



Welcome to the Aldingham Parish Council Spring newsletter

### Elections this year

Parish Councils have elections every 4 years and May 2023 is the turn for Aldingham.

All Councillors are Volunteers and do not represent any political party. See page 3 for further details.

### Budget

The Councils financial year runs April - March  
The 2023/2024 budget will be available to see via the website from April.  
[www.alddingham.org.uk](http://www.alddingham.org.uk)  
The Precept (funding) is detailed further on in this newsletter.

# Parish Council Projects

## FLOOD PREVENTION

Cumbria County Council have now completed the flooding prevention works at Aldingham with pipe outfall onto the beach.



## BINS

We are pleased to advise that the bin at Leythey Lane, Baycliff has been replaced. Thanks to Councillor Ben Cooper for his Locality funding contribution on this. Efforts were made to install a further bin at Swinestead Lane but this was not supported by the District Council. Instead a sign will be installed to prohibit littering & dog fouling.



## Other projects currently under discussion

- kerbstones for Baycliff lower green
- planting for Baycliff upper green to prevent vehicles driving on it
- ongoing lobbying to address the kite debris problem
- play equipment for Baycliff

## CIL

### COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Parish Council receives a proportion of the levy applied to any new housing development. This can be spent on anything relating to the provision/maintenance of infrastructure within the Parish or anything concerned with the demands created by increased development.

**The current fund stands at £2598 (as at March 2023) and we welcome suggestions for suitable projects**

**Examples of spending would be bins, play area equipment, seats, maintenance etc.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT**

Parish Councils are funded by their residents in the form of a “precept”. This is a tax or levy included within the Council Tax which enables the Parish Council to perform its’ functions.

Once the Parish Council agrees its’ budget for the coming year and the “precept” required to meet that, the amount is then requested from the District Council.

This “precept” amount is added to the figures requested by the County Council, the Police, Fire Authority and the District Council to form your Council Tax . The breakdown of this on your annual Council Tax bill.

### **ALDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND 2023/2024 PRECEPT REQUEST**

For the coming financial year 2022/2023, Aldingham Parish Council budget requires a precept of £15,316

This will mean £27.18 per year contribution to the Parish Council as part of overall Council Tax for each Band D household (an increase from £23.17 in 2022/2023). This increase was preceded by careful consideration by the Parish Council and was not taken lightly in the current times but deemed necessary, the decision being mostly based on a need to make future provision for possible election costs as well as rising costs.

The Parish Council budget for 2023/2024, will be available to view via the website.  
[www.aldinghampc@gmail.com](mailto:www.aldinghampc@gmail.com)

## **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Every 4 years, Parish Councils are required to hold an election for membership of the Council. Current Councillors wishing to remain in post have to stand for re-election.

Aldingham Parish has 2 wards: North Ward which has 3 seats covering Baycliff, Aldingham & Scales and South Ward which has 5 seats covering Leece, Gleaston, Newbiggin, Roosebeck & Dendron.

A Parish Council is the level of government closest to the Community and makes representations on their behalf to other bodies e.g. on planning matters.

Other activities include lobbying on Highways issues, flooding etc as well as supporting the Village play areas, contributing to grasscutting and bins.

*The next elections will be on 4th May this year and for further information on the criteria to become a Parish Councillor - see the following link or contact the Clerk.*  
[https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdf\\_file/Part-1-Can-you-stand-for-election-P-and-C.pdf](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdf_file/Part-1-Can-you-stand-for-election-P-and-C.pdf).

*Nomination deadline is 4.00 p.m. Tuesday 4th April*



Parish Council meetings are open to the Public

Why not come along to find out what it is all about?

There is always an agenda item for public participation where you can have a few minutes to speak and raise any Parish related matters.

# MAP OF THE PARISH

