

**AILS WORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 J Hodder, Mr M Groves, Mr D Rowlands, Mr M Horne, Mr K and Mrs M Bointon, Mr W McNaughton and Mr J Newman (P&DAA), Mr B Chillcott, Mrs D Nash

**Questions from the floor;** The representatives from the Peterborough and District Angling Association explained the problems resulting from the crime/activity at the hanglands. It is putting anglers off visiting the area as they are worried about leaving their cars due to recent break ins and speeding. This has resulted in a drop in day ticket sales and this in turn affects income for NPT. We explained what has been done so far and what is planned – the meeting with PCC Highways being next. They were keen to work collaboratively and help wherever possible. They were encouraged to report everything to the police themselves and encourage members to do the same so the full situation is realised by police. **Action PC**

Michael Horne explained an issue he has experienced with inconsiderably parked cars in Main St. He expressed concern about safety for pedestrians and children on bikes and in buggies. We explained what has happened previously and said we are limited in powers to take action with this, discouraged from using double yellow lines or verge parking in a conservation area. We will however remind residents of the need for considerate parking and look a 20mph limit across the village. The school will be approached to do more 30mph posters again. **Action Clerk**

Mrs M Bointon explained the issue she has had with farming methods on the fields down Station Road. She had sent a letter in and we have already shared it and discussed the issues with Nene Park Trust. Mr Harrison Smith has been approached about reinstating the paths around the Station Road field allotment.

Mr J Hodder from Neighbourhood Planning explained that they have now received the external examiner's report which is very supportive and recommends only a handful of small changes which is excellent given others plans reports. It was agreed to accept his recommendations and progress to the referendum asap.

**Action Clerk** to send confirmation of this.

Mr J Hodder also stated that the PCC draft local plan was released today and still includes the 2500 houses on land north of the bypass. Their official consultation period starts in November and we are trying to keep the Neighbourhood plan separate from this as far as possible.

There is a "post NP" joint community action plan meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 12 o'clock.

**1. Apologies;** None

**2. Minutes from the last meeting** on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were proposed by Mr D Goy, seconded by Mr R Perkins and signed as correct by the Chair.

**4. Declarations of interest.** None

**5. Council reports**

**5.1 Recreation ground**

**5.1a** The recent dog show was a success and no problems were reported. The organiser sent her thanks to the PC for use of the recreation ground.

**5.1b** The MUGA graffiti and play equipment rotting timber have both been reported. There was also inappropriate chalk writing on the tower but hopefully this will wash off.

**5.2 Planning**

**5.2a** 17/01162/CTR prune crown to previous points on sycamore at 3 Station Road. Permitted 13/7/17

**5.2b** 17/01099/FUL Shop and house at 107c and 109 P'boro Road Application withdrawn.

**5.2c** Parking restriction request in Normangate has been refused.

**5.2d** 17/01485/HH/FUL Demolition of existing rear porch and replace with conservatory. Replacement roof and re-pantiling of existing s/s rear extension. Wooden double gates to front entrance at 17 Main St. No concerns sent in.

**5.2e** 17/01261HHFUL single storey rear extension at 3 Casworth Way. No concerns.

**5.2f** 17/01583/HHFUL Installation of window to first floor of garage – front elevation – at 2 Casworth Way. No concerns.

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

Following Castor Parish Council's agreement to our proposed supplier, a deposit has been paid and the order placed for the new village sign to be made.

**5.4 Village groups;**

**5.4a** The PRP group is continuing their campaign and has recently sent letters to all City Councillors – some have replied to say they cannot comment until the official consultation period of the Local Plan.

**5.4b** A meeting at Nene Park Trust recently gave a brief update on Woodlands Sports Centre. The new owners are looking for suitable use for the building and has recently been permitted temporary change of use to house the security staff working there. The use of grounds project is continuing with NPT intending to facilitate a multi-sport club use approach. Many groups are interested including the tennis club, cricket club, preschool and school.

**5.5 Village Hall** Works have started on repairs and improvements and more quotes are to be sought for other works to be carried out.

## **5.6 Parish Land and Allotments;**

**5.6a** New Close field repairs are still to be carried out. Horses currently not there though.

**5.6b** Garden allotment rent and agreements have all been sent out including the 2 field allotments Station Rd and New Close rent due. **Action Clerk**

**5.6c** There has been sightings of a few rats on the allotments and a pest control company have been contracted to deal with them. Another 2 visits are due to monitor the situation.

### **Action J Rice**

**5.6d** There was an enquiry to see whether the grass cutting could be shared or outsourced. General opinion so far is that people are happy to do their own still.

## **5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;**

**5.7a** Station Road issues of flytipping, speeding and crime. This was discussed briefly above and also it was confirmed that much work is ongoing and in progress, such as new warning signs for motorists, greater patrols by NPT, a possible movement camera, traffic calming options and involvement with the police as far as possible.

### **Action Clerk, PC**

**5.7b** The hedge on Helpston Road has been reported as dangerously overgrown. The bridle path has been confirmed as a forgotten horse route by Highways England – this has been noted and the information passed on for possible restoring.

**5.7c** Parking on Main St was discussed above. It will be mentioned to PCC Highways as a concern and used to support a 20mph speed restriction across the village. Action PC

**5.7d** The footpath between Holme Close and Benams Close will not be used as a horse through route whilst riding a horse – they will be hand led if at all.

**5.8 Neighbourhood planning update.** See above. Also we have applied for grant 5 and been offered the grant. Awaiting payment. The referendum requires 28 days notice and will be in November latest hopefully.

## **6. Finance:**

**6.1 Accounts Status:** Current account £12916.77 Deposit accounts £3023.75 Reward saver £5443.99 £5163.73 Business Bond maturity value and re-invested in further bond for 2 years.

**6.2 Income:** £10.42 interest on savings account received 14/6/17, Web grant £191.94 received 19/8/17, business bond interest £163.73, see above

**6.3 Payments:** CGM bills 207072 £155 plus vat paid 22/7/17, 207746 £155 plus vat paid 16/8/17. Auditors £200 plus vat paid 31/7/17, R Perkins £34.74 paid 28/7/17 land registry deeds, £12 cedar centre hire paid 16/8/17, CGM bill 208056 £155 plus vat paid 30/8/17, councillor training additional cost £140 paid 31/8/17, £379 village sign deposit paid 8/9/17

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

**6.4a** Future grass cutting invoices

**6.4b** Neighbourhood plan bills

**6.4c** J Rice £26.66 plus vat Mc Afee laptop security

**6.4d** J Rice £25.83 plus vat printer cartridge, stationery £6.02 plus vat

**6.4e** J Rice £4.40 and J Judge £20.40 travel expenses

**6.4f** Insurance renewal £280

**6.4g** Laptop hard disk and labour £25 plus £150

**6.4h** Tree survey due

**6.4i** Pest control charges

**6.4j** Clerks pay £226.78 plus £24 home office payable 30/9/17

Proposed by Dr M Ellershaw and seconded by Mr D Goy. Action Clerk

**6.5** Councillor vacancy – no election was called and so a vacancy notice for co-opting a new councillor will be placed on the website and notice board. Action Clerk

**6.6** Review of standing orders, risk assessments and financial regulations. These have been agreed.

## **7. Parish News/website.**

Parish News article to include crime report and actions re Station Road, village sign update plus Councillor training completed.

**8. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings;** Meeting with Nene Park Trust feedback given.

Parish Conference is 14<sup>th</sup> November and Parish Council Conference 6<sup>th</sup> October. A47 proposed new route meetings at Sutton 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**9. Correspondence;** small grant scheme for NHW projects, letter from resident re parking in Main St, letter from resident re farming methods, letter from resident re hedge on P'boro Road.

**For circulation;** Weekly planning sheets, Rural crime report for July, Clerks and Councils Direct magazine,

Parklife magazine, Training courses CAPALC, PRP take action poster, Highways England preferred route announcement, Parish Conference date/poster

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**

**Next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm**