onto the Parish Council

22/74 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

None

22/75 To approve the minutes of the last meeting (15th November 2022)

Cllr Adam Scott requested that the following be added to the previous minutes: "There was a detailed discussion on possible development in the village and this involved a potential playground site".

Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall Seconded: Cllr Andrew D' Angibau

Agreed by all

22/76 Visitors Report (CBC Dennis Willetts)

CBC Dennis Willetts reported the locality budget was £2,000 per councillor for the following year. (£6,000 in total).

22/77 Clerk's Report

The Parish Clerk requested that the July meeting of the Parish Council be amended from Tuesday 11th July 2023 to Tuesday 25th July 2023. Agreed by all.

22/78 Guest Speaker: Laura Atkinson, RCCE

Laura informed the meeting that the Parish Council had completed a housing survey to identify any needs in regards to housing & affordable housing in the village. Aldham's response rate was below the national average (25%), with only a 16% return. The majority of the people who responded were over the age of 45 (77%), with the majority being house owners. There was insufficient data to determine and assess what type of housing was required for residents who wanted affordable housing.

Laura stated that the RCCE could still offer the possibility on doing an online housing survey to attract more residents if the Parish Council required. She suggested that the Parish Council complete another housing survey in 5 years' time.

It was proposed to complete an online survey in the spring of 2023 and for the details on how to access the survey be provided in the next edition of the Grapevine.

Proposed: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau Seconded: Cllr Jackie Daines

Agreed by all

22/79 Finance

The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Clerk Salary increase had been agreed and was to be back dated to April 2022.

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget

Payments for December 2022

PC Salary		£517.20
HMRC		£129.40
Mileage Expenses		£3.60
Xmas Gift Vouchers		£90.00
	Total	£740.20

Payments for January 2023

PC Salary	£555.60
Backdated Salary Parish Clerk	£432.00
HMRC	£139.00
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
RCCE Subscriptions	£312.72
_	£1,442.92

Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall Seconded: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau

Agreed by all

22/80 Planning/Housing

80.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

223028 – Ashington Lodge, New Road - Replacement of an agricultural building with a new self-build/custom- built dwelling (in lieu of Prior Approval for conversion of building into a dwelling subject of application 221000) **Comments**: Objection

233091 – Wick Farm Ltd, Wick Farm, New Road, Aldham - Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - new machinery store/shed

Comments: No comment

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

222781 – Old House, Ford Street, Aldham – Addition of an oak porch to kitchen door (Amended Description)

Comments: No Objections

222786 – Barns at, Aldham Hall Farm, Brook Road, Aldham - Change of use and alteration of existing cart lodge to provide covered storage and car parking for new residential dwelling. Change of use of land to residential amenity land. **Comments:** Objection – the Parish Council would object to this planning application for the same reasons given previously.

222849 – Barns at, Aldham Hall Farm, Brook Road, Aldham - Change of use and alteration of existing cart lodge to provide covered storage and car parking for new residential dwelling. Change of use of land to residential amenity land. **Comments:** Objection – the Parish Council would object to this planning application for the same reasons given previously.

80.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

222053 – Old Bourchiers Halls, New Road - Listed building application for the proposed scheme aims to re-develop the existing Stable block at Old Bourchiers Hall, into a new, modern and energy efficient ancillary accommodation as an extension of the main house. Amenities including 4 bedrooms.

Decision: Application Withdrawn

222648 – Corvettes, New Road, Aldham - Application for variation of condition 2 (drawing numbers) following grant of planning permission 162311

Decision: Approve conditional

222658 – 31 Hines Close, Aldham – Proposed single storey front and rear extension

Decision: Approve conditional

222689 – Somerson House, New Road, Aldham – demolition of existing cartlodge and annex and the erection of two-bedroom annex of similar footprint for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling. (Resubmission of 221146)

Decision: Refused

222690 – Somerson House, New Road, Aldham – demolition of existing cartlodge and annex and erection of two-bedroom annex of similar footprint for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling. (Resubmission of 221147)

Decision: Approve conditional

22/81 Precept 2023

It was agreed to increase the precept by 5%

Proposed: Cllr Jackie Daines Seconded: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau

Agreed by all

22/82 Grounds Maintenance Contract 2023

It was agreed to stay with Landscape Services.

Agreed by all

22/83 Gallows Green - Fallen Tree

Nothing further to report

22/84 Aldham Grapevine

It was proposed to make a £400 donation to the Aldham Grapevine

Proposed: Cllr Jackie Daines Seconded: Cllr Chris Hall

Agreed by all

22/85 Aldham Against Pylons

Cllr Adam Scott informed the meeting that it has been very difficult to get information from National Grid. MP Liam Fox/MP Bernard Jenkins have both commented on the proposals. Meeting of AAP on 13th December in Aldham. Cllr Adam Scott put in a response on behalf of the Parish Council. Next consultation date – Spring 2023.

22/86 New Housing/New Playground Map of Aldham

Cllr Mike Lambert suggested that the Parish Clerk send a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to Pippa Holmes in regards to the Playground.

22/87 Section 106 Money

No action.

22/88 Training/Events

- 88.1 Reports on attended events None
- 88.2 Nominations for new events None

22/89 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda

Cllr Adam Scott informed the meeting that the Parish Council website was not very good. Cllr Jackie Daines suggested that councillors go away and look at other Parish Council websites to compare and bring back to the next meeting. The Parish Clerk was actioned to look into the cost of someone maintaining the website on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Jackie Daines requested that councillors look at ideas for the Kings Coronation and for this subject to be added to the next agenda.

22/90 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.30 p.m. The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Signed	Chairman
Date	