

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2015
IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr R Perkins, Mrs C Murrell, Mr J Judge, Mr D Edwards **Clerk:** Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder, Mr S Damani, Mr B Chillcott

Questions from the floor; Mr J Hodder confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) grant had been approved and will be paid in the next few days. He assumes Castor will be the same. The grant amount was reduced by the contingency costs, as this is not an allowable cost. He suggested that in future the grant application/costs are anticipated and applied for well in advance. The next round of consultation will possibly be in the spring and there will need to be a joint meeting with both parish councils soon to map out progress and direction. Emails will be sent to landowners, businesses, school and utilities for consultations, with appropriate sensitivity.

Mr S Damani and Mrs C Murrell gave an update on the defibrillators project. Donations amount to over £4k at present, and some more is anticipated. The defibrillators have been delivered. Information will go in Parish News, posters and the Community Facebook page with details of training dates in December and January. The defibrillator will be fitted at Halls the Chemist this week and can be used without training. Ailsworth's will be fitted as soon as its cabinet arrives and the electricity and paint to kiosk is sorted.

1. Apologies; Mr R Ingram (on holiday), Cllr J Holdich, Cllr D Lamb, (both at other meetings)

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 12th October 2015. These were agreed as a true record, proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by Mrs C Murrell and signed as correct by the Chair.

3. Matters arising: The old laptop has been donated to CASPRA who had seen the advert and needed one. They thanked the Parish Council for donating it.

4. Declarations of interest: None declared.

5. Village Defibrillator. See above for update.

6. Council reports

6.1 Recreation ground;

6.1a The baby swing has not yet been returned.

6.1b The gates can have a self-closing mechanism fitted to them and this will be investigated.

6.1c There was a disagreement over dog poo in the recreation ground resulting in posters being displayed. These were removed and no further issues reported.

6.1d Following some distasteful graffiti in the MUGA shelter, it had to be cleaned quickly by PCC. This was reported on the Community page and this resulted in some healthy communications and youth's interest in addressing some of the issues. Attendance at Parish Council meetings was encouraged to move the ideas along. It was agreed to look at the small football nets, and there are some ideas obtained from other villages that will also be investigated.

6.2 Planning

6.2a The Article 4 Direction Orders are on the agenda at the next PCC Planning and Environmental Protection meeting on 10/11/15. Residents have been informed and invited to attend.

6.2b 15/01530/CTR Removal of 1 blue spruce at 30 Main St. Permitted 22/10/15

6.2c 15/01714/CTR Pruning and crown lifting/reducing of 9 trees at 54 Main St. No concerns raised.

6.2d 15/01645/HHFUL and **15/01505/LBC** proposed demolition of existing pub toilet and building of new annex at rear of 121 Peterborough Road. No concerns from neighbour nor parish council.

6.3 Neighbourhood plan update – see above. The due diligence process and acceptance of terms and conditions has been completed, and grant approved.

6.4 Village groups;

6.4a There was a meeting recently between project leaders, City Councillors and Parish Councils to update them on the situation with Woodlands. The current owners have a demolition notice in place to reduce their ongoing costs to maintain the place, although it is thought no planning application has been sought. The PCC is trying very hard to get an agreement between various interested parties to offer a community based sports facility, but it is a very complicated and intricate process with leaseholders and organisations, and high renovation costs. It cannot become a commercial enterprise.

6.4b The Queen's 90th birthday celebration committee have asked both Parish Councils to underwrite the event to £1500 each. It was agreed to ask that we underwrite an amount that is pro-rata to our respective differing budget/village capacity sizes at an agreed 58/42%. A reply is anticipated after their next meeting.

6.4c It was agreed to donate the £50 share request towards the relevant names on a plaque on the Farmer's Cross.

6.5 Village Hall; There is very slow progress on the lease.

6.6 Parish Land and Allotments;

6.6a The allotment meter has been read and the water has now been turned off. Water is available from the water butts.

6.6b Enquiries will be made as to whether a new water trough is still required as agreed.

6.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

6.7a Helpston Road - There is no flashing speed sign data available. The portable warning signs will be put up again temporarily. Highways and Road Safety Officers will be approached to ask advice on cost effective and efficient ways to reduce the speed along Helpston Road, which has worsened since the trees have been cut back.

6.7b Gate at mast. There has been some activity in this area which might help to alleviate cars being able to access it and dump rubbish.

6.8 Bus Shelter A new remembrance wreath has been put in the shelter. The ceiling needs looking at to check for damp.

6.9. Trees and Bio-diversity

6.9a A regular tree inspection is due and this will be requested and quotes for hedge cutting.

6.9b The Section 106 monies due to us are still outstanding.

7. Finance:

7.1 Account Status: Current account £13695.58 Deposit accounts £2998.31 Reward saver £5408.55. £5000 growth bond

7.2 Income None

7.3 Payments £310 plus vat CGM invoice no. 189557 paid 16/10/15

7.4 Expenses: It was agreed to pay these forthcoming invoices;

7.4a CGM invoice no. 190144 £155 plus vat

7.4b J Rice website hosting fee £2.49 plus vat (Nov/Dec)

7.4c Internal auditor fee

7.4d Wreath cost £29.80 R Perkins

7.4e R Perkins electric light bulbs £13 plus vat

7.4f Farmer's Cross project donation £50

7.4g Councillor training £40

7.4h Daffodil bulbs (from clothes bank payment) £48 plus vat J Judge

7.4i Clerk's pay £206.94 plus £24 home office costs payable 30/11/15

Proposed by Mr D Edwards and seconded by Mrs C Murrell

7.5 Mr C Brown has agreed to carry out the ½ year internal audit.

7.6 It was agreed to revisit the council priorities before the budget planning meeting next month in order for a full discussion on a development plan and possible consequent costs can be considered.

8. Parish News Information on the defibrillator will feature.

9. Parish Councillor vacancy. Two letters of application have been received. Mr J Franklin did not attend this meeting as suggested. Councillors unanimously agreed to co-opt Ms M Ellershaw as she has more relevant skills to offer, and she will be informed asap.

10. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings; Annual Parish Conference is 18/11/15. At present no one can attend due to other commitments.

11. Correspondence. For circulation;

- Weekly planning sheets
- Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Steering Committee meeting 13 and 14 minutes
- City and Parish Councillors and NP group members meeting minutes
- Rural crime and information update October 2015
- Councillor training by CAPALC
- Fields in Trust newsletter
- Public rights of way improvement plan
- Website data reports
- Open Space magazine
- Clerks and Councils Direct November magazine

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting is 14th December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Chapel