

**Aldham Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday, 3rd April 2018**  
**at 7.00pm in Aldham Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllr Jackie Daines (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall, Cllr Ann Honeyball, Cllr Clive Bainbridge, & Cllr John D'Angibau.  
The Clerk, Mr G. Walkingshaw, CBC Brian Jarvis & CBC Dennis Willetts and 11 residents.

**Apologies:** Cllr Barry Webber & CBC Lewis Barber

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as a true record.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

**Chairman's Report 2017/2018**

This last year has been another busy and challenging one for Aldham Parish Council.

We have seen our workload increase especially in the first part of 2018.

Several advantageous things have happened within our village.

We have installed new equipment on the Millennium Playing Field and hopefully this will get a lot of use in the weeks and months ahead.

Also a very important addition has been the Defibrillator, which has been installed on the outside wall of the Village Hall. A training session was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January and this was very well attended, so there are 20 or so people within the village who now know what to do should the need arise.

We have been able to employ the Colchester Borough Council team of Rangers to attend to minor jobs around the village and one or two have already been carried out with more to come in the coming weeks.

At the beginning of the year, we put our Grounds Maintenance works out for tender and having received 4 different quotes, we have awarded the contract for the whole of the grounds maintenance around the village to Landscape Services. John and his team looked after the playing field for us last year, and did a very good and efficient job for us, so we were pleased to be able to offer him the new contract, which will have started on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

So far this year we have dealt with 19 planning applications, some minor such as the repositioning of a door, to larger projects such as extensions and window replacements.

Most have received a positive response from ourselves and Colchester Borough Council.

As this year marks 100 years since the Great War, we, as a Council, are going to celebrate this Centenary with an evening of entertainment on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. This will take the form of a musical extravaganza based on songs and music from that era and promises to be a good way of celebrating such a momentous time in our history.

More details to follow so check the Grapevine as the year goes on.

On a more serious note, I should like to point out that Aldham Parish Council works to a set of Standing Orders, as does every other Parish Council in the Country.

Up until recently we have never had to invoke any of these Standing Orders, as our meetings have always been run on a very relaxed basis, whilst always adhering to the Agenda format.

However, at a recent meeting we found it necessary to invoke Standing Order No.2, which sets out the way in which we are legally entitled to deal with disorderly conduct at our meetings. This resulted in two members of the public being asked to leave the meeting.

I must emphasise that we will not condone such behaviour and anyone who shows signs of aggression or rude and unruly behaviour will be asked to leave the meeting. Failure to so willingly will result in the police being asked to attend.

Those of us who serve on the Parish Council do so willingly and we give our time freely, and we welcome constructive comments from anyone attending our meetings. So please do feel free to come along. We are here to help and assist as much as we are able.

Finally, my thanks go to my fellow Parish Councillors – Clive Bainbridge our Vice Chairman, Chris Hall, Ann Honeyball, Adam Scott, John D'Angibau and Barry Webber for their help and support throughout this year and to our Parish Clerk, Grahame Walkingshaw who has just completed his first year with us and to him I give my personal thanks for all his help and support.

### **Finance Report - 2017 / 2018**

The Accounts for 2017/18 are in the process of being compiled before being forwarded to the Internal Auditor. The accounts will be approved at the Parish Council AGM after which the documents will be sent to the External Auditors.

Total balances held by Aldham Parish Council as at 31 March 2018 is £8,588.58.

This is down on last year due to purchasing 2 pieces of equipment for the Millennium Playing Field (Cost £8,584.44) & a Defibrillator for the Village Hall (Cost £1,575.00)

### **Matters raised by Residents**

A resident wanted to thank the Parish council for the work on the hill leading up to Gallows Green. This has lead to it being much safer to use for residents.

### **Question:**

Were the Parish council aware of issues with the new see-saw and how it traps younger residents feet underneath.

**Answer:**

The Parish council had not heard of any issues but would check the see-saw during routine Playground Inspections.

Signed..... Chairman                      Date.....

The meeting closed at 7.11 p.m.

The Chairman welcomed Tracy Mackness (Giggly Pig) speaker to the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Tracy described her business and offered free samples of her suasages and signed copies of her book. 33 residents were in attendance.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.