

AILS WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 11th APRIL 2016

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr R Perkins, Mrs C Murrell, Mr J Judge, Dr M Ellershaw, Miss J Rice (clerk)

Members of the public: Mr P Lee (Sutton Parish Council), Mr J Hodder (Neighbourhood plan)

1 Minutes from 2015 Annual Parish Meeting: The minutes were proposed by Mr R Perkins, seconded by Mr J Judge and signed as correct by the Chair.

2 Review of the year - Chairman's Report Mrs J Pickett gave the Annual report as follows;

Welcome to the annual meeting. We have as usual been kept busy with a variety of projects and concerns many of which are very slow to resolve.

Last April we were very excited to hear that PCC said the gate at the phone mast, which we have asked about for many years, could be made in '2 to 3 weeks' and a traffic order would be made. Even so after repeated progress inquiries sadly we still have no gate and there is still fly tipping!

Planning applications continue with many to remove trees, mainly because they are in the wrong place for their size or in poor condition. This is a concern as it is a loss of habitat and village landscape. We do plant new trees each year but they are quite expensive and take many years to grow to a reasonable size. We have investigated trying to get a tree belt along the bypass but with no success as yet.

This year we have registered the village green and also adopted the telephone kiosk. This is now repainted and home to the defibrillator bought as a project and funded largely by local residents and small grants. We know the PO box needs repainting and hope that will be done soon. In the meantime it has been brightened up with seasonable hats for Christmas and Easter!

It was agreed that 2 new priorities for the year would be to have a website and to work towards producing a Neighbourhood Plan but also to continue to try to improve traffic and parking safety. Temporary flashing lights have been put up in Helpston road and PCC have promised a 20mph limit for Station road. The website is now in place. Work is in progress on the NP. There have been public meetings, 2 questionnaires and numerous meetings with land owners and other consultees to find out what people want the plan to show for the future.

Our allotments and recreation ground are fully used and kept in good order and we now have a smart new noticeboard to replace the old one that was rotten.

The council have supported a number of local groups with small grants to help them to thrive in the village for the benefit of residents. This year we supported Evergreens, Bowls club, cycle west project, repairs to village clock, WW2 names on farmers cross, heaters for chapel schoolroom and helped a project at school. Earlier in the year we welcomed Richard Ingram and Megan Ellershaw to the council and I would like to thank both them with all the rest of the councillors and the clerk for all the work they do, not just at meetings because there are many other things they all do to help. We are also grateful for the support we have from our PCC councillors. I would also like to add my thanks too to all those who are working on the NP project it is a very big and time consuming project and could be very important to the future of our village.

3 Finance Report as at 31.3.16

Total Income	£19466.33 (including precept)	<u>Assets</u>	
Payments	£20878.12		
Precept incl in above	£ 11984	Bus shelter	£15,000
		Computer	£ 470
Savings accounts	£13426.32		
		Information Board	£ 1133
Current account	£13336.06	Seats	£ 1475
		Outdoor gym equip	£ 4800
		Notice board	£ 2468

Less cheques sent not presented £1870.22, £550, £73, £230.94, £690

Set aside; £1000 for Village Hall fund, £300 New Close field repairs, £225 new trees, £8000 stone wall, £500 Neighbourhood plan, £1000 information board

Total £11025

Grants received; Neighbourhood plan £4610

4 Officers' Reports.

All items are covered in Chair's report above.

5 Questions from the floor. None

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.