

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 16th APRIL 2018

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr J Judge, Dr M Ellershaw, Mr D Goy, Mr R Ingram, Mr R Perkins, Miss J Rice (clerk)

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder, Mr M Samways, Mrs S Hodder, Cllr J Holdich, Mr R Anker

1 Minutes from 2017 Annual Parish Meeting: The minutes were proposed by Dr M Ellershaw, seconded by Mr J Judge and signed as correct by the Chair.

2 Review of the year - Chairman's Report Mrs J Pickett gave the Annual report as follows; Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting. It has as usual been quite a busy year with a number of ongoing projects. The oldest of these has still not been achieved and after many requests we still await a gate at the phone mast so that area still has a problem with fly tipping along with other sites just outside the village. Fortunately PCC do help with removing the mess.

We have successfully completed all the stages of the Neighbourhood Plan and following the referendum, which was well supported, it has been accepted by PCC. Many hours of work by council members and volunteers were spent doing the plan and at times the progress seemed slow but the Plan has received very good reports and praises for its quality. A working group with members from both parish councils is looking at items asked for whilst doing the NP but not forming part of the plan.

The PCC Local Plan is still undergoing its process and although we were pleased to see that they had removed the planned development just north of the A47 it is still up for inspection and an appeal at this stage could alter it so we cannot be sure of the outcome yet.

The information board was completed and is now in place. We asked for advice on the village sign because it needed attention and it was decided to ask Castor to agree that it should be replaced. A new sign is being carved at present and we were fortunate enough to visit the workshop and its progress is looking very good. There have again been planning applications, the two most important to many residents being for the surgery, which is still pending, and the other for the demolition and rebuilding the shop which has received permission.

Traffic speeding and parking continue to be problems and there have been several accidents often connected to speed. We have taken advice from PCC and police to find ways of dealing with this and it is hoped that these will be carried out this year. The problems of thefts from unattended cars is also not yet resolved.

Our allotments and recreation ground are well used and cared for. We have added more bat and bird boxes to the trees and intend to put another set of football goalposts in this year. We miss the trees that Nene Park Trust removed but look forward to seeing the new growth from the space left and the wildflower meadow.

I would like to thank the Neighbourhood Planning group for all their work on the Plan, the PRP group for making such a strong support to the local parishes. These have helped us greatly in making our parish voice heard. Lastly and most importantly I thank all council members and our clerk for their work in the parish.

Being a member is so much more than turning up for a monthly meeting. I think many people would be very surprised to hear of all the tasks and effort that is put in to help to try to improve the life of the community

3. Finance report as at 31/3/18

Total income £16461.79
Total payments £14248.52

Precept (included above) £12321

Savings accounts £13637.30
Current account £16767.40

Plus cheque deposited not cleared; none
Less cheques presented not cleared; £704.03

Set aside £1000 for village hall, £250 trees, £8000 stone wall, £200 new close repairs, information board £2500
Neighbourhood planning from reserves £3750 Total £15700
NP grant received £1015

Assets

Bus shelter £15,000, New computer £470, Information board £1133, Seats £726 plus £749, Outdoor gym equipment £4,800, Notice board £2468

4 Officers' Reports

No further reports.

5 Questions from the floor None

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.