

AILS WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2019, IN THE CHAPEL AT 7PM

Present Councillors: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Dr M Ellershaw (Vice chair), Mr M Samways, Mr J Phillips, Mrs A Perkins
Clerk Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr D Rowlands, Mr and Mrs Berry, Mr J Hodder

PUBLIC TIME An opportunity for members of the public to address the meeting and ask questions about items on the agenda or raise issues of concern.

Mr and Mrs Berry came to state that they did not have any issues with the planning application at 2 Singerfire Road. They felt it is sympathetic to the area and although blocks some light, it is not too much.

1. To receive, note reasons for absence and accept apologies. Apologies to be a little late received from Dr M Ellershaw

2. To receive and agree minutes of the last meeting on 18th November 2019.

Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising; New Home Delivery team presentation arranged for January meeting, NP website hosting for 1 year agreed

4. Declarations of interest. *Members must declare if they have any pecuniary, or personal or prejudicial interest, in any items on the agenda*

Cllr Phillips declared an interest in item 5.3b.

5. To receive **Council reports** on;

5.1 **Recreation Ground/Village Green/ bus shelter**

5.1a **To receive update on play equipment and bigger bin order and installation**

The clerk confirmed that these were both on order and the relevant S106 monies are being handled centrally. Hoping for a spring installation.

5.1b **To receive and note tree survey feedback**

The survey has not been done yet. Clerk to check it will be done in January. Any required work to be completed ASAP

5.1c **To receive update on bus service users questionnaire**

The questionnaire has been printed and mostly distributed. Messages are on facebook pages to inform and remind residents to return it by 31/12/19. Pubs and shops agreed to take in.

5.1d **To resolve to book hedge cutting contractor.** It was resolved to book the same hedge cutting contractor as cost same as last few years. Also agreed to check the Peterborough Road /Singerfire green hedge and request a severe cut. Clerk to check with PCC regarding possible devolvement of hedge and verge cutting to PC in future.

5.2 **Community engagement**

To discuss and review Joint Community Action Plan /JPLG/joint meeting agenda items; shared "Landsman", Communication and Engagement Action Plan, trim trail progress, Good Neighbour Scheme, Climate Change and Operation London Bridge update

Mr D Rowlands confirmed the joint meeting on 15/1/20 agenda items and it was agreed to add the litter pick and fete planning. It was agreed that a PC agenda item following the joint meeting would be useful.

5.3 **Planning**

5.3a 19/01740/HH Single storey front, rear and side extension, with new front access from highway utilising existing drop kerb at 2 Singerfire Road

This was discussed and it was agreed that apart from the positioning of parking/access and potential road safety issue, it presented no concerns. It should be pointed out that the existing dropped kerb is for pedestrians and disabled access not cars.

5.3b 19/01589/HH Demolition of existing single detached garage and replace with new single detached garage block at 105 Peterborough Road.

This was discussed (Mr J Phillips withdrew from the discussion) and it was resolved that it was an improvement and therefore no objections.

5.4 **To review situation regarding councillor vacancy and procedure for co-option if appropriate**

The chair mentioned that a resident had shown interest in a vacancy (for co-option as no election was called.). This will be pursued and the remaining vacancy advertised further. Eligibility to be confirmed.

5.5 To receive reports and consider **requests from village groups.** Update report from tennis club enclosed.

Councillors received and noted the update on the tennis club sale of land and move to Woodlands. In addition, an approach had been made regarding the recreation ground as an alternative and concerns were raised over size, lighting and car parking, plus the area is a protected green space. Clerk to reply to this effect.

5.6 Reports relating to **Parish Land and Allotments;**

To receive update on tree survey request for trees in donkey paddock, See above 5.1b.

A discussion took place on the current arrangements of Station Rd allotment and consideration for a change in 2022. Discarded containers to be checked.

5.7 Reports relating to **Footpaths and Rights of Way**;

It was reported that potholes are causing concern and will be reported when photos available. In addition there is often considerable flooding along Helpston Road north of the bridge and the edges need digging out.

5.7a **To receive update on speed restrictions project and order of gates**

There has been no further feedback from PCC on the order of gates or installation of other measures.

6. Finance

6.1 Bank balances were noted as follows; current £20907.90, reward saver £8085.04, deposit acct £5393.07, business bond £5320.67

6.2 It was noted that there has been no new income received.

6.3 It was noted that no new payments have been made between meetings.

6.4 Payments of expenses were agreed as follows;

6.4a Clerk's pay £243.10 less £14.40 PAYE plus £24 home office payable 31/12/19

6.4b HMRC £14.40

6.4c £61.80 Athene NP website hosting fee

6.4d A Curtis £25 website policy tab work not previously invoiced

6.4e ICO data protection fee of £40

6.5 To decide on projects to include in next year's budget before budget setting meeting

A discussion took place on what to include as possible projects. It was agreed for the finance sub committee to consider bio diversity/footpath down Station Road, donations to VE day event and tennis club project. A meeting will be held on 9/1/20 at 2pm to prepare the precept and budget.

7. Communication

To agree any new communication for Parish News, website/Facebook page.

This was agreed as the "happy to chat bench" carried over from previously and the bus questionnaires results.

8. To note feedback from PCLM meeting on 16/12/19 to follow from CPC Chair.

Date of next meeting is 20th January 2019 at 7.30pm