

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th APRIL 2018 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

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

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder (Neighbourhood Planning/Joint Working Party) Mr M Samways (as recently elected Parish Councillor, subject to acceptance), Mrs S Hodder, Mr R Anker (Castor Parish Council) and Cllr J Holdich

Questions from the floor; Cllr J Holdich confirmed that the lamp posts project to convert all street lights to LED should be completed by the end of the year. We informed him that the bus shelter light has not yet been fixed despite reporting it twice. He will chase this up. J Holdich discussed the new private enforcers contract to tackle parking, cycling, rubbish etc across the City and to be rolled out to rural areas soon. He advised to continue liaising with PCC over introducing 20mph in the village. Mrs S Hodder raised the issue of roadside litter building up and J Holdich reported that PCC are reviewing the contract for frequency of clearance – all part of the smarter, cleaner city project. He also said that the PCC offices will all be moving to the new development at Fletton Quays giving them modern and cheaper to run offices. There will a cheaper location just out of town in Oundle Road. There will still be chambers and a reception at the Town Hall.

Action Clerk

Mr J Hodder updated the meeting on the final bits of the NP and the Joint Councils Working Party progress. The website needs updating in line with the Local Plan. The 2 Neighbourhood Plans will be showcased at the village fete, with members from both parish councils if possible. A summary of the JCWPs last meeting were circulated previously and there are joint projects identified and which will be taken forward.

Mr R Anker was there to discuss the new village sign and we updated him following the recent visit to see it being made. We confirmed APC's thoughts on finish and design so far. A decision needs to be made by each PC on the design of the badges under the main picture. They will then be sent to Glyn Mould. The tackling speed issue was discussed and we updated R Anker on what APC had discussed with PCC so far as this was started a while ago. R Anker agreed that CPC would work with us on the 20mph project now.

Action M Ellershaw/D Goy

1. Apologies; Cllr P Hiller

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 19th March 2018 – these were proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by Mr R Perkins 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 A PCC Officer will meet with Councillors at the recreation ground soon to decide on type and location of new goal posts. Action Clerk/Cllrs

5.1b The clothes bank payment has just been received.

5.1c A request has been received to hold a doggy sports day on the recreation ground again this summer. It was agreed that this is fine subject to the same advice re safety, parking, litter as last year. Action Clerk

5.2 Planning

5.2a Neighbourhood planning/JCWP – see above

5.2b 16/00067/FUL s/s rear extension at 32 Main St, Drs surgery. Awaiting decision, deadline extended. Due around 19/4/18.

5.2c Peterborough Local Plan proposed submission consultation period, comments sent in. Pending end of consultation.

5.2d 18/00415/HHFUL s/s rear extension at 5 Maffit Road. Awaiting decision.

5.3 Village sign and bus shelter updates

Some Councillors visited the workshop to see the new village sign in progress. Feedback was given on the finishes available and a decision to use coloured sadolin was made. Discussions around the “badge” designs took place and various ideas such as blue butterfly, red kite, buzzard, skylark and hare were put forward - to be decided once further considerations can take place.

Action All

R Perkins handed over keys to the bus shelter to the Clerk, and will ask Mr Simms if he can paint the ceiling and inform the Clerk of dates of his forthcoming holidays.

Action R Perkins

5.4 Village groups

5.4a The Chapel sent a letter of thanks for the recent donation towards repairs.

5.4b The Evergreens group sent a request for a donation towards their resources; tableware and games. It was agreed to donate £100 Action Clerk

5.5 Village Hall No update. AGM due.

5.6 Parish Land and Allotments

5.6a All vacant plots are now taken up and there is one person on the waiting list.

5.6b Station Road field allotment payment collected today.

5.7 Roads, Footpaths and Rights of Way;

5.7a Speed restrictions measures project ongoing, Quotes received and will be pursued with PCC and in conjunction with CPC. Action M Ellershaw

5.7b Parking on Main St. The feedback has not yet been received from PCC who were going to survey the situation on a busy evening or weekend. It has been chased and is pending.

5.7c Grass verges. Options are limited on managing this. Cars and vans try to park sensibly off the road if possible, however this is destroying grass verges in some areas. Enforcement can take place if vehicles are blocking dropped verge access points. Ideally vehicles should park away from the area on alternative roads if no immediate space available. More advice will be sought from PCC. Action Clerk

5.7d Potholes are an increasing urgent problem. One reported in Maffit Road has recently been fixed however many more are not. Photos will be taken and sent via the MyPeterborough reporting app.

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account balance £15958.82 Deposit account £3023.75 Reward saver £5451.82 and £5161.73 Business bond

6.2 Income: £567 field rent rec'd from A Harrison Smith 16/4/18, £112.50 recycling/clothes bank payment received 16/4/18, ½ precept £ received 16/4/18

6.3 Payments; J Pickett £39.95 new printer cartridge paid 9/4/18, AWA bill £11.18 paid

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

6.4a Future CGM grass cutting invoices

6.4b New lock for bus shelter R Perkins £9.87

6.4c Burial fees £2472.92 payable to Castor and Ailsworth PCC

6.4d CAPALC subs due this month

6.4e Clerk's pay £226.78 plus home office payable 30/4/18

6.4f Internal audit fees due

6.4g Open Spaces Society subs £45

6.4h Transfer £5000 from current account to deposit account

Proposed by Dr M Ellershaw and seconded by Mr D Goy.

Action Clerk

6.5 End of year figures for audit have been balanced and prepared and all audit material will be passed over soon. The end of year report, expenditure and income was circulated and discussed. The insurance company will be contacted about the stone wall for which we reserve 8k in case of repair/rebuild. The annual return is awaited.

Action Clerk

6.6 The finance regulations will be updated, the assets register and risk assessments are unchanged, Standing Orders are circulated for review.

Action Clerk

7 Councillor vacancies/elections; Councillor applicant numbers resulted in an uncontested election and applicants duly elected. Due forms were completed for acceptance by PCC. There are 2 vacancies remaining and these will be filled in due course. Mrs J Pickett thanked Mr R Perkins and Mr R Ingram for their hard work as a Councillor.

8. Parish News/website. An article will be prepared for the magazine including inviting requests for donations from local groups.

9. Report from meetings attended; none

10. Correspondence; Doggy Sports Day request – see above

For circulation

- Planning sheets
- Standing Orders for review
- Learning Trust volunteer trustee information
- New parking enforcement details
- Rural crime report
- Care and repair scheme leaflet for information

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting is (NEW DATE) 21ST MAY 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 7.15pm

followed by The Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm