

# Aldham Parish Council

## Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 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 & the Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw and 3 members of the public.

**23/27**      **Welcome and apologies for absence**

ECC Lewis Barber, Cllr CBC Dennis Willetts & Cllr Stuart Simpson sent apologies. No apologies were recorded from Cllr Sara Naylor.

**23/28**      **Declaration of Members interests**

Cllr Andrew D'Angibau declared an interest on planning application 34.3 (Wick Farm Ltd).

**23/29**      **Public Open Forum** (Maximum 15 minutes)

A resident informed the meeting that the vegetation requires attention in the layby behind the village church. Cllr Andrew D'Angibau would look at the vegetation and decide on a course of action.

A resident informed the meeting that Hardings Close area is overgrown with vegetation and weeds growing from the pavements. Chairman Jackie Daines will meet with the resident to look at the issue and contact Colchester Borough Homes.

A resident reported brambles growing in Green Lane. Chairman Jackie Daines will meet with the resident to look at the issue and contact Colchester Borough Homes.

**23/30**      **To approve the minutes of the last meeting** (9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

Proposed: Cllr Chris Hall

Seconded: Cllr Brenda Brown

**23/31**      **Visitors Report** (CBC Dennis Willetts)

None

**23/32**      **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that Cllr Stuart Simpson had handed in his resignation from the Parish Council.

**23/33**      **Finance**

To approve payments in accordance with the Budget

Payments for June 2023

PC Salary	£555.80
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
HMRC	£138.80
Landscape Services	£303.60
Landscape Services	£100.00
Landscape Services	£60.00
Landscape Services	£303.60
Rospa	£98.40
Colchester CC – uncontested election	<u>£64.00</u>
Total	<u>£1,627.80</u>

Payments for July 2023

PC Salary	£555.60
Mileage Expenses	£3.60
HMRC	£139.00
Landscape Services	£303.60
CALC 2023/2024	£35.00
Landscape Services	£303.60
War Memorial Flowers	£21.60
Total	<u>£1,362.00</u>

23/34

### Planning/Housing

34.1 Applications for discussion at meeting

None

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

**231173 – Old Rectory, Rectory Road, Aldham** – Single storey side extension to create a garden room. New entrance porch.

**Comments:**

No Objections

**231174 – Old Rectory, Rectory Road, Aldham** – Single storey side extension to create a garden room. New entrance porch.

**Comments:**

No Objections

**231258 – Ashington Lodge, New Road, Aldham** – replacement of an agricultural building with a new self-build dwelling in lieu of prior approval for conversion of building into a dwelling (ref 221000).

34.3 Planning Applications – Decisions received since last meeting

**220252 – Old Bouchiers Hall, New Road, Aldham** - The proposed scheme aims to redevelop the existing Stable block at Old Bouchiers Hall, into a new modern and energy efficient ancillary accommodation as an extension of the main house. Amenities include 4 bedrooms, 4 en-suite bathrooms and a study room.

**Decision:** Refuse

**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.

**Decision:** Approve conditional

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

**Comments:** No Objections

**Decision:** Approve conditional

**230850 – Corvettes, New Road, Aldham** – proposed garden store extension to building

**Comments:** No objections  
**Decision:** Approve Conditional

**222689 – Somerson House, New Road, Aldham** – 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.

**Decision:** Refuse

**Appeal Lodged 07/06/2023**

To note appeal being lodged on this planning application only

**23/35**

**Aldham Against Pylons**

Cllr Adam Scott informed the meeting that National Grid repositioned some of the pylons near Aldham. He informed the meeting that there would be 14 pylons for Aldham amounting to 4.6 km of lines.

He informed the meeting that consultation meetings in Langham & Witham had been well attended.

Cllr Adam Scott requested that he make a response on behalf of the Parish Council as the AAP representative. The Chairman requested that Cllr Adam Scott do this and send the response to all councillors by 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

Agreed by all.

**23/36**

**Section 106 Wish List**

Cllr Mike Lambert informed the meeting of the updated section 106 wish list.

**23/37**

**Millennium Playing Field**

Cllr Adam Scott requested that the playing field options email from 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be added to the Parish Council Website.

Agreed by all.

**23/38**

**Community Speed Watch**

The Parish Clerk was asked to chase up information on the new site for Ford Street from CSW.

**23/39**

**Playground Inspection 2023**

Latest inspection has been completed, no further action required.

**23/40**

**Village Hall Rental**

To note increase in hourly rate to £8.00

**23/41**

**Rural Prosperity Fund**

Cllr Adam Scott informed the meeting that the next round of funding deadline was on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and that another round of funding would be later on.

**23/42**

**Training/Events**

42.1 Reports on attended events

42.2 Nominations for new events – Mike Lambert – Councillor Training Course (October)

**23/43**

**Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

Cllr Brenda Brown reported that the vegetation at Rectory Road was overgrown.

Cllr Brenda Brown reported that at least 16 banners were outside mill race nursery – the Parish Clerk was actioned to report this to the enforcement officer at CCC.

23/44

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

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....

**Infrastructure Audit by Colchester City Council 2023 Priorities for Aldham Parish Council**

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**

**ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023**