

Aldham Parish Council

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Minutes	Action
<p>Minutes of Aldham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd. April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Aldham</p> <p>Present: Cllrs Mike Lambert (Chairman), Brenda Brown, Andrew D'Angibau, Tony Gearey, Jean Jennings, Roger Walker, CCC Dennis Willetts, CCC Sara Naylor and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also present 4 members of the public.</p> <p>040/2024 Apologies for absence were received from ECC Lewis Barber and Cllr Adam Scott</p> <p>041/2024 Declaration of Members interests To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda None Declared</p> <p>042/2024 To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on Tuesday 5th. March 2024. All Agreed</p> <p>043/2024 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes) 5 more weeks of A12 evening and weekend closures and movement of lanes. National Highways have informed all areas of residents. Aldham may not be affected too much this time Grass cutting around Hardings Close should be cut. When is it being done by Colchester Borough Homes?</p> <p>044/2024 Visitors Report (CCC Sara Naylor) Cllr S. Naylor reported that Election cycle is in Purdah and cannot do too much to help Parish Councils. Cllr D. Willetts is up for election this year. There is an error in the Highways bulletin. First week of the closure is 15th. April 2024 8pm – 6am. Speed camera and signage was discussed at the Highways meeting. Next Forum meeting is on 16th. April 2024</p> <p>045/2024 Finance a) To receive the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. March 2024 Councillors noted the Bank reconciliations as at 31st. March 2024 b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2023/24 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budgeted for 2023/24 c) To approve the payment of Accounts for April 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. All Agreed d) Councillors to discuss changing to Internet Banking Cllr M. Lambert proposed moving to Unity Trust Bank. Cllr A. D'Angibau seconded. All Agreed</p> <p>046/2024 Planning Applications 240588 - Ashington Lodge New Road Aldham Colchester CO6 3QT Application for prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural storage building into two dwellings RESOLVED: The Parish Council understand that to be eligible for Part Q of the General Permitted Development Order it is necessary to satisfy criterion (a) of Part Q.1 which requires that the site is solely used for an agricultural use as part of an established agricultural unit; i. On March 2013; or</p>	<p>Clerk to send responses</p>

- ii. In the case of a building which was in use before that date but was not in use on that date when it was last in use; or
- iii. In the case of a site which was brought into use after 20 March 2013, for a period of at least 10 years before the date development under Class Q beings.

Where a building has not obviously been in long-term agricultural use at the time an application is submitted, the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate that it was so on March 2013 or at a time before that date. The Council, where necessary, should seek evidence as to compliance with this requirement and where there is continuing doubt should refuse prior approval.

The Parish Council would question whether the building qualifies for Part Q, on the basis that there is no evidence that the building or premises have ever been used for agriculture and that even if they had that the building has subsequently been used for purposes ancillary to Ashington Lodge as part of the ancillary residential curtilage and request the Council undertake further checks before determining this application.

047/2024 Planning Decisions affecting Aldham. No planning decisions have been made affecting Aldham

048/2024 Website / Email – Update from the working group

Website is now up and running well and easy to use. Emails are also working well. The next step is to set up a Facebook account.

049/2024 To consider the Landscape Contract for grass cutting for 2024

Cllr M. Lambert proposed the quotation from Landscape Services. The maximum number of cuts being 12 cuts per year. Cllr T. Gearey seconded. **All Agreed**

050/2024 To receive a report from Councillor Adam Scott on National Grid's proposals for the Norwich to Tilbury Pylons

Cllrs A. D'Angibau, B. Brown and M. Lambert met with James Ryan (Levelling Up Department from Central Government) to look around the village to show the concerns of where the pylons would be situated. Further statutory consultation being arranged. A further meeting with James Ryan to take place on 7th. May 2024. How as a Parish to work with other organisations in the area.

National Grid proposals are and the consultation needs to looked at closely as it is very confusing.

Multiple responses are better than having one response as it is taken more seriously by the weight.

All residents, Parish Council's and local organisations must consult in the consultation.

051/2024 Speed Indicator Device (SID) and Solar Panels on Brook Rd & Ford St – update from Cllr M. Lambert. No update since last meeting.

052/2024 To consider training opportunities available from EALC

Councillors have been given all the upcoming courses.

053/2024 Information Exchange

Policies – Are live on website but require update

Cllr J. Jennings spoke about a footpath report, which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Parking in Ford Street is becoming a problem.

Problem logistics at Fairfield Farm

Brook Road will be closed for roadworks to be undertaken

054/2024 Items for next agenda

UPDATE POLICIES – Internal Controls: Complaints: Financial Regulations: Standing Orders:

Footpath Report – Cllr J. Jennings

Cllr T. Gearey

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055/2024 To confirm date and time of next meeting.
Annual Parish meeting is on SATURDAY 27th. April 2024 at 10am

Next Full Council meeting is on Tuesday 7th. May 2024 at 7pm in the village hall then 7.30pm at Aldham Church

056/2024 **Closure of the Meeting**

To close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

7th. May 2024

Mike Lambert - Chairman

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