

AILS WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th JULY 2018 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr J Judge, Mr M Samways, Mrs A Perkins (appointed at meeting), Mr D Goy
Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr D Noble (Cycle West project)

Questions from the floor; Mr D Noble explained the current position regarding the Cycle West project – objective is still to install a cycle route from Sutton to Wansford to enable riders to cross the A1 to Northamptonshire avoiding the A47 and A1 roads. Unfortunately, after a change of Chairperson at key land owners and supporters NVR, they had to rethink the design. A new design/route has been drawn up involving a new cycle channel next to the stairs to NVR, but it will require detailed, new surveys and plans to the sum of 10k. Grants have been applied for and some money raised already. Mr Noble asked the PC if they would also support it again and donate some more money, £500. Mr Noble confirmed that the A47 dualling project will compliment their route, not replace or interfere with. The PC confirmed their support for the project and thanked Mr Noble for attending. (A decision was made later on – see below)

1. Apologies; Cllr J. Holdich, Cllr P Hiller, Dr M Ellershaw

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 11th June 2018 – these were proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by Mr M Samways and signed as correct by the Chair.

3. Matters arising The application from Mrs A Perkins had been circulated prior to the meeting and all agreed at the meeting to appoint. Action Clerk

4. Declarations of interest. None

5. Council reports

5.1 Recreation ground

5.1a We are still awaiting the new goal posts, no update.

5.1b A concern had been raised about the litter that was left in the play area and field after the last cut by CGM. It was left in a dangerous state and cleared by PCC/Councillor. CGM were contacted and they promised to remind operatives. A further cut was meant to take place and an operative was seen damaging the gate with his van and trailer. It was agreed that a meeting with CGM be requested ASAP
Action Clerk

5.1c The roundabout has been checked by PCC and we were advised that it needs replacing. They will send a costing for a new one.
Action Clerk

5.1d The possibility of a strip of land on the green being planted as a wild meadow area will be carried forward for further discussion.
Action Clerk

5.2 Planning

5.2a Joint Community Working Party (JCWP). The draft Joint Community Action Plan was available for feedback and discussion at the fete however limited feedback was received.

Mr D Goy agreed to be the contact for content to be uploaded on the NP website by Athene.

5.2b Peterborough Local Plan. Next stage of inspection is next month.

5.2c 18/00718/LBC replacement windows at 30 Helpston Road. Permitted 26/6/18

5.2d 18/00643/LBC replacement single storey extension at 105 Peterborough Road.
Awaiting decision

5.2e 18/01074/CTR Leylandii hedge reduction by 40% at 52 Main St. No concerns raised

5.2f 18/01023/CTR Fell conifer at 3 Maffit Road. No concerns raised

5.3 Village sign/bus shelter

Village sign update. Mr G Mould attended the fete with the sign in making. Various residents have been asked about “disposal” of the old sign but no strong view made. Further views will be sought from the Village Hall committee.

5.4 Village groups

5.4a Our Chair was congratulated on being the runner up to the Village Person of the Year awarded at the fete. There were many nominations this year and so it was extra well done for receiving this special award.

5.4b Woodlands update; Support letters will be sent from both PCs to PCC Planning. There is a delay in the process which it is hoped will not hinder the planning process. Action Clerk

5.4c Waywarden project. This is going to be relaunched. The initiative has been going some time and now CPC along with APC are relaunching it to enhance and increase the warden role in the villages.

5.4d The school sent in a request for a donation towards a project to introduce a finance scheme for the children to improve understanding of how finances work. It was agreed to carry this forward for further discussion and circulate/obtain more details. Action Clerk

5.5 Village Hall The AGM has been postponed. Grants are being applied for and our money set aside is to be made available. Action Chair to confirm

5.6 Parish Land and Allotments

5.6a Allotments have rats again. Scale of problem unknown. Await notifications.

5.6b One bid for the New Close Field Allotment tenancy was received and it was agreed to be let to Mrs E Hill again. Action Clerk

5.6c The allotment rent and agreement review agreed no changes necessary. The rent covers the water bills. Tenants are to be reminded that they need to trim the inside hedge alongside the recreation ground. Action Clerk

5.6d The New Close tap was checked and found to be ok. The flood in the Tween Towns field has subsided however it is still thought to be a problem near the meter on Castor land. It is being looked at for repair we believe.

5.7 Footpaths and Rights of Way;

5.7a CPC was formally notified of APC's decision to press ahead with the 20mph restriction in the village, with the support of Peter Tebb, PCC Highways and in line with other villages. CPC confirmed that they were going to "survey" residents at the village fete before making a decision. APC could not see that this would be a very wide representation of views and should not overrule the process started with PCC. A consultation exercise is carried out anyway by PCC when it is introduced.

5.7b The gate at the mast is still awaited.

5.7c The hedge along the footpath on Peterborough Road has been trimmed following our request. It is better but will still require a severe cut back in the autumn. Action Clerk

5.7d A47 road closures. These were very confusing as the notification signs did not match what happened. More closures are planned and more details to be sent. A meeting took place to assess the chippings on the road from Ailsworth to Sutton roundabout and they need to stay like that to bed in effectively.

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account balance £14036.82 Deposit account £8038.61 Reward saver £5391.82 and £5161.73 Business bond

6.2 Income: none

6.3 Payments; AWA £56.72 paid 21/6/18

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

6.4a Future CGM grass cutting invoices – conditions apply before payment

6.4b External Auditor (reduced) fees

6.4c Clerk's pay £226.78 plus home office payable 31/7/18 and 31/8/18

Proposed by Mr J Judge and seconded by Mr D Goy

Action Clerk to pay

6.5 The quarterly expenditure and income report was circulated and discussed. No concerns raised

6.6 Our insurance company had been approached to ask about the cost of cover for the Donkey Paddock stone wall but as only accidental damage will be covered it is not considered worth insuring. An independent assessment is still required. Action Clerk

7. Councillor vacancy One remains and will continue to be advertised.

8. Parish News/website. An article will be prepared to include the Village Person of the Year runner up, and a home security event later in the year and Joint Working initiatives. Action Clerk

9. Meetings/training approaching/attended. Mr J Judge attended the A47 dualling project meeting at Sutton and fed back the concerns with Highways forging ahead. The Parish Council Liaison meeting (PCLM) dates are 18/7, 19/9, 19/12, 13/2/19, 18/4/19

10. GDPR The next PCLM is to feature this predominantly and Mr M Samways will attend.

11. Correspondence

For circulation

- Planning sheets
- Open Spaces Society AGM details and summer booklet
- PCLM dates
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- Cycle West project details

Meeting closed at 9.30pm
Next meeting is 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm