

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2018 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

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

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder (Neighbourhood Planning)

Questions from the floor; Mr J Hodder confirmed that at the 13/12/17 meeting the PCC Local Plan was passed to go forward to the final public consultation phase and both Castor and Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plans were formally adopted, with much praise for their thoroughness and professionalism. The "Submission plan" has been sent out for comment in the consultation period now until 20th February 2018. It was noted on initial observation that the recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan has not had the previously protected land just south of the bypass "re-protected" in the consultation documentation. J Hodder also confirmed the joint Parish Council meeting is on 17/1/18 and noted only 2 apologies from Councillors.

1. Apologies; Cllr J Holdich and Cllr P Hiller

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 11th December 2017 – these were proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by Mr D Goy and signed as correct by the Chair.

3. Matters arising The message/advice from PCC re drones was placed on the community FB page and our website with no queries.

4. Declarations of interest. None

5. Council reports

5.1 Recreation ground

5.1a The tree works have been carried out and now invoiced and paid.

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

5.1c A hedge cutting price has been obtained and the work booked in. More hedging whips are ordered and will be planted soon to fill in the gaps. Action ; Councillors

5.1d More bird and bat boxes have been ordered.

5.2 Planning

5.2a Neighbourhood planning – see above.

5.2b 17/02092/CTR Swedish whitebeam reduce from building to create 2m clearance and fell cherry plum at 15 Main St. By Amey, Permitted 4/12/17.

5.2c 17/02123/FUL Demolition of existing single storey shop, construction of new shop with two bed flat above and part demolition of rear house extension and construction of additional storey including the removal of chimney to house at 109 Peterborough Road. This application arrived too late for the agenda and so an extension to the deadline for comments will be requested, until after the meeting in February. It was noted that there is only one flat proposed rather than two, to reduce parking issues. Also that the Neighbourhood Plan was not mentioned in the report by the Conservation Officer. In the meantime, Councillors will view the plans in detail and the Chair will visit neighbours etc. A paper copy of the plans will be requested. Action; all

5.3 Village Information Board/Village Sign/bus shelter

No update on the village sign. The light is not working in the bus shelter and will be reported. Action; Clerk

5.4 Village groups

5.4a Local groups to be approached to see if a donation towards resources is needed.

5.4b PCC will be approached to advise on new goals for the Recreation Ground
Action Clerk

5.5 Village Hall No update

5.6 Parish Land and Allotments;

One small plot remains vacant. Action Clerk to advertise again in the Spring.
Payment for New Close allotment to be paid at the end of January.

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 will be further discussed at Castor Parish Council meeting on Thursday. It was agreed to canvass residents more formally after this. Costs for traffic calming measures in Helpston Rd and Station Rd have

been built into the budget proposals for next year. Action Clerk to co-ordinate

5.7b Parking on Main St has been reported to Road Safety Officers at PCC and they will survey the situation at a busy time soon and report back.

5.7c A project update with timescales has been received on replacing lamp posts in Helpston Rd and Thorolds Way – Action Clerk to chase again as timescales have not been met.

5.7d The footpath between Casworth Way and Thorolds Way was reported and has been cleared.

5.7e The hedge on Peterborough Road is still causing concern. Action; Clerk to ask PCC again to trim it back more severely and reduce height.

5.7f The corner at Sutton Cross has been reported as 7 accidents have occurred here recently. “Slippery road” signs have been put there and the road will be re-surfaced next financial year.

5.7g The horse routes along A47 from Castor up to Helpston Road have been queried to be re-instated as they are diminishing.

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account balance £16987.27 Deposit account £3023.75 Reward saver £5443.99 and £5161.73 Business bond

6.2 Income: VAT rebate will be paid mid January as payment had been returned to Finance at HMRC.

6.3 Payments: Neighbourhood plan website maintenance costs payable from grant £55.20 plus vat £11.04 vat payable from PC. J judge £124.83 plus vat bird/bat boxes paid 18/12/17. AWA revised bill £6.58 paid 2/1/18, tree works £84.96 plus vat paid 20/12/17.

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

6.4a Future grass cutting invoices

6.4b Neighbourhood plan bills

6.4c Hedge cutting and new hedging

6.4d Burial fees £2457.22 payable in April

6.4e Clerks pay £226.78 plus £24 home office payable 31/1/18 and 28/2/18

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

Proposed by Mr R Perkins and seconded by Dr M Ellershaw. **Action Clerk to pay**

6.5 Budget meeting feedback. The proposals for budget and precept for next year were discussed in detail. The amounts to be kept in reserves and the projects for which money will be requested were discussed and agreed. An expert opinion on our ancient stone wall will be sought to help with any action needed.

6.6 Review of financial regulations, assets register and risk assessments is to be carried forward. Action Clerk

7 Councillor vacancy. Eligibility for an application we have received will be checked. Action Chair.

8. Parish News/website.

Parish News article to include traffic calming ideas. Action Clerk

9. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings; Parish Council joint NP meeting 17/1/18 at 7.30pm

10. Correspondence;

- **For circulation**
- Weekly planning sheets
- Policing precept consultation – circulated
- Councillor training courses plus Data Protection and planning
- Buckingham House garden party nominations – circulated
- Ian Dewar appointment

Meeting closed at 9.45pm
Next meeting is 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm