

AILS WORTH PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th MARCH 2017
IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr J Judge, Mr D Goy, Dr M Ellershaw

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder, Mr M Groves, Mr S Davies

Questions from the floor; Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group provided an update following the Regulation 14 consultation. Comments arising from the consultation had been reviewed and adjustments to the draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP) considered where appropriate. A revised draft **NP** had been circulated to Parish Councillors, together with a draft **Consultation Statement** (incorporating the review recommendations) and a draft **Basic Conditions Statement**. Evidence to support the NP continued to be entered on the NP Website. The three draft documents were discussed and agreed by all present for formal submission to Peterborough City Council (PCC). Castor Parish Council will be considering similar drafts for their parish later in the month and the two NPs are considered to be complementary. The intention was to submit the documents for the two parishes together.

Prior to submission the documents will be given a thorough proof read to identify any errors and improve presentation if necessary. The Parish Council confirmed that the drafts need not be referred back formally in respect of minor amendments and tidying. Following submission, the PCC will review the documents and arrange the Regulation 16 consultation prior to appointing an examiner to consider the drafts. Once submitted timescales were largely outside our control; however, discussion with our PCC adviser suggests that the referendum stage might take place early autumn.

1. Apologies; Mr R Ingram, Mr R Perkins (on holiday), Cllr J Holdich and Cllr P Hiller both at meetings

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 6th February 2017. These were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by Mr D Goy and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising; none

4. Declarations of interest. Forms for new Councillor sent off.

5. Council reports

5.1 Recreation ground

5.1a The invoice has been paid for hedge cutting.

5.1b The tree survey has been done and a schedule of works is expected soon. Limited damage seen after recent storm.

5.1c A new set of keys is required for the grass cutting company, although grass has been recently cut.

5.2 Planning

5.2a 16/02376/HHFUL Conversion of roof space and installation of dormer windows to the front and rear elevations at 16 Casworth Way. Permitted 16/2/17

5.2b 17/00090/CTR prune beech trees and overhanging conifer tree at 9 Maffit Road. Permitted 20/2/17

5.2c Concerns were raised over a large shed at Normangate recently erected at front of property. The concerns will be referred to the planning department.

5.3 Village Information Board/Village Sign/bus shelter

5.3a The new information board is soon to be fitted using a marine ply board and no edging.

5.3b Castor Parish Council happy for a jointly funded project, if old design is used in new sign. Ailsworth side of the sign's design to be discussed further at the next meeting.

5.4 Village groups;

5.4a Following Nene Park Trust's announcement re Woodlands lease, no further information is available as yet. It is anticipated to be a lengthy process of negotiation and decisions about the use of the land, however community and recreational facilities are a priority. No decision about the future of the building is known.

5.4b Preschool have sent their thanks for the recent donation towards new ipads.

5.4c It was agreed to donate £200 to the chapel for repairs to the door and other resources.

5.4d A discussion took place about the possible provision of new table tennis tables at the recreation ground. It was decided that more investigations would be needed to determine the needs of locals/youths before such a level of expenditure. Talks about the combined PCs youth project will be further initiated.

5.5 Village Hall No progress known re new windows, anticipated in summer holidays.

5.6 Parish Land and Allotments;

5.6a The revised lease agreements have been sent to the 2 affected field allotment holders. Station Road agreement still outstanding.

5.6b Payment for 3 years and agreement received for the Donkey Paddock field allotment.

5.6c Station Road ½ yearly rent due at end of March.

5.6d A garden allotment vacancy has arisen. Enquiries will be made with existing holders before a notice is displayed.

5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

5.7a No progress seen with repairs/clean to road/potholes. Further requests will be made. The cut in Holme Close has been cleared though.

5.7b The issue of the gate at the phone mast has been re-referred to the City Cllr.

5.7c The speed sign and 20 mph restriction are now in place in Station Road

5.7d A review of footpath signs was carried out and reported to the PCC Footpaths Officer.

5.8 Neighbourhood planning update. See above, questions from the floor.

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account £16,300.54 Deposit accounts £3013.33 Reward saver £5443.99 £5000 growth bond, ends August 2017.

6.2 Income: £15.98 deposit acct interest received 15/2/17

6.3 Payments: £265 plus vat to Eley, information board paid 15/2/17, D Burton hedge cutting £400 plus vat paid 16/2/17,

Neighbourhood plan invoices from grant (excl vat; from PC) Wingivers £60 plus vat, Athene £500 plus vat, Athene £2000 plus vat, CPC survey monkey £114 paid 4/3/17 and Cedar Centre £27.50 paid 7/3/17

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

6.4a Future grass cutting invoices

6.4b Burial ground fees to be paid in April after precept received

6.4c NP bills

6.4d Information board fixing costs

6.4e Bus shelter payment T McGinn £200

6.4f Donation to Chapel £200

6.4g NP Expenses from A Pounsett

6.4h Tree survey, the tree work needed, and new trees

6.4i Clerk's pay £216.65 plus £24 home office costs payable 31/3/17

Proposed by Dr M Ellershaw and seconded by Mr D Goy

6.5 Internal Audit end of year Mr C Brown to be appointed.

7. Parish News/website. A police report on crime to be included in the Parish News, unfortunately crime is increasing.

8. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings; Crime panel meeting 15/3/17, Public surgery Police and Crime Commissioner 24/3/17. Councillor training attended recently by new Councillors.

9. Correspondence. A crime prevention measure via a volunteer scheme has been suggested. It was thought that this would not be feasible 24/7 especially at weekends.

For circulation;

- Weekly planning sheets
- Cambs police and crime panel meeting 15/3/17.
- Open space magazine Spring 2017
- 7 day burglary review update
- Nene Park Trust communication re Woodlands
- Support Cambs Newsletter
- Locality How to keep it local guide
- CAPALC CE bulletin
- Connect – update from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- Rural crime update Feb 2017
- NHW e newsletter
- Notice re paperless notifications for planning

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next meetings are 10th April 2017; the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15pm followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm