

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 15th APRIL 2019

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

**Members of the public:** Mr J Hodder

**1. Minutes from 2018 Annual Parish Meeting:** The minutes were proposed by Mr D Goy 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 2019 Annual Parish Meeting. We started the year with 5 councillors and have since welcomed Anne Perkins and Jon Phillips to join us. It has as usual been busy with some projects moving on quite well with steady progress and others very slow to move ahead.

We are pleased to report that the new village sign has been made and should be in place very soon. The news of the gate at the mast was encouraging early in the year but then came to a halt again however it seems just recently to hopefully be moving on again.

The 20mph speed limit has passed its consultation and will be in force this month.

There was a public meeting about changes at Woodlands and planning has now been passed for a care facility on the site and the outdoor sporting facilities will be relaunched. There have been many other planning applications all needing careful consideration to ensure that they are in keeping with their situation.

The allotments and recreation ground are well used. We have installed new goalposts at the rec and are looking to have a new roundabout in the play area very soon. The trees are inspected every year but due the very high wind following a very dry summer a large branch came down in the play area. It was agreed on grounds of safety that the only way to save the ancient tree was to have it severely cut back. The stiles at New Close are to be replaced by Kissing gates to give better access. We hope to establish a wildflower area on part of the village green.

We still suffer from problems with fly tipping and other unsocial behaviour on lanes on the edges of our village but it is usually dealt with promptly. We are grateful to all the residents who take pride in looking after our village and make it such a pleasant place to live. A big thank you to Ro and her helpers for the lovely 'hats' and displays on the village green, they make us all smile and attract many nice comments

The council is very sorry that the bus service has become much reduced which has caused problems to many residents but we are still working to improve it.

I thank the clerk and all the councillors for all their help, giving up their time and doing the many tasks they do, it is much more than just turning up for a meeting and we all do it to try to improve the life in the community.

**3. Finance report as at 31/3/19.** This was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed at the meeting.

Total income       £16842.58

Total payments   £12962.21

Precept (included above) £14121

Savings accounts                               £5409.27, 5161.73, 8038.61

Current account                               £15353.21

Plus cheque deposited not cleared; none

Less cheques presented not cleared; £250.78, £100, £31

**Balance C/F £33581.04**

Set aside £1000 for village hall, £250 wild meadow, £8000 stone wall, NP updates £1000, playgd equipment £4000

### 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.