

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

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

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder (Neighbourhood Planning), Mr B Chillcott, Mr W Farrar (architect), Mr and Mrs Nash (residents)

Questions from the floor;

Mr Chillcott said that he supported having an improved shop for the village however still had concerns over the increased parking with no dedicated parking spaces and increased traffic in the area.. Mr Farrar confirmed that similar plans were approved previously and the present plans had less accommodation and therefore less cars maybe. It was explained that part of the parking problem is potentially solved by a recent change made to the plans at the rear of the property, to swap the turning area over to allow cars more space to turn and park and a revised highways report should be produced. The parking issues arise from the fact that the present layby is used both by the café, the paper shop and nearby residents. It was acknowledged that a professional opinion from the Highways Dept is needed in order to make further comment about this. Mr Farrar commented that he thought it was important to keep some trade going during the construction of the new shop and that a construction plan will follow if planning is permitted. The use of shutters was discussed and most agreed that they are not appropriate in a conservation area. Mr Nash suggested use of the wide green/pavement opposite the shop near the notice board as a potential extended layby for parking with the relaying of a hedge and path. This would be investigated should the need arise as we could see the potential in this idea. The Parish Council will consider all comments and make their response after receipt of the new highways report.

Mr Nash explained that they were there to comment on the application from the Doctor's surgery. They had made an objection to the previous application and little had changed in their view. They fully supported the surgery in the village and would like to keep it however felt no compromise had been made and no suitable alterations made to the plans. Their objections are the same and to do with increased parking problems, the impact on environment - destroying plants and habitats – and the over development of the site to fill the whole plot nearly up to their boundary. It was agreed that the application does not consider the neighbourhood plan especially in terms of consideration of other sites, parking and environmental issues. It was agreed that the surgery was a valuable asset in the village but noted that no highways report was available at the time of the meeting and again this is needed before our response can be given.

1. Apologies; Cllr J Holdich, Mr R Perkins (on holiday), Mr R Ingram (on holiday)

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 8th January 2018. These had a slight alteration made to them on lines 5/6 to correct Neighbourhood Plan to Local Plan and clarify issue with the protected piece of land – the amended minutes were proposed by Mr D Goy, seconded by Mr J Judge and signed as correct by the Chair.

3. Matters arising None

4. Declarations of interest. None

5.Planning

5.1 Neighbourhood Planning joint Parish Councils meeting 17/1/18 feedback

This will be carried forward to next meeting

5.2 Peterborough Local Plan proposed submission consultation period and comments.

A draft response from Mr Shaw had been circulated and Ailsworth's response will be similar with inclusion of the change necessary to show the protected piece of land.

Acknowledgment of the NP should also be included.

5.3 17/02123/FUL Demolition of existing single storey shop, construction of new shop with two bed flat above and part demolition of rear house extension and construction of additional storey including the removal of chimney to house at 109 Peterborough Road. See above.

5.4 18/00067/FUL single storey rear extension at 32 Main St Ailsworth Medical Surgery. See above.

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6. Footpaths and Rights of Way; Speeding and parking. The suggested 20mph limit throughout the village was again discussed at the Castor Parish Council meeting and further action will be taken to fully consider this proposal from Ailsworth Parish Council. It was noted that we disagreed with the idea of speedwatch volunteers as an effective speed control measure as previous attempts to recruit had been unsuccessful and in fact not encouraged with village residents. It was agreed that we would confirm with PCC Highways our request for implementation of previously suggested speed restriction measures.

Action Dr Ellershaw

7. Finance; Expenses: No forthcoming invoices to be agreed.

Correspondence – information of a forthcoming training event on 21/2/18 for Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators was given out.

It was also noted that an anonymous letter of complaint had been received. It was discussed to decide what, if any, action is appropriate.

Items for inclusion in the next Parish News were decided.

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Meeting closed at 9.30pm
Next meeting is 19th March 2018 at 7.30pm