

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2017 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

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

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder (Neighbourhood Planning), Mr D McPartlin and Mr W Burgess from Castor and Ailsworth Tennis Club

Questions from the floor;

Mr Partlin had sent through a document that had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. He gave a brief summary of the position of the club now and the restrictions and challenges it faces at the current site trying to expand with only 1 hard court and no floodlights. The strategic objective is to sell the land for development and invest it at Woodlands in 4 new courts. There are obstacles to this however and the project is in its infancy establishing a way forward, tying in with the National LTA initiative called Transforming British Tennis Together, and a Community Tennis network working in collaboration with other clubs in the area. Mr R Perkins posed some questions and these were addressed. The Council were supportive of the plans so far, and understands the reasons behind the move. It may be hampered by the slow progress with the Woodlands project to allow sports facilities to use the site. It was agreed that further, appropriate updates would be given by the tennis club.

Mr J Hodder gave a brief update on the Neighbourhood plan. There is a Full City Council meeting on Wednesday 13th December to adopt that the PCC Local Plan goes through to the next public consultation in 2018 and another item being the adoption of both the Castor and the Ailsworth Neighbourhood plans. There should be no reason why this will not happen. Then there is the joint Parish Council and NP meeting in January to agree a way of working going forward. A draft agenda was circulated.

It will be requested that the latest bill for website costs can be offset from the grant and not PC funds.

1. Apologies; Mr R Ingram (holiday), Cllr J Holdich and Cllr P Hiller (meeting), Mr R Perkins

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 13th November 2017 – these were proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by Dr M Ellershaw and signed as correct by the Chair.

3. Matters arising None

4. Declarations of interest. None

5. Council reports

5.1 Recreation ground

5.1a The tree works have been carried out but not yet invoiced. **Action Clerk to chase**

5.1b The clothes bank recycling payment has been chased up again as not yet received.

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5.1c The wall damage at Studio One has been repaired.

5.1d A hedge cutting price will be obtained and the job booked in. More hedging whips will be ordered. **Action Clerk and J Judge**

5.1e More bird and bat boxes have been ordered.

5.1f Drones use over the recreation ground was discussed as guidance was received from the City Council. In view of expected increases in usage, the advice will be communicated.

5.2 Planning

5.2a 17/01937/CTR 2 ash, 1 sycamore, 1 maple reduce to previous height, fell 1 elder and poison stump and fell 3 Lawson Cyprus at 15 Main St. Permitted 14/11/17

5.2b Neighbourhood Planning update given as above. **Action Clerk to pay invoice**

5.3 Village Information Board/Village Sign/bus shelter

The new sign is on the order books for April 2018 and a visit to see progress is encouraged.

5.4 Village groups;

5.4a The Scout group and the Village Hall thanked us for the recent donations.

5.4b The tennis club gave an update above. No more to add at present.

5.4c The lights and baubles on our green and post box santa's hat were kindly put up by Ro and John Judge.

5.5 Village Hall The tree lighting event went very well and new Christmas lights were well received. The hall has seen lots of work improvements done and there's lots more planned.

5.6 Parish Land and Allotments;

One small plot remains vacant. Action Clerk to advertise again in the Spring

5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

5.7a Staton Road/Helpston Road issues and speed restriction project update. The 20 mph limit across the villages proposed by APC was put forward for discussion at Castor PC meeting and views expressed. Further investigation work will be carried out. It was agreed to canvass residents in January. Costs for traffic calming measures in Helpston Rd and

Station Rd had been received and it was agreed to put money for rumble strips, "gates" and possibly roundals into the budget.

5.7b Parking on Main St has been reported again to Road Safety Officers at PCC to review the situation.

5.7c A project update with timescales has been received on replacing lamp posts in Helpston Rd and Thorolds Way – Action Clerk to chase.

5.7d The footpath between Casworth Way and Thorolds Way will be reported as it is blocked.

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account balance £17787.73 Deposit account £3023.75 Reward saver £5443.99 and £5161.73 Business bond

6.2 Income: £23.62 allotment rent received 21/11/17 and 4/12/17

6.3 Payments: Neighbourhood plan from grant Athene Communications £250 plus vat (from reserves), NP chapel hire bill £12.25 paid 13/11/17 and J Judge £54.94 plus vat village Xmas decorations paid 4/12/17

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

6.4a Future grass cutting invoices

6.4b Neighbourhood plan bills

6.4c Tree works

6.4d R Perkins mileage £23.20

6.4e Bird and bat boxes and hedge whips

6.4f Clerks pay £226.78 plus £24 home office payable 31/12/17

It was agreed not to renew the ACRE subscription this year and review it next year.

Proposed by Mr D Goy and seconded by Mr J Judge. **Action Clerk to pay**

6.5 Budget meeting dates proposed. Projects identified.

6.6 Internal ½ year audit – this has been completed and response sent. VAT rebate BACS payment will be chased up again.

7 Councillor vacancy – still one vacant post. Elections in May anyway so will establish and tackle vacancies then.

8. Parish News/website.

Parish News article to include 20mph speed restriction, use of drones, vacancy. **Action Clerk**

9. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings; Parish Council conference 17/11/17 was interesting and some useful information obtained should we want it. Consideration will be given to a Parish Council Facebook page.

10. Correspondence;

- **For circulation**
- Weekly planning sheets
- Rural crime report November
- Tennis club update document
- Advice on drones - see above 5.1

Meeting closed at 9.35pm
Next meeting is 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm