

AILS WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th JUNE 2019 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL AT 7.30PM.

Present: Councillors Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mr J Phillips, Mr M Samways, Mrs A Perkins

Clerk: Miss J Rice

Members of the public: Cllr J Holdich, Mr J Hodder, Mr R Ingham and Mr D McPartlin (Tennis club) and Mr D Rowlands (arrived 7.45pm)

Questions from the floor; Councillor Holdich explained the reason for the delay in introducing the 20mph speed restriction in the villages was down to budget cuts and priorities. He said the first stage of the Development Plan had just been approved, excluding Castor and Ailsworth. Flytipping was mentioned and he confirmed that since the opening of the new recycling centre, flytipping had reduced, however action on tippers is still taken and they are taken to court. Cllr Holdich mentioned the Rapid Transport plan with a possibility of trams, guided buses to reduce the choking up of the city traffic. Air quality is also an issue being addressed via planning. Cllr Holdich has recently been appointed Deputy Mayor of Peterborough.

1. To receive and note apologies Dr M Ellershaw (just had a baby) and Mr D Goy (on holiday)

2. To receive and agree minutes from the last meeting on 20th May 2019. The minutes of the last meeting and amended minutes from last year's annual meeting were agreed by all present and signed as correct by the Chair.

3. Matters arising; none

4. Declarations of interest; none declared

5. To review and note presentation from the tennis club on its strategic plan progress; Mr D McPartlin introduced himself as Secretary and Mr R Ingham as the new Chair of the tennis club. He explained the plans are progressing to move the club and build 4 new courts with floodlights at Woodlands as shared sports facilities on land managed by Nene Park Trust. The club is non-profit, with very reasonable fees and open to anyone. The cost of the courts alone will be in the region of 250k, and if they are covered a further 200k. The club is applying for grants/loans and will make some money on the sale of the land of the current site, presently going through the planning process, however wondered if the Parish Council would support the project and help with costs with a S137 donation.

6. To review and agree Standing Orders, previously circulated. It was agreed to adopt the model ones, with gaps completed as suggested. It was also agreed to continue to progress with data protection, data breach, complaints and grievance policies and these will be looked at.

7. Council received and noted reports on;

7.1 Recreation Ground/Village Green/ bus shelter

7.1a CGM has been to view the damage to the gate, he has apologised and will amend our next bill as a result. Thanks to Mr John Judge for mending it. Mrs J Jarvis has been to survey the equipment at the recreation ground and make recommendations on replacements in the space available. The springies are fine still, there is space for another, smaller tower/slide and a spinning pole. It was agreed to request a finished job price and then decide.

7.1b Mr Michael Horne has requested dates to meet up about the village green wildflower meadow project as decision on types/species of flowers are needed now.

7.1c The preschool planting project is in progress and CGM have been asked not to mow near that area.

7.1d Action in relation to recent issues at the recreation ground and a suggestion to remove the shelter near the MUGA was discussed following a communication from a resident and reports of intimidating behaviour excluding use of the shelter for everyone. There was a meeting with the police at the shelter to discuss it and they recommended removing it to stop/reduce the antisocial behaviour. This was a concern as once it is gone, it would be very difficult to replace. It was decided to firstly ask about the possibility of removing the roof to see if this deters youths and then if not, consider removal altogether and replace with benches.

7.2 Planning;

7.2a Mr J Hodder reported that he is happy to attend the joint meeting on 19/6/19 to agree the CANPWG recommendations. The JCAP and website will need updating following this. Also, the NP website still requires a statement on GDPR. PC stalls at the fete were discussed and it was agreed to add this to the agenda for the joint meeting as adjoining space would be sensible. The Community engagement policy still hasn't been amended as suggested and this can also be discussed at the meeting. It was recognised that the tennis club was a development site that had been identified in the NP.

7.2b To note 19/00186/HHFUL (amended) addition of 2 pitched roof dormers to the front elevation, first floor rear extension, reinstatement of full driveway including 1.3m high cock and hen stone wall to stone boundary at 103 Peterborough Road. No objections sent and now awaiting decision.

7.2c To note 18/02078/HHFUL demolition of existing ground floor rear extension and construction of replacement ground floor extension, first floor rear extension, cladding of external walls and replacement roof tiles at 3 Maffit Road. Awaiting appeal decision.

7.2d 19/00613/CTR permitted 22/5/19

7.3 It was noted that the new **village sign** looks very good now it is in place and has been well received. The invoice will be chased up.

7.4 **Village groups**; The Council agreed that they support the tennis club's project to move/build better facilities at the Woodlands site. They wanted to let them know they support the project and ask them to clarify when they would need a donation of money and exactly what it was to be used for and if necessary, approach us when they know more. No further update on village hall was noted. It was agreed that a form to apply for a grant/donation is needed to allow for consistency and understanding. The Clerk will devise one. Councillors noted feedback about the possibility of extra tables across the road from the café that the idea had been dismissed.

7.5 It was agreed to nominate Mrs R Judge for the **Village Person of the Year**. Preparations for a stand at the fete were discussed. It was recognised that due to other commitments at the fete, Councillors' time was limited. It will be discussed further after the joint meeting and more is known about Castor's plans.

7.6 Councillors noted updates on **Parish Land and Allotments**

7.6a New Close progress is no further forward as tenant is investigating alternative options. New gates will be installed at either end of New Close footpath.

7.6b It was noted that there are still 2 allotment vacancies. This has been advertised.

7.7 Councillors noted **Footpaths and Rights of Way** updates on

7.7a Speed restrictions project update/20mph limit w/e/f 15th April. It was confirmed that this will be as soon as possible, but no date is known. We are waiting for another meeting with PCC about the other items in this project

7.7b The gate at the mast site is finally in place.

7.7c Footpaths communication from City Council will be circulated to all Councillors.

8. Councillors noted the successful **Facebook page** progress and the Clerk will circulate an updated social media policy for consideration and introduction.

9. Finance

9.1 Councillors noted current bank balances as current £17836.55 and £8085.04/£5409.27 savings accounts. New bank signatories application is progressing.

9.2 Income of £46.43 interest noted.

9.3 Councillors noted payments made of J Rice pay arrears of £16.32 paid 31/5/19

9.4 Councillors noted and agreed payment of expenses;

9.4a Future CGM grass cutting invoice(s)

9.4b Clerk's (revised) pay £243.10 plus £24 home office payable 30/6/19

9.4c Laptop repair

9.4d Clerk mileage £20.88

9.5 Councillors noted that the Annual return notice and documents compliance had been done.

10. **Communication** for Parish News and website/Facebook page has been done as deadline earlier this month.

11. Councillors noted feedback from meeting at the recreation ground (see above 7.1d). Details of Councillor training has been sent to Councillors but none are able to go on these days.

12. Councillors received and noted new **correspondence** about CAPALC VE day plans next May. It was further noted that there are plans to coordinate a village event and we will be included in future correspondence.

Date of next meeting is the 15th July 2019