

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2017
IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr J Judge, Dr M Ellershaw

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder, Mr K and Mrs H Daly, Mr B Gibson, Mr W McNaughton and Mr J Newman (P&DAA), Mr B Chillcott, PCSO Scott Lefevre and Sergeant Ricky Passam

Questions from the floor; Sergeant Passam explained why more regular policing resource cannot be provided even though crime figures are higher than usual. Key areas and high crime/serious crime is prioritised. He summarised what was discussed at a meeting in the village with the Chair, Clerk and Cllr J Judge on Friday, where he took on our concerns and will put in a bid to resource Station Road at a forthcoming event and use a covert camera if possible. It is anticipated that the crime we've seen will reduce over the winter months, however he is supportive of taking action early next year with increased communication, random patrols joining up resource with other villages and using local knowledge where appropriate. Mr Chillcott explained that he felt villager's safety is being compromised. Sergeant Passam assured him that he has a "can do" attitude and will do all he can to improve the situation. **Action PC**

Mrs H Daly was there for Mr M Chillcott who sent his apologies for not being there in person. The group petition is gaining in numbers and there is still work continuing on the issue of legality of ownership of the land. There was a NP leaflet delivered recently to explain where we are with the process etc. plus there are 2 drop in sessions on 14th and 21st October. Poll cards should have been received too and all people are encouraged to vote. The referendum is taking place on the 2nd November and the NP group will have ended their original task but urge the PC to prepare for post NP/referendum even if the housing development is taken out of the PCC plan, as work needs to continue with HCA, who will be keen to develop still. Cross community work is encouraged. It is to be discussed at a joint PC meeting in January.

1. Apologies; Mr R Perkins, Mr R Ingram, Mr D Goy

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 11th September 2017 – the first paragraph in Questions from the floor was to be altered to read the Backwaters (as opposed to the Hanglands) - and were proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by Dr M Ellershaw and signed as correct by the Chair.

3. Matters arising. Notes of thanks were sent to the Gardeners Society for the success of their show in the church recently, and to Inspector Rob Hill for all of his work for the village – he was very appreciative and said he will be pleased to still be part of rural policing in his new role.

4. Declarations of interest. None

5. Council reports

5.1 Recreation ground

5.1a The MUGA graffiti and play equipment rotting timber have both been reported but not sorted as yet. It will be chased up. **Action Clerk**

5.1b The tree survey has been completed and associated works listed. It was agreed to carry out these works to maintain the trees. No tree safety issues reported. **Action Clerk to confirm**

5.2 Planning

5.2a 17/01485/HH/FUL Demolition of existing rear porch and replace with conservatory. Replacement roof and re-pantiling of existing s/s rear extension. Wooden double gates to front entrance at 17 Main St. Permitted 3/10/17

5.2b 17/01261HHFUL single storey rear extension at 3 Casworth Way Permitted 2/10/17

5.2c 17/01583/HHFUL Installation of window to first floor of garage – front elevation, at 2 Casworth Way Permitted 21/9/17

5.2d Nene Park Trust have taken down the poplar trees along and across Station Road recently. They were old and needed replacing. Notices are up to explain.

5.3 Village Information Board/Village Sign/bus shelter

The new sign is on order to be made next year and no further update could be given.

5.4 Village groups;

5.4a A request was received from the Village Hall committee for new outside Xmas lights. It was agreed to give £100 from our S137 money. **Action Clerk**

5.4b It was also agreed to fund some more new Xmas tree lights for our green. **Action J Judge**

5.5 Village Hall Works have started on repairs and improvements and more quotes are to be sought for other works to be carried out.

5.6 Parish Land and Allotments;

5.6a Most allotment renewal payments have been received. There have been a few allotments given up and reallocated but there are still 2 vacancies. These have been advertised. **Action Clerk**

5.6b A request has been made for a greenhouse to be put up on a plot – a polycarbonate one was okayed in principle but will be further investigated for size and position before agreeing. **Action Clerk, JJ**

5.6c The rat pest control company have continued their controls and reported no new activity at the last visit.

5.6d Station Road and New Close Field allotment rent instalments have been paid,

5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

5.7a Station Road work is continuing. A grant will be applied for a wildlife camera. The warning signs from Nene Park Trust are up. An advert for volunteers to work at NPT is on the board, a meeting with the police has taken place. A meeting with PCC highways took place to look at options on traffic calming in both Station Road and Helpston Road; rumble strips and visual“gateways” are to be investigated. A 20 mph speed restriction is being proposed for the whole village and more speed signs requested for Station Road. **Action Dr M Ellershaw to follow up**

Action Clerk, PC

5.7b The hedge on Helpston Road was reported as dangerously overgrown and has been trimmed back.

5.7c Parking on Main St was mentioned again to PCC Highways as a concern and used to support a 20mph speed restriction across the village. The Road Safety Officer at PCC will be asked advice on parking issues on Main St/Maffit Road junction. **Action Clerk**

5.8 Neighbourhood planning update. See above. Also we have received payment of grant 5.

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account balance £19852.65 Deposit account £3023.75 Reward saver £5443.99 and £5163.73 Business bond

6.2 Income: £161.15 allotment rent so far, Groundwork UK NP grant £1015 rec'd 13/9/17, ½ precept £6160.50 received 15/9/17

6.3 Payments: AWA £12.10 paid 29/9/17

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

6.4a Future grass cutting invoices

6.4b Neighbourhood plan bills

6.4c Tree survey and associated works

6.4d Pest control charge £175

6.4e Village hall donation £100

6.4f Clerks pay £226.78 plus £24 home office payable 31/10/17

Proposed by Dr M Ellershaw and seconded by Mr J Judge. **Action Clerk to pay**

6.5 July to September quarterly report of costs vs income. This was circulated and discussed.

6.6 Internal ½ year audit – this will be performed by Mr C Brown

7 Councillor vacancy – no one has applied as yet. It will be advertised in the Parish News **Action Clerk to submit**

7. Parish News/website.

Parish News article to include crime report, allotment vacancies and Councillor vacancy. **Action Clerk**

8. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings; meeting held locally with police rather than attending Police conference, notes from Parish Council liaison meeting circulated, CAPALC Annual Parish conference 14/11/17 and Parish Council conference 17/11/17 **Action Clerk to book**

9. Correspondence;

- **For circulation**
- Weekly planning sheets
- Rural crime report September
- Oil club information/leaflets
- Consultation on Cambridgeshire Local Development Plan
- Notice of Referendum
- Augean Newsletters September

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Next meeting is 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm