

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th JULY 2017
IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

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

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr M Brailsford, Mr T and Mrs K Trundle, Mr J Hodder, Mr M Groves, Mr P Barkley, Mr M Chillcott, Mrs A Pounsett

Questions from the floor; Mr P Barkley said that he had not heard the outcome of the parking restrictions application. He confirmed that PCC will now cut the hedge in front of Normangate houses along Station Road, previously owned by Redrow Homes. He also said he had reported the problems in front of the Anglain Water (AWA) pumping station but AWA had not yet responded. The Council thanked him for helping and reporting back.

Mr M Chillcott gave an update on the Protect Rural Peterborough (PRP) campaign group. Mrs H Daly has a presentation that she could not give to the meeting tonight however will circulate the handout. Mr M Chillcott explained that a joint PC response to the latest SHEELA report is necessary. The land north of the bypass is slightly smaller but the number of houses are shown as previously planned, and therefore much more densely populated. PRP are also challenging the legality of the ownership of the land, using old documents referring to transfer of the land and stating it not to be used for development. There is also a video of the land filmed using a drone which will be circulated extensively.

Mr J Hodder updated the meeting on the Neighbourhood plan process. It has now been through Regulation 16, and PCC have recommended an independent examiner for the next part. We need to agree the use of this examiner. The examination will be followed by a referendum organised by the PCC. A separate meeting will be needed early September to discuss the group post Neighbourhood plan to deal with all the issues raised in the process. An extraordinary meeting might be needed to agree the funds needed for the Communications plan. A grant number 5 may be allowed – this is being looked in to.

Mr and Mrs Trundle gave a copy of a letter of objection to the planning application regarding the village shop and house next door. Mr M Brailsford also voiced some concerns over the view change, the increased need for parking spaces and the increased movement of traffic/visitors. The Conservation Officer's report was available for reading.

Everyone agreed it was very important to keep the shop as a village amenity, and so support for the improvements is encouraged, whilst taking into account the large scale residential impact of the application. A response by the council will be considered and sent in.

1. Apologies; None

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 12th June 2017 were proposed by Mr D Goy, seconded by My J Judge and signed as correct by the Chair.

4. Declarations of interest. None

5. Council reports

5.1 Recreation ground

5.1a The bills for grass cutting were queried and none had been sent this year. CGM apologised and sent them up to date.

5.1b The gaps in the fence/hedge have been looked at and it is all safe.

5.1c The proposed dog show; nothing more has been heard.

5.1d Insurance issue re MUGA has been raised with Cllr J Holdich and Mrs J Jarvis and has now been assumed to be covered by PCC if it ever needs to be replaced.

5.1e The clothes bank overflow has been cleared now.

5.1f There was an issue regarding youths that was reported to the police by a resident. This action is to be encouraged by all residents if they see anything causing concern.

5.1g The shelter has graffiti on it again and needs painting. Also, the climbing structure has rotting timber on one tower and will also be reported. **Action Miss J Rice**

5.2 Planning

5.2a 17/00892/CTR Fell 2 conifers at 5 Maffit Road. Permitted 16/6/17

5.2b 17/00896/CTR Birch crown raise and fell cypress and willow and prune cherry, top sycamore at 31 Helpston Road. Permitted 16/6/17

5.2c 17/01162/CTR prune crown to previous points on sycamore at 3 Station Road.No concerns sent.

5.2d 17/01099/FUL demolition of existing s/s shop, construction of new shop with 1 flat above and 1 to rear. Part demolition of rear and construction of additional storey to house at 107c and 109 Peterborough Road. Response to be made following representation from residents and Council discussion, with reference to support the shop but voice concerns with parking and density of development in such a small area. **Action Miss J Rice**

5.2e Parking restriction proposal in Normangate, response sent. Awaiting decision from PCC.

5.2f Fence compliance, 11 Main St. This has been adhered to.

5.3 Village Information Board/Village Sign/bus shelter

5.3a The new information board is now in place and an article appeared in the Parish News. A photo is to be put on the website **Action Miss J Rice**

5.3b The New Village Sign project is progressing, with both councils agreed on design. Quotes are being sought. **Action Miss J Rice.**

5.4 Village groups;

5.4a The Village of the Year competition was entered however we assume we were not shortlisted as no more has been heard.

5.4b The village festival weekend was very successful and in particular congratulations were passed on to Mr J Judge for winning the Village Person of the Year award, with Mr J Hodder as runner up. Thanks to them for all of their hard work.

5.4c Thank you letters have been received by Evergreens and Tots singing group for our recent donations to them.

5.4d PRP update is as above.

5.5 Village Hall AGM was on 29/6/17. Hire rates to stay same but tightening up on hiring/clearing up times. Work is needed this summer to drains, plaster and chimney.

5.6 Parish Land and Allotments;

5.6a New Close repairs to the fencing are still not done. A further suggestion of fencer will be passed on. Action Miss J Rice

5.6b Allotment rent and agreements are to stay the same for the next year.

5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

5.7a Station Road speeding remains an issue. Alternative, cheaper humps were investigated and found to be not permitted as do not meet highway requirements. Nene Park Trust's view will be sought. **Action Miss J Rice**

5.7b The uneven path from the notice board to Singerfire Rd was reported, as were the brambles along Peterborough Road as being a safety hazard.

5.8 Neighbourhood planning update. See above, questions from the floor. It was further agreed to nominate the recommended examiner, and also that grant 5 can be applied for as it's all for a communications plan. The extraordinary joint meeting in September is also agreed.

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account £14280.89 Deposit accounts £3023.75 Reward saver £5443.99 £5000 growth bond, ends August 2017.

6.2 Income: £1510.49 vat reclaim rec'd 19/6/17

6.3 Payments: £52 tree seminar paid 25/6/17, CGM bills 206357, 358 and 359 paid by BACS £1085 plus vat paid 27/6/17. AWA bill £14.86 paid 27/6/17

6.4 Expenses: It was agreed to pay these forthcoming invoices

6.4a Future grass cutting invoices

6.4b Neighbourhood plan bills

6.4c External audit fee

6.4d New Close repairs

6.4e Back pay £20.26 J Rice pay rise

6.4f Clerks pay £226.78 plus £24 home office payable 31/7/17 and 31/8/17

Proposed by Mr D Goy and seconded by Mr J Judge

6.5 Review of standing orders and financial regulations. These have been circulated for comments, to be updates as necessary. Action Miss J Rice

7. Parish News/website.

Parish News article to include Mr J Judge as Village Person of the Year 2017 plus donations paid.

8. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings; Police and Crime panel meeting 14/6/17 and Parish Liaison meeting notes circulated.

9. Correspondence. Mr D Edwards has sent a resignation letter. This has been acknowledged and his services appreciated. An election notice will be requested. Certificates of attendance at Councillor training given to Mr D Goy and Dr M Ellershaw.

For circulation;

- Weekly planning sheets
- Open Spaces magazine/AGM/annual report
- Connect newsletter
- Clerks and Council July
- Rural crime report for June
- Parish Liaison meeting feedback notes

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

**Next meeting is 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm
(no August meeting unless specifically needed.)**