

**AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017  
IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.**

**Present:** Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr R Perkins, Mr D Goy, Dr M Ellershaw, Mr R Ingram

**Clerk:** Miss J Rice

**Members of the public:** Mr J Hodder, Mr P Barkley

**Questions from the floor;** Mr P Barkley confirmed that he had removed the recently erected shed at 4 Normangate as requested by Planning Compliance, as planning permission was not obtained. He has decided not to apply for permission and the area is being used as a patio area, confirmed acceptable by Planning. He expressed concerns that the hedge at the front of the properties will not be cut now and no one is accepting responsibility. He is happy to pursue and keep us informed. He also stated that the pumping station is currently being used as a youth hang out and could cause a problem. It was agreed to let AWA know.

Cllr J Holdich updated the meeting on how the new meetings structure works well with rural parish views being heard. He confirmed the election of the new City Mayor and stated the community arm to the job is good. He updated the meeting on Woodlands and confirmed there are no plans as yet for the building/parking/bowling green/courts area. He also reported on the progress of the PCC Draft Local Plan Mr J Hodder from the Neighbourhood Plan group updated the meeting on the process, and confirmed that the letters sent by the PCs to PCC have helped to keep the process up to speed. All the documents have been accepted with only small changes to be agreed by PCs. The printing of the plans will be soon ready for the formal consultation period and it is all on the website now. There had been a positive meeting with HCA recently in terms of consultation and ongoing working relationship.

**1. Apologies;** Mr J Judge, Mr D Edwards

**2. Minutes from the last meeting** on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017. These were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Mr D Goy, seconded by Dr M Ellershaw and signed by the Chair.

**3. Matters arising;** none

**4. Declarations of interest.** The bike chained to the railings opposite the shop has disappeared. No reports of anyone seeing anything, owner aware. It was confirmed that the Phone box has to be painted red as per agreement to become housing for the defibrillator.

**5. Council reports**

**5.1 Recreation ground**

**5.1a** It was reported that the gaps in the hedging need attention and they will be repaired.

**5.1b** The swings will be reported as they are screeching badly.

**5.1c** It was agreed that following a discussion on ideas for more recreational facilities, a coordinated approach will be made to establish need.

**5.2 Planning**

**5.2a** 17/00420/HHFUL single storey rear extension to existing property at 5 Andrew Close. Awaiting decision.

**5.2b** 17/00529/CTR 2-3m crown reduction to magnolia at 26 Helpston Road. Permitted 25/4/17

**5.2c** Shed at 4 Normangate. Planning compliance confirmed everything is in order now. See above questions from the floor also.

**5.2d** 17/00408/LBC replacement of 6 windows to front elevation at Peterborough Road, no concerns sent in.

**5.2e** 17/00630/HHFUL render to part of front and rear elevations, alterations to windows and removal of conservatory at 7 Maffit Road. No concerns sent in.

**5.2f** A point was raised about a previous promise from Nene Overland to landscape the area and it was agreed to send them the information on PECT's offer of free trees.

**5.3 Village Information Board/Village Sign/bus shelter**

**5.3a** The new information board is soon to be fixed to the new base board and remounted on the renovated base very kindly being done by Glendale and Stamford Stone..

**5.3b** The village sign project needs further discussion and it was again agreed to ask Glynn Mould to meet us on site again with CPC to look at options if the Castor side wishes to stay exactly the same design as now.

**5.4 Village groups;**

**5.4a** The headteacher thanked us for our recent donation towards resources. No further requests for donations have been received.

**5.4b** The PRP group are looking at official ownership of the land in the PCC Draft Local plan proposed for development..

**5.4c** The mobility scooter needs a new battery and so it was agreed that the scooter and ownership be handed over, as it is, if those interested are still keen to have it.

**5.5 Village Hall** There is a meeting on 17th May and new windows will be discussed.

**5.6 Parish Land and Allotments;**

5.6a The signed agreement for Station Road field allotment has been received.

5.6b The water taps have kindly been fixed by Mr J Pickett, plumber.

**5.6c** New Close repairs to the fencing are still not done. Alternative companies to quote will be sought.

**5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;**

**5.7a** The hedging along the last stretch of Peterborough Road needs trimming back and will be reported.

**5.7b** Complaints have been received about speeding down Helpston Road. Measures have been taken to address this many times and remain under constant review.

**5.8 Neighbourhood planning update.** See above, questions from the floor. The remaining monies from the grant have been repaid as required by 31/3/17. It was agreed to pay any new invoices from our reserves as all grants have now expired.

**6. Finance:**

**6.1 Accounts Status:** Current account £19326.44 Deposit accounts £3013.33 Reward saver £5443.99 £5000 growth bond, ends August 2017.

**6.2 Income:** £6160.50 ½ precept received from PCC 20/4/17

**6.3 Payments:** End of grant repayment, NP £603.50 paid 11/4/17, AWA bill £14.99 paid 13/4/17, C Brown audit fee £75 paid 24/4/17, CAPALC subs £218.40 paid 25/4/17, burial ground fees £1884.01 paid 25/4/17

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

**6.4a** Future grass cutting invoices

**6.4b** Fixing costs for new board

**6.4c** Chapel rent £200

**6.4d** Neighbourhood plan bills

**6.4e** Travel expenses R Perkins £20

**6.4f** New lock R Perkins £8.31 plus vat

**6.4g** Clerk's pay £216.65 plus £24 home office costs payable 31/5/17 pay rise due

Proposed by Mr D Goy and seconded by Dr M Ellershaw

**6.5** Internal audit completed, report received and response accepted.

**6.6** External audit

**6.6a** Section 1 of the annual return was read and questions answered and agreed.

**6.6b** Section 2 of the annual return agreed and signed.

**6.7** Review of standing orders and financial regulations. These are circulated for comments.

**7. Parish News/website.**

Parish News article to be on crime report, and pictures from the civic award ceremony. Other relevant entries each month.

A second claim for ongoing website costs has been made from the transparency fund. New form needs to be completed.

**8. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings;** All party policy on policing meeting - feedback next month. Parish Council conference hosted by Police and Crime Commissioner 6/10/17

**9. Correspondence.** ACRE village(s) of the year competition entry submitted. More information due this week. Will review participation once requirements fully known.

**For circulation;**

- Weekly planning sheets
- Health and Well-Being Strategy Document
- Rural crime update April 2017, circulated.

**Meeting closed at 9.35pm**  
**Next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm**