

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017
IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr D Edwards, Mr J Judge, Dr M Ellershaw, Mr R Perkins (10 minutes late), Mr R Ingram

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder, Mr D Rowlands, Mr M Chillcott, Mr D Goy, Mrs K Davies, Mr A Nash.
Questions from the floor; Mr D Goy was introduced as an interested candidate for the Councillor vacancy. Mr M Chillcott gave an update from the campaign group Protect Rural Peterborough, set up in response to PCC's Further Draft Local Plan. The consultation period is now open until 9th February and residents are encouraged to respond by advised methods and as they see fit. Mr M Chillcott circulated details of his recent news release, and reported that this was the basis of an article to be in this week's Peterborough Telegraph. Residents have an update and guidance on how to respond, and other radio stations and MPs /City Councillors/Parish Councils/Wildlife and Environment groups and organisations have been or will be contacted, and so far are very supportive. A further housing document is due out and this will further underpin the local plan, so this needs to be taken into account too. As many responses as possible are needed for maximum impact.

An update on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was given. The regulation 14 consultation began as planned on 2nd / 3rd January 2017 inviting statutory consultees, residents, local clubs and businesses to comment. Preference is for the on-line survey monkey response method. There are to be 2 drop in sessions on 14th and 21st January, 2-5pm. Councillors are encouraged to attend where possible.

Mr A Nash updated the meeting on his involvement in the transport section of the Community Action plan, outside of the Neighbourhood plan but equally useful going forward, including improved access to the Hanglands.

1. Apologies; Mr R Perkins (late), Cllr J Holdich

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 12th December 2016. These were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by Mr R Perkins and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising; none

4. Declarations of interest. none

5. Council reports

5.1 Recreation ground

5.1a The hedges will be trimmed in January by the same contractor at the same price as last year.

5.1b A tree survey will be carried out soon, and the new trees have been ordered.

5.2 Planning

5.2a 16/02112/CTR Reduce away from phone lines to give clearance from pole, mixed group hedge 3, stretch under phone lines at Drakes Orchard 59 Main St, on H and S grounds. Permitted 14/12/16

5.2b 16/02031/LBC replacement of front door at 111 Peterborough Road.

5.2c 16/02376/HHFUL Conversion of roof space and installation of dormer windows to the front and rear elevations at 16 Casworth Way. This was only just received today and so more information will be obtained and circulated.

5.2d Mr Ferguson has considerably advised us of a caravan to be sited at his property in 5 Andrew Close whilst his alterations are carried out. No objection was raised.

5.3 Village Information Board/Village Sign/bus shelter. The information for the new board has been finalised with the supplier and the work is to be started soon. The information and options about a new Village Sign has been passed to Castor Parish Council and a response is expected after their meeting. The design and material will be decided at a future meeting.

5.4 Village groups;

The repairs have been done to the chapel roof and a written request for a donation towards costs is expected. Other groups are encouraged to write in to request a donation if assistance is needed.

5.5 Village Hall Now that the lease has been agreed there will be a planned programme of repairs which we may be asked to support with a grant.

5.6 Parish Land and Allotments;

5.6a Newly allocated allotment agreement and payment received.

5.6b Field allotment agreements previously circulated. A discussion took place regarding wording and changes to tenancy length/end dates. It was agreed that legal advice is needed to fully satisfy the Council's position.

5.6c There was only a single tender for the Donkey paddock. Tenancy to be awarded to Mr A Turner however confirmation of terms to be agreed once legal position clarified.

5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

5.7a The repairs in Maffit Road have still not been completed and will be chased with PCC again. A further pothole report will also be made.

5.7b Road markings, gate mast and speeding are all ongoing issues and will be actioned where possible and as appropriate.

5.7c A caravan and also recent flytipping on Helpston Road have been reported, and action is being taken as appropriate.

5.7d The bin at the top of Station Road has been burnt out. This will be reported.

5.8 Neighbourhood planning update. See above. The Parish Council official response will be discussed at an extraordinary meeting on 24th January 2017. Meanwhile a draft response will be circulated, taking into account all comments and information so far.

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account £21135.44 Deposit accounts £3013.33 Reward saver £5428.01. £5000 growth bond, ends August 2017.

6.2 Income: £10.50 allotment rent J Bishop rec'd 21/12/16

6.3 Payments: AWA revised bill £11.21 paid 14/12/16

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

6.4a Any future grass cutting

6.4b Open spaces subs £45

6.4c Stamps £6.60 J Rice

6.4d Information board

6.4e Travel expenses R Perkins

6.4f Neighbourhood planning bills

6.4g New trees

6.4h Clerk's pay £216.65 plus £24 home office costs payable 31/01/17

Proposed by Mr R Perkins and seconded by Mr J Judge

6.5 2017/18 budget setting. A sub-committee meeting was held and a proposed budget and precept circulated. A slight adjustment was agreed – taking more money for projects from reserves so there will only be a very small increase in the precept charge

6.6 Oct-Dec 16 expenditure vs income sheet was circulated, discussed and agreed.

7. Trees have been ordered and a survey planned. More whips to fill hedge gaps can be ordered too.

8. Parish News/website. A police report on crime to be included in the Parish News. The mobility scooter will be advertised as available for use.

9. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings; Final Parish Liaison meeting notes circulated and main points feedback. PRP meeting 9/1/17 and with Sutton PC 17/1/17.

10. Correspondence. Cybercrime conference 24/1/17, new electoral roll.

For circulation;

- Weekly planning sheets
- Rural crime report/update December 2016
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- NP Steering committee 22/12/16
- Parish Conference feedback report
- Connect newsletter, from Police and Crime Commissioner

Meeting closed at 10pm

Next Parish Council meeting is 6th February 2017 at 7.30pm

plus an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 24th January 2017 for our response to the Local Plan