

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2017
IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Dr M Ellershaw (Vice-Chair), Mr J Judge, Mr D Goy, Mr R Perkins

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder, Mrs A Pounsett, Mrs E Wakerley, Cllr J Holdich, Mr K Yerby and Mr S Craciun, Mr A Douglas, Mr A Gosling from Highways England and Mott MacDonald.

Questions from the floor;

Highways England representatives gave an update on the dualling of the A47 at Ailsworth/Wansford project. He gave a brief history of why the dual carriageway is needed, the constraints of the options available and the reasons for their preferred route – south of the current A47. (Villagers of Sutton and Ailsworth have expressed a preference in the north route.) They explained that they have altered their preferred route to try to take on board the public's concerns and there are still discussion points around access and enlarging the roundabout with a new southern arm. They encouraged feedback via their website. The project timescale has slipped by 3-6 months to an earliest start of March 2020. They are looking into opening up and improving the Nene Way, with an option to cycle West via Wansford.

Cllr J Holdich was pleased with the positive feedback received on the recent free domestic waste truck, which was a huge success. The Council thanked Cllr Holdich for the provision of the trucks initiative.

Cllr Holdich praised the NP team and said the referendum and proposal to recommend the NP at the next planning meeting was all very positive. However, he urged caution that development is still possible by the Planning Inspector but for now it should be ok. Mr J Judge confirmed to Cllr Holdich that there had been progress with PCC and the police in addressing the Station Road issues. Cllr J Holdich said that he will make enquiries as to progress on the new lamp posts soon to replace those out of action.

Mr J Hodder confirmed the official referendum results and said that it was a very good turnout for Ailsworth (66.38%) and very convincing vote (98%) in favour of the NP being used for planning decisions by PCC. There is a media release and copies were circulated. Mr J Hodder said that there now needs to be a meeting to discuss the future role for the NP group as the terms of reference are now fulfilled and are not ongoing. There needs to be a joint PC meeting to look at the Joint Community Action Plan and how the future planning issues and joint changes are managed going forward.

Mr M Chillcott had sent an update from the Protect Rural Peterborough group. Mrs E Wakerley read out the update. It confirmed the situation regarding HCA's ideas, the process for the PCC local plan, and then public consultation for 6 weeks during Jan/Feb 2018. There will be a requirement for PRP to respond again when the Government appointed Inspector considers the comments from the public. The update then outlined the issues for the campaign group and re-inforced the need for a joint PC approach to continue the work needed on the NP.

1. Apologies; Mr R Ingram (holiday), Cllr P Hiller (funeral)

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 9th October 2017 – these were proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by DDr M Ellershaw and signed as correct by the chair.

3. Matters arising None

4. Declarations of interest. None

5. Council reports

5.1 Recreation ground

5.1a The MUGA graffiti has been removed however the play equipment rotting timber has not been addressed although it is still considered safe as it is.

5.1b The tree works have been carried out and will be invoiced. **Action Clerk to pay**

5.1c The clothes bank recycling payment has been chased up as not yet received.

5.1d The CGM complaint was responded to and the next cut was satisfactory.

5.2 Planning

5.2a An update on the replanting of trees by Nene Park Trust along Station Road has been provided, following the removal of poplar trees due to Health and Safety.

5.2b Neighbourhood Planning referendum results given above. Thank you to everyone for voting. Now subject to PCC Planning decisions and process until their meeting on December 13th. Meeting with CPC in January to consider how to manage it for the future. The PCC Local Plan will go to public consultation in Feb/Mar.

5.2c 17/01937/CTR 2 ash, 1 sycamore, 1 maple reduce to previous height, fell 1 elder and poison stump and fell 3 Lawson Cyprus at 15 Main St. No concerns sent in by PC.

5.3 Village Information Board/Village Sign/bus shelter

The new sign is on order and confirmation is being chased, as well as the receipt for the deposit. **Action** Mr R Perkins and Clerk. The poppy wreath for remembrance is in the bus shelter and will be taken to the church war memorial afterwards.

5.4 Village groups;

5.4a A PRP update is given above.

5.4b The Neighbourhood Watch scheme grant application has been completed and submitted.

5.4c There has been a request from the Scout group for a tracker device to be used on the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme excursions. It was agreed to make a donation to fund one at £124. **Action Clerk**

5.5 Village Hall The annual Christmas tree lights event is the 9/12/17.

5.6 Parish Land and Allotments;

5.6a One vacant plot has been allocated now, and one vacancy remains.

5.6b The Station Rd and New Close field allotment payments are both now paid in two instalments. **Action Clerk**

5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

5.7a Staton Road/Helpston Road issues and speed restriction project update. The police have been patrolling the area as promised, PCC have advised on speed controls such as speed signs and rumble strips – these will be considered as a PC paid project. A 20mph speed limit across the villages to be investigated. **Action Dr M Ellershaw/ Clerk – budget, CPC**

5.7b Parking on Main St will be reported again to Road Safety Officers at PCC to review the situation.

5.7c Road sign – a repaired street sign for Andrew Close is in place after being reported.

5.8 Neighbourhood planning update. See above.

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account balance £18391.89 Deposit account £3023.75 Reward saver £5443.99 and £5161.73 Business bond

6.2 Income: £205.12 allotment rent received various dates.

6.3 Payments: NP Graystones printing £145 plus vat paid 26/10/17, NP Cedar Centre hire £21.60 paid 26/10/17, tree survey Amey £60 paid 31/10/17, AWA bill adjusted £98.37 paid 18/10/17, CGM bill 209965 £310 plus vat paid 10/11/17, NP printing bill £60 paid 10/11/17

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 works

6.4d Wreath R Perkins £26.67 plus vat

6.4e Auditor fee £45 C Brown

6.4f Scout donation £124

6.4g Clerks pay £226.78 plus £24 home office payable 30/11/17

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

6.5 Budget meeting to be arranged. Projects identified.

6.6 Internal ½ year audit – this has been completed and response to follow on minor issues. VAT rebate BACS payment has been chased up.

7 Councillor vacancy – still one vacant post.

8. Parish News/website.

Parish News article to include referendum results, domestic waste truck and A47 dualling project. **Action Clerk**

9. Report from meetings attended/upcoming meetings; Parish Council conference 17/11/17 feedback to follow.

10. Correspondence;

- **For circulation**
- Weekly planning sheets
- Rural crime report October
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- Police and Crime Commissioner update “Connect”
- Open Spaces magazine
- Peterborough Annual Public Health report
- War Memorials Trust magazine

Meeting closed at 9.45pm
Next meeting is 11 December 2017 at 7.30pm