

EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Aldham Village Hall, New Road, Aldham, Colchester CO6 3QT on Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 7. 30pm.

Present: Cllr Lorraine Christie
Cllr Flavia-Maria Manda
Cllr Stephen Smith
Cllr Andrew Triolo

There were two members of the public in attendance.

Colchester City Councillor Dennis Willetts sent his apologies.

In the absence of Cllr Jardine, the meeting was chaired by Cllr Triolo.

58-25/26 To receive Apologies for Absence and confirm acceptance of those apologies – All apologies should be sent through the Clerk

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jardine, Nokes and Willetts.

Cllr Triolo said he would like to record, on behalf of councillors, their sadness at the news of the passing of the wife of the Chairman of the Council.

59-25/26 Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

60-25/26 Public Participation

There were no comments.

61-25/26 To agree as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 July 2025

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 9 July 2025 were **agreed** as a true record.

62-25/26 To note progress on matters mentioned in the minutes

There were no matters to note.

63-25/26 Report from the County and Borough Councillors: Report from County Councillor and Ward Councillors, if present.

There were no reports to receive.

64-25/26 Action Tracker

- a) To review the Action Tracker
- b) Action Tracker format and procedure
- c) Update on Iron Latch Wood
- d) Update on proposed developments in the parish and meetings with developers
- e) Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order

Signed _____

Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

f) Letter regarding maintenance of hedges on private land

It was noted that the format and procedure of reviewing the Action Tracker would be addressed at a future meeting.

Cllr Triolo said progress regarding Iron Latch Wood was painfully slow. He said he had visited the area to review with a contractor and had found a lot of rubbish. He said this could possibly be because of the summer holidays. He said the Council would try to find out more information about those who used it.

Cllr Christie said she would investigate going in to local schools.

Cllr Triolo said the Council's priority would be signage and clearing paths.

It was noted that the Clerk would respond to an email received from Colchester City Councillor Scott-Boutell on this basis.

Cllr Triolo said he would be attending two meetings with prospective developers in the parish and he would update at the next meeting. He said the progress of applying parking restriction on the Aspen Walk link road would be monitored.

The progress of the Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order was noted.

It was noted that the Clerk would send letters regarding vegetation growth to various property owners in the parish.

65-25/26 Heaths, Greens and Allotments

a) To receive a report on Heaths and Greens

Mr Winterbourne referred to an issue with a tree of FP24.

He said the Council's contractor had started cutting and baling the heath and hopefully this would be completed by the following week.

b) To consider and possibly agree to accept one of the quotations received for work on the willow tree adjacent to the cricket field

It was **agreed** to accept the quotation for pollarding of the willow tree adjacent to the cricket field of £650.

c) To consider and possibly agree to accept one of the quotations received for the 2025 Tree Survey of trees on all Parish Council land

It was **agreed** to accept the quotation from Blakes Tree Care for the 2025 Tree Survey.

d) To receive a report on the Allotments

It was noted that the 2025/26 letters would be sent out shortly.

66-25/26 To agree the Parish Council response to planning applications received from Colchester City Council and to note decisions made on previous applications

251850 - 1 Choats Cottages, Halstead Road, Eight Ash Green Colchester CO6 3PT - Proposed single storey side extension.

It was **agreed** that there was no objection to this application.

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

Planning Decisions

242554 - Aldford Service Station, Halstead Road, Eight Ash Green Colchester CO6 3PU - Change of use to holding area prior to collection by customer in connection with the vehicle repair/Service/MOT test/workshop – **Permission granted, 7 conditions. 8 August 2025**

67-25/26 Parking restrictions – Daisy Green

- a) To consider and possibly agree to take measures to restrict parking on Daisy Green
- b) If a) above is agreed, to consider and possibly agree any action necessary

This Item was deferred.

68-25/26 To consider and possibly agree to purchase a new union flag at a cost of £125.00

It was agreed to purchase a new Union flag at a cost of £125.00.

69-25/26 Accounts & Payments:

- a) Statement of Accounts to be circulated prior to the meeting
- b) Approve payments for authorisation in accordance with 2025/26 Budget (Invoices Sheet) – to be circulated at the meeting.
- c) To receive the cash budget document circulated by the Chairman

Payments were approved for authorisation as listed below:

Various	Staff Costs	£1,467.85
Wave	Allotments – water	£329.08

The cash budget document had been circulated. It was noted that management of the 2026/27 budget would begin in the next couple of months.

70-25/26 To receive reports from Councillors

Cllr Smith referred to application number 251634 and asked for it to be added to the October agenda.

Cllr Triolo said he would report on meetings with developers at the next meeting.

It was noted that the new website and email migration would be added to the next agenda.

71-25/26 Date of Next Planned Meeting: Wednesday 8 October 2025, 7.30pm, at Aldham Village Hall, New Road, Aldham, Colchester CO6 3QT

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman