# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th JUNE 2017 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr R Perkins, Mr D Goy, Mr R Ingram, Mr J Judge

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mrs A Pounsett, Mr P Barkley, Mr D Rowlands. Mrs J Steele

**Questions from the floor**; Mrs J Steele was present to talk about the doggy sports day event that she wants to hold on the recreation ground. It is ideal with the space and shade required. She confirmed it would be from approx. 8am-2pm and disruption to the area would be kept to a minimum. She hoped that villagers would come along to enjoy it. Safety and insurance will all be in place and dogs under control. Councillors mentioned that there are no toilet facilities and limited parking and suggested alternatives. Proposed date Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Mr P Barkley was there to discuss the parking restrictions consultation planning document that the Council are being consulted on. Proposals are to mark yellow lines for no parking along Station Road and Normangate near the road junctions. Mr P Barkley explained that he asked for them to be amended so that the lines are shorter, and not on Station Road. He said that he has had numerous problems with cars blocking his driveway. Mr P Barkley also said that he had emailed the Director of Redrow about the cutting of the hedge along Station Road and also spoken to Anglian Water about putting bollards to stop cars/loitering outside the pump station.

Mrs A Pounsett from the Neighbourhood Plan group updated the meeting on the Regulation 16 consultation phase of the NP process. There will be a leaflet to all residents. So far there have been no concerns. Work is continuing on the research into the landscape, and why it is worth protecting, with surveys and involvement from Historic England. Mrs A Pounsett explained why the request for a donation towards to production of walk maps has been requested – see below.

There was discussion around the Ailsworth Green Road to see who owns it. Mr R Perkins is investigating the ownership of this piece of land and all agreed to pay for searches if it proves relevant/useful to do so.

#### **Action Mr R Perkins**

There will be a picnic on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the Hanglands, to be further advertised soon.

It was proposed that a minute silence be observed for the victims of the recent Manchester and London terrorist attacks, and this was agreed and observed.

- 1. Apologies; Dr M Ellershaw (working)
- **2. Minutes from the last meeting** on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. An error on the minutes was highlighted in that the matters arising and declarations of interest were round the wrong way. All else was agreed to be a true record, proposed by Mr D Goy, seconded by Mr R Ingram and signed by the Chair.
- **3. Matters arising;** the tree offer information from PECT was sent to Mr Harrison Smith but no response received. This will be chased. **Action J Rice.** The scooter is up and running and in use.
- 4. Declarations of interest.
- 5. Council reports

## 5.1 Recreation ground

**5.1a** The swings were reported and checked/oiled.

**5.1b** The gaps in the fence/hedge will be looked at and addressed. **Action Mr J Judge** and Mr D Goy

**5.1c** The dog show event was discussed as above, and communication to continue. **Action Miss J Rice** 

**5.1d** Insurance issue re MUGA has been raised with Cllr J Holdich and Mrs J Jarvis. Needs to be chased. **Action Miss J Rice** 

### 5.2 Planning

**5.2a** 17/00420/HHFUL single storey rear extension to existing property at 5 Andrew Close. Permitted 8/6/17

**5.2b** 17/00408/LBC replacement of 6 windows to front elevation at Peterborough Road. Permitted 18/5/17

**5.2c** 17/00630/HHFUL render to part of front and rear elevations, alterations to windows and removal of conservatory at 7 Maffit Road. Permitted 16/5/17

**5.2d 17/00892/CTR** Fell 2 conifers at 5 Maffit Road. No concerns sent in but replace where possible.

**5.2e 17/00896/CTR** Birch crown raise and fell cypress and willow and prune cherry, top sycamore at 31 Helpston Road. No concerns sent in but replace where possible.

## 5.3 Village Information Board/Village Sign/bus shelter

**5.3a** The new information board is now in place and a photo will be taken to put in the Parish News and on the website **Action Miss J Rice** 

**5.3b** The New Village Sign project is progressing, with both sides to depict the same scenes as now but carved in relief and a plaque to be added about when it was refurbished. **Action Mr R Perkins** 

## 5.4 Village groups;

- **5.4a** Nominations for the village person of the year award were discussed and it was agreed to put forward 2 people. **Action Miss J Rice**
- **5.4b** The Village of the Year competition has been entered and further action required to be reported as it is requested.
- **5.4c** A new headteacher has been appointed at the Primary School. Details to be communicated when appropriate.
- **5.4d** The festival weekend is 7/8/9th July. Castor Parish Council and NP to have stalls. APC are mostly involved in other aspects.
- **5.4e** A donation of £150 towards the St Kyneburgha Building Preservation Trust Walks Maps was agreed see above. **Action Miss J Rice**
- **Village Hall** New windows are being looked at and quotes obtained before grants can be applied for. The AGM is on 29/6/17.
- 5.6 Parish Land and Allotments:

New Close repairs to the fencing are still not done. This has been chased. **Action Miss J** Rice to follow up.

## 5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

- **5.7a** The hedging along the last stretch of Peterborough Road needs trimming back and was reported however then trimmed by a Councillor.
- **5.7b** Station Road speeding remains an issue. It was agreed to investigate alternative, cheaper humps. **Action Miss J Rice**
- **5.7c** The path from the notice board to Singerfire Rd is very uneven and will be reported. **Action Miss J Rice**
- **5.7d** Comments on Nene Park Trust's proposals report were discussed.
- **5.8 Neighbourhood planning update.** See above, questions from the floor.

#### 6. Finance:

- **6.1 Accounts Status:** Current account £16,157.72 Deposit accounts £3013.33 Reward saver £5443.99 £5000 growth bond, ends August 2017.
- 6.2 Income: £80.50 bond interest to April 17, ends Aug 17.
- 6.3 Payments: J Tovey information base mount £395.69 paid 19/5/17
- **6.4 Expenses:** It was agreed to pay these forthcoming invoices
  - **6.4a** Future grass cutting invoices to be chased as none received recently **Action Miss J Rice**
  - 6.4b Neighbourhood plan bills
  - 6.4c External audit fee
  - 6.4d New Close repairs
  - **6.4e** Donation towards Walks Maps SKBPT £150
  - 6.4f J Rice TSO domain fee £5.99 plus vat
  - 6.4g Tree management seminar, if place available
- **6.4h** Clerk's new pay rate £226.78 plus £24 home office

Proposed by Mr D Goy and seconded by Mr J Judge

- **6.5** Annual return completed and sent off, and public rights displayed on board.
- 6.6 Review of standing orders and financial regulations. These have been circulated for comments.
- 6.7 Reclaim of VAT form sent off.
- 7. Parish News/website.

Parish News article to be on new information board.

- **8. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings**; All party policy on policing meeting feedback next month. Police and Crime panel meeting 14/6/17
- 9. Correspondence.

#### For circulation;

- Weekly planning sheets
- Park Life magazine.
- Coopted members to scrutiny committee information
- Green belt development Times article
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm