

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2019 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr J Judge, Mrs A Perkins, Mr M Samways, Dr M Ellershaw

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Mr J Hodder and Mr D Rowlands (CaANP) Mrs F Rowlands and Mrs J Greene (Councillors, Castor Parish Council (CPC), Mr M Horne (Langdyke Trust), Mrs N Goy, Mr W Farrar, Mr J Phillips, Mr D Shaw, Mr I Baugh, Mrs F Baugh, Mr D and Mrs A Scott, Mr D and S Magill, Mrs S Simmons, Mr R and V Ingham, Mr R Wright.

Questions from the floor; Mr M Horne explained that he was there to support the idea of a wild meadow on the green near the post box. He said the idea was supported by Natural England 3 years ago for Castor and he was still keen to introduce it to the village. Langdyke Trust would be able to offer practical help should we decide to go ahead with it and his idea to get Castor school children involved was well received. Seeds could be collected from Castor Hanglands in order to collect local, native wild flowers and see them grow closeby. An explanatory sign could be put up to help alleviate complaints of it looking "messy". Best to collect seeds in the summer and sow in Autumn. The PC thanked him for his offer of help and would discuss it more later on.

A number of the residents present had come to support the objection to the planning application for 3 Maffit Road. The points raised concerned the large scale of the extension, excessive overshadowing and overbearing and not in the spirit and purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan and it's position on the boundary to the neighbouring property restricting light and creating disruption in construction. On behalf of the applicant it was said that the Conservation Officer had not raised these objections. It was said that it was impossible to move it away from the boundary wall to within the permitted development allowance, as a suggestion. Mr I Baugh presented photos of before and after projections. Due to the sensitivity of the situation - the applicant is a member of the Parish Council and the objectors are also friends and well known by all Councillors, most of which visited both sites - we agreed to examine it carefully before a decision was made. On this basis Mr J Judge expressed his conflict of interest and the obvious strength of feeling adding to the sensitivity of the case.

Mrs S Magill expressed concern about an incident she experienced in the village and fresh crime that has occurred and it was re-iterated how important it is that any suspicious activity should be reported to Police on tel 101. The Parish News will share this and the availability of the Village Tribune magazine investigated.

1. Apologies; Cllr J. Holdich, Cllr P Hiller. Mr D Goy

2. Minutes from the last meeting on 10th December 2018 Proposed by Mr J Judge, seconded by Mr M Samways and signed as correct by the Chair.

3. Matters arising. PC filing cabinets still currently temporarily stored at Councillor's house. A cataloguing session will soon take place and questions asked of PCC about archiving. Meanwhile temporary storage agreed in the Chapel. **Action Mrs J Pickett, Clerk**

4. Declarations of interest. Mr J Judge in 5.2f

5. Council reports

5.1 Recreation ground

5.1a PCC/Amey have repaired the play equipment as best as can to make safe. Roundabout will be replaced. Cost liability queried again. Hedges are due to be cut this month. **Action Clerk**

5.1b Wildflower meadow idea was supported with the help of Langdyke Trust. Good idea to try it and see how successful it is. **Action M Ellershaw**

5.1c Bin replacement and costs chased up. **Action Clerk**

5.1d Bus shelter light not working and has been chased. PCC to investigate. Should reduce activity and rubbish build up once fixed. Bus service meeting – see below.

5.2 Planning:

5.2a Mr J Hodder explained that the PCs need to discuss the recommendations made by the JCAP and approve them if appropriate. An informal meeting with Castor to do this was suggested. The letters to potential sites identified in the NP will be put on hold until after the 22/1/19 CANPLAN working group meeting. The Local Plan consultation period on modifications in place. Mr D Shaw confirmed he's queried the change in village envelope procedure and will let us know the outcome.

5.2b 18/01672/ FUL and 18/01809/LBC proposed demolition of existing garages and construction of dwelling at 121 Peterborough Road. Permitted 20/12/18

5.2c 18/01953/HHFUL Ground floor extension, ground floor rear extension and replacement rear lounge doors at 33 Helpston Road. Permitted 14/1/19

5.2d 18/02025/CTR Horse chestnut tree, pollard to previous growth point approx. 5m and fell 2 pear trees at 50 Main St. Permitted 21/12/18

5.2e 18/01356/LBC replace all the current windows to the front of the property at 105 Peterborough Rd. Awaiting response.

5.2f 18/02078/HHFUL Demolition of existing ground floor extension and construction of replacement ground floor rear extension, first floor rear extension and cladding of external walls and replacement roof tiles at 3 Maffit Road. This was discussed at length and it was decided that the issues of size, loss of light/amenity to neighbours and adhering to/interpreting Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policy are too finely balanced to support or object to this application. It will be recommended to PCC planning that it is referred to Planning Committee for a decision.

Action Clerk

5.3 **GDPR** Information has been printed and will be reviewed and discussed in more detail at a later date when there's more time

Action Clerk

5.4 **Village sign update.** Second quote for stonework still outstanding. Mr G Mould has been contacted and he suggests it is best to install in the spring and the good weather for a possible official unveiling. Date to be communicated.

Action Clerk

5.5 **Village groups**

5.5a An invite to school to see the new bank/shop project that we donated towards in action has been received. Will confirm numbers attending.

Action Clerk

5.5b It was agreed to donate £200 to the Bobby Volunteer Scheme who have supported victims of crime in Ailsworth to the value of £600 in the past year

Action Clerk

5.6 **Village Hall** The work on the windows has started.

5.7 **Parish Land and Allotments** One vacancy at allotments still being advertised. New Close work quote to be chased.

Action Clerk

5.8 **Footpaths and Rights of Way;**

5.8a The traffic order for the 20mph speed restriction in the villages should be published on 24th or 31st January and residents are encouraged to comment on line, PCC website if they wish to. Consultation closes end of February. Speed signs, rumble strips and "gates" to village to be decided as part of same project package. Also, it may be possible to pay for a mirror for Maffit/Main St junction to improve visibility.

Action Dr Ellershaw

5.8b Broken stile reviewed and agreement secured for 2 new kissing gates near New Close fields to be supplied by PCC.

5.9 **Facebook page;** A page needs to be designed and policies drawn up. **Action Clerk, D Goy**

6. Finance:

6.1 Accounts Status: Current account balance £17291.26, deposit account £8038.61 Reward saver £5391.82 and £5161.73 Business bond

6.2 Income: None

6.3 Payments: AWA £55.29 paid 18/12/18. Open Spaces subs £45 paid 18/12/18.

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

6.4a Future CGM grass cutting invoices

6.4b Clerk's pay £226.78 plus £24 home office payable 31/1/19

6.4c Village sign

6.4d Hedge cutting £400 plus vat

6.4e £200 donation to Bobby Scheme

Proposed by Dr M Ellershaw and seconded by Mr M Samways

Action Clerk

6.5 Budget/precept 2019 A budget/precept finalising meeting took place and the precept calculated to no more than last year, as agreed. The projects/draft budget was agreed and money will be taken from reserves if/when necessary.

Action Chair/Clerk

7. Parish Councillor vacancy Mr J Phillips expressed an interest and attended tonight. He will email us a brief CV if he is still interested.

8. Parish News/website An article to be prepared for Parish News.

Action Clerk

9. Meetings/training approaching/attended. Parish Council Liaison meeting dates for 2019 to be forwarded to Mr M Samways. Feedback from the meeting with Delaine was given -little change to current, revised service possible due to numbers and profitability. Costs to run a Saturday service have been circulated. A follow up meeting is needed to discuss.

Action Clerk

10. Correspondence. Police/Council tax survey to be circulated for individuals to comment. Buckingham Garden Party invite for outgoing members only. Clerks and Councils Direct magazine circulated.

Meeting closed at 10pm

Next meeting is TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.30pm