

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 10th APRIL 2017

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr J Judge, Dr M Ellershaw, Mr D Goy, Mr R Ingram, Miss J Rice (clerk)

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder, Mrs A Pounsett (Neighbourhood plan), Mr J Heitman

1 Minutes from 2016 Annual Parish Meeting: The minutes will be circulated for comments/agreement as not available at the time of the meeting.

2 Review of the year - Chairman's Report Mrs J Pickett gave the Annual report as follows;

Welcome to the Parish Meeting. It has again been a busy year but some of our ongoing projects and concerns seem to make slow progress in spite of repeated efforts to complete them. It is now a number of years since we asked for a gate at the site of the phone mast. Officials came, measurements taken and agreements made. Two years ago we were again promised it would only take a few months to complete but although we keep asking there is still no gate and we have to get PCC to remove fly tipping. Fly tipping has been a problem in several areas throughout the year.

However, after a very lengthy wait we do now have the 20mph sign up in Station road. The post box did get painted and has had new hats for Easter and Christmas and a crown for the Queen's birthday, which were much appreciated.

There have as usual been a number of planning applications. Mostly they are quite suitable but a few needed a little more attention.

There were again works to trees and removal of some that have become too large where they are sited. All our trees have been surveyed and any work needed has been done. We have again added two new ones at the recreation ground. The allotments and recreation ground are well used and in good condition. Some of the footpaths surrounding the parish have had their signs renewed and they are all marked on the local maps.

The projects to renew the surface of the information board and replace the village sign are progressing. The new top for the board is made we are just waiting for the fitting. There are still some discussions ongoing about the village sign.

There have been many hours spent by many people on behalf of the parish councils on the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. It has been a very busy time for them and we are very grateful to all have helped. It is now with the PCC before going to the inspector. If all goes well it will then come back to the residents to vote on in a referendum later this year. The process was somewhat complicated by PCC starting their Local Plan which led to confusion for some people. The PCC Local plan does have concerns for the village as it shows some large scale development on parish land. With this in mind a group has been set up in the village to look at ways of protecting the area and to ask PCC to alter their existing proposals for a more suitable one.

We were very sorry in October when Chris Murrell decided to resign as she had added family responsibilities that were taking more of her time. We appreciate all the work she has done with the council and for setting up the defibrillator for the village. We are pleased to welcome Dom Goy to the council to bring us back to full numbers.

I do thank all the councillors, clerk and our city councillors for their support and for the many things they do for the village all year.

3. Finance report as at 31/3/17

Total income £26264.42
Total payments £22125.24

Precept (included above) £12224

Savings accounts £13457.32
Current account £16274.74

Plus cheque deposited not cleared; none
Less cheques presented not cleared; £2244.66

Set aside £1000 for village hall, £250 New Close repairs, £250 trees, £8000 stone wall, £5000 NP, £1000 info board
Total £18000 NP Grants 3 and 4 received £7805.

Assets

Bus shelter £15,000, New computer £370, Information board £1133, Seats £726 plus £749, Outdoor gym equipment £4,800, Notice board £2468

4 Officers' Reports.

The youth project will be carried forward to this year to try to regenerate interest/action. Congratulations were expressed to the Neighbourhood Plan team for all of their hard work and dedication.

5 Questions from the floor. None

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.