

# Aldham Parish Council

## Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 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 Mike Lambert, CBC Dennis Willetts & the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 2 members of the public.
- 23/01 Election of Chairman (sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office)**  
Proposed: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau                      Seconded: Cllr Chris Hall  
Agreed by all
- 23/02 Election of Vice Chairman**  
Proposed: Cllr Jackie Daines                      Seconded: Cllr Brenda Brown  
Agreed by all
- Cllr Adam Scott & CBC Dennis Willetts joined the meeting. 7.34 p.m.
- 22/03 Co-option of Councillor**  
Cllr Stuart Simpson was co-opted onto the Parish Council  
Proposed: Cllr Jackie Daines                      Seconded: Cllr Brenda Brown
- 22/04 Confirmation of Election of Councillors (sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office) and to confirm consent for sending of council summons and agenda electronically.**  
All documents were signed at the meeting and witnessed by the Proper Officer.
- 23/05 Welcome and apologies for absence**
- 23/06 Declaration of Members interests**  
Cllr Andrew D'Angibau planning wicks farm
- 23/07 Election of Councillors for sub-committees**  
Sub Committees at present:  
Planning Sub Committee: Jackie Daines/Adam Scott/Chris Hall/Mike Lambert  
Playing Field Sub Committee: Jackie Daines/Chris Hall  
Village Hall Representative: Jackie Daines  
Gallows Green Representative: Andrew D'Angibau  
Infrastructure (A120/Pylons) Representative: Adam Scott  
AAP Representative: Adam Scott  
Grapevine Representative: Brenda Brown
- 23/08 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**  
A resident informed the meeting that the King's Coronation BBQ had been a success, jointly organised by the Parish Council & the Village Hall Management Committee. The cost for the event was £406.60. The Parish council had agreed to pay 50% of the cost of the event (£203.30) – a cheque was made out to the Village Hall Management committee for that amount and added to this month's finances.  
Agreed by all.  
The chairman, Jackie Daines thanked both Chris Hall & Anne Fulcher for helping to organise the event.



**230505 – New Bouchiers House, New Road, Aldham** – Construction of Annex & Garage

**Comments:** No objection – The Parish Council would like to request a condition/s 106 agreement ensuring it is not occupied or sold separately from the main property.

**230662 – Rose Cottage, Halstead Road, Aldham** – proposed side and rear extension

**Comments:**  
No Objections

**230726 – Wick Farm Ltd, Wick Farm, New Road, Aldham** – removal/variation of a condition 4 following grant of planning permission (220957)

**Comments:**  
No Objections

**230850 – Corvettes, New Road, Aldham** – proposed garden store extension to building approved under Ref: 222648

**Comments:**  
No Objections

### 17.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

**23/18**

#### **Insurance 2022/2023**

The Parish Council agreed to accept the Insurance Renewal from BHIB Insurance for 2023/2024 at £614.60

Proposed: Cllr Andrew D'Angibau

Seconded: Cllr Adam Scott

Agreed by All

**23/19**

#### **Asset Register**

The Parish Clerk reported that the Parish Council has £61,570.67 worth of assets at the 31/03/23.

**23/20**

#### **Section 106 Wish List**

Cllr Mike Lambert asked that this be added to the July agenda.

Cllr Mike Lambert's letter regarding Section 106 money is shown below under the final item for this meeting.

The Chairman Jackie Daines thanked Cllr Mike Lambert for his work on this.

Cllr Adam Scott asked if a Management Plan for Gallows Green could be added to the list?

**23/21**

#### **Millennium Playing Field**

To discuss the future of the Millennium Playing Field and Playground (27<sup>th</sup> June 2024)

The Chairman requested this item to added to the agenda for the July meeting.

Agreed by all.

**23/22**

#### **Aldham Against Pylons (AAP)**

Cllr Adam Scott informed the meeting the there are no planned AAP meeting's in the near future and that the next round of consultation dates was not until the middle of 2024.

**23/23**

#### **Community Speed Watch**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Parish Council wanted to restart the CSW, which had not been in operation since Covid.

Cllr Mike Lambert asked to be put down on the list of volunteers for CSW.

**23/24**

**Training/Events**

24.1 Reports on attended events  
None

24.2 Nominations for new events  
None

**23/25**

**Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

Cllr Mike Lambert informed the meeting of a blind spot due to overgrown vegetation at the junction of Rectory Road and Brook Road. The Chairman actioned the Parish Clerk to contact Landscape services to cut the vegetation back.

**23/26**

**To confirm date and time of next meeting**

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 7.30 p.m.  
The meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....

Given the village is not identified for new housing in the current Local Plan the Parish Council recognise that only small scale infill is ever likely, and therefore the only s106 infrastructure eligible under the City Council' Supplementary Planning Guidance would be for Community Facilities and Sport & Recreation.

**Community Facilities/Sport & Recreation:**

The priority is for the replacement of the **playing fields and play equipment** when the current lease expires in June 2024. At present no suitable alternative site has been identified, but the options for the future are under review by the Parish and funding would be required for purchase/lease of a new site and potentially replacement and/or additional play equipment.

No costings can be given at this stage but a budget in the order of £30,000 is suggested.

The **Village Hall** is managed by an independent Committee, but it is understood that a porch over the

rear door is needed. Estimated cost [*£2500?*] **Replacement of two Parish Notice Boards - £3,000**

**Preparation of Ecological Management Plan for Gallows Green - £2500**

**Highways & Transport:**

The village is affected by traffic using local roads for rat running, particularly to avoid holdups on eastbound A120 at Marks Tey. Volume and speed of traffic on Brook Road/North Lane has increased, especially following the completion of the new bridge, and Brook Road is too narrow for larger vehicles to pass safely north of the bridge. This makes the route dangerous for walkers and cyclists. The Parish Council would seek funding for a feasibility study to examine the potential for extending and improving the existing PRoW [FP?] from Aldham Hall to North Lane to create a **safe pedestrian/cycle route between the village and Marks Tey Station**, bus services and other facilities. A safer route could also assist in reducing the need for residents to travel by car to reach these facilities.

**Repairs to footway on Ford St Bridge - £10,000**

**PRoW repairs to signs, bridges etc reported in January 2021 - £3000 Safety Equipment for Community Speed Watch team £650**

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