

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2016
IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

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

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

Questions from the floor; Mr J Hodder updated the meeting on the Neighbourhood plan project. The second questionnaire return rate was less than the first one but still a good number, 209 out of 675. The results are being tabulated along with the 1st phase responses. The key project dates have had to be altered slightly. Responses from key landowners Nene Park Trust and Homes and Communities are to be analysed. There are currently 7 proposals of land offered for development. There is a meeting regarding Woodlands on the 28th April too. Grant 3 application has been approved once due diligence and Ts and Cs are agreed. The part of grants 1 and 2 that were not used have been repaid.

1. Apologies; Cllr D Lamb, Mr D Edwards (on holiday)

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 7th March 2016. These were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Mr J Judge and seconded by Dr M Ellershaw and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising: none

4. Declarations of interest.

5. Village defibrillator. The list of responders is still outstanding from the Ambulance Service. More training on the defib may be possible in the future. The machines can be used without training though and without harm being possible.

6. Council reports

6.1 Recreation ground;

6.1a A mechanism for a self-closing gate near the play area is proving more difficult due to its shape and positioning. Further ones will be tried.

6.1b CGM cut the grass and accidentally locked the wrong gate but this was soon put right.

6.1c The children's roundabout should be working better now, and the instructions for the gym equipment that have worn off will be reported.

6.1d Following the replacement of the play area bin, enquiries will be made as to whether a new, bigger bin is planned for the MUGA as well.

6.2 Planning

6.2a 16/00111/HHFUL Proposed rebuilding of boundary wall, new driveway and installation of double gates and replacement ground floor window at 41 Main St. Permitted 3/4/16

6.2b 16/00261/CTR Fell crab apple tree at Drakes Orchard, 59 Main St. Permitted 21/3/16

6.2c 16/00284/CTR Fell one conifer from back garden, The Steadings, Main St. Permitted 21/3/16

6.2d 16/00385/CTR Salix repollard at 52 Main St Permitted 7/4/16

6.2e 16/00294/HH Single storey rear extension at 9 Normangate. Awaiting decision.

6.2f 16/00346/HHFUL Construction of double garage at 2 Casworth Way. Permitted 8/4/16

6.2g 16/00622/CTR Fell one silver birch to be replaced by an apple tree at 36 Main St. No objections were raised.

6.2h Concerns have been raised by residents about 2 Singerfire Road's new fencing and construction and this will be checked out with PCC planning.

6.3 Neighbourhood plan update. See above.

6.4 Village groups;

6.4a There is a scooter available from a late resident and the mobility centre have been approached and prices for a service and new battery received. The original donors of the scooter will be contacted.

6.4b Permission to use the recreation ground for the Queen's 90th event has been sent and enquiries will be made about bunting needed.

6.4c A thank you note has been received from the Evergreens for the donation.

6.4d Following an initial meeting, it has been suggested that a Youth Worker from PCC is employed to consult and work with young people in the village, and this phase be funded by both Parish Councils. It was agreed by all present that a 42% share of the cost will be our donation.

6.5 Village Hall No further update

6.6 Parish Land and Allotments;

6.6a Section 106 money due to us has been chased with Cllr Holdich and hopefully soon sorted.

6.6b Station Road field allotment rent has been received.

6.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

6.7a PCC will be asked to make good the road surface in Maffit Road after BT works in the road have not been finished off.

6.7b Further enquiries will be made about traffic calming opportunities in Station Road.

6.7c A letter/map has been sent to the Footpaths Officer at PCC asking for all footpaths to be maintained and registered properly to protect them.

6.8 Bus Shelter/post box/information board.

6.8a The new bin near the bus shelter is in an awkward place. PCC will be asked to move it back to the original place if possible.

6.8b The post box in Castor has recently been painted and it is thought that the wrong one has been painted as we were promised that the Ailsworth one will be painted soon. It has been chased up. The Easter bonnet recently worn by the post box was very popular.

7. Finance:

7.1 Accounts Status: Current account £10094.90 Deposit accounts £2998.31 Reward saver £5428.01. £5000 growth bond

7.2 Income: Allotment rent £536.25

7.3 Payments: Neighbourhood plan from grant 2, £20 village hall hire, £53 Cedar Centre both paid 17/3/16. Wingivers £44.28 and Iorganise £929.88 both paid by BACS 24/3/16, plus repayments of previous unspent grant amounts £1575 and £295.22 paid 24/3/16.

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

7.4a CGM future invoice for grass cutting

7.4b J Rice TSO web hosting fee £2.49 plus vat for Apr/May

7.4c Neighbourhood plan planned costs from grant 3

7.4d Auditor fees

7.4e CAPALC affiliation fees

7.4f Burial fees £2142.48

7.4g Clerk's pay £206.94 plus £24 home office costs payable 30/4/16

7.4h Bunting for 90th Birthday event

Proposed by Mr J Judge and seconded by Mr R Ingram

8. Internal audit: Mr C Brown will be doing the audit and the file is being prepared. The annual return and audit papers have been received.

9. The Standing Orders do not need any changes and all agreed this recommendation.

10. Parish News/website. A police report on crime will be sent for the Parish News and it appears that we may be able to claim for website set up costs.

11. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings; The Parish Council Liaison meeting feedback was circulated, and a useful meeting at Nene Park Trust discussed and a summary is in correspondence. No one could attend the NP roadshow. The forthcoming meeting in the village hall about Woodland is on 28/4/16.

12. Correspondence. Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation document to be discussed.

For circulation;

- Weekly planning sheets
- Rural crime update March 2016
- Fields in trust update
- PECT March 2016
- Connect Cambs Police and Crime Commissioner updates March 2016
- CAPALC ebulletin March 2016
- Insurance Spring Council Matters
- Health and Wellbeing strategy consultation
- Open Space magazine Spring 2016

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

**Next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on 9th May 2016 at 7.15pm
followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Chapel**