

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

**Present:** Councillors Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Dr M Ellershaw (Vice Chair arrived at 8.25pm), Mrs A Perkins (arrived at 7.45pm), Mr D Goy, Mr M Samways

**Clerk:** Miss J Rice

**Members of the public:** Mr J Hodder, City Cllr Mr J Holdich

**Questions from the floor:** Concern at some recent anti-social behaviour at the recreation ground was reported and Cllr Holdich gave his support to monitoring this to see if there was a particular day/eve/time when it occurred and observations could be done before taking further action.

**1. To receive, note reasons for absence and accept apologies.** Apologies were noted and accepted from Mr J Phillips

**2. To receive and agree minutes of the last meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019.** These were agreed as a true record and signed as correct by the Chair.

**3. Matters arising; none**

**4. Declarations of interest.** *Members must declare if they have any pecuniary, or personal or prejudicial interest, in any items on the agenda*

**5. Council received reports on;**

5.1 Recreation Ground/Village Green/ bus shelter;

5.1a An update on new play equipment costs has been received and Council asked for a breakdown of delivery and fixing costs as it seems expensive. More comparisons could be done to ensure value for money.

5.1b No update was available on the village green Wildflower meadow project progress and so this will be carried forward.

5.1c No update was available on the Preschool planting project and so this will be carried forward.

5.1d A quote for removal of MUGA shelter roof had been received and Council resolved by a majority vote to remove the roof to see if this helps alleviate the anti-social behaviour and intimidation felt from others.

5.1e Councillors had received a list of jobs and responsibilities prepared by the Clerk however resolved to review/amend as necessary at the next meeting.

**5.2 Planning;**

5.2a Joint Community Action Plan /CANPlan working group and Peterborough Local Plan update. The latest JCAP has been put on the website, at no cost. Council noted the request to update the CANPWG of any actions in respect of the JCAP. Council also noted the need to assess frequency of CANPWG meetings and terms of reference and to pass on any issues for them to consider. It was noted that there is a replacement Councillor on the CANPWG and that other issues raised will be suggested agenda items for the forthcoming joint councils informal meeting.

5.2b Council noted that a statement for GPPR on the NP website is still outstanding but that Athene advice should soon be forthcoming.

5.2c Council noted that joint meeting dates have been sent to Castor Parish Council and they have agreed to 9<sup>th</sup> October date only at this stage.

5.2d Noted that application 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 appeal decision is expected soon.

5.2e Noted that 19/01123/CTR remove deadwood/shorten crown on Robinia at 9 Helpston Rd permitted 14/8/19

5.2f Noted that 19/01254/CTR 54 Main St fell sycamore and relocate, fell sycamore and silver birch. No concerns

5.2g Noted that 19/01114/CTR and 07/0007/TPO crown lift walnut and fell rowan at 2a Maffit Road. No concerns

5.2g A potential planning issue in Main St. was discussed and deemed to be a personal choice issue and not in breach of planning policy and so no action is appropriate or necessary.

**5.3** The situation regarding the **councillor vacancy** and procedure for co-option if appropriate was deemed to be better placed at next month's meeting after a review of the areas of responsibilities, above. It will continue to be advertised.

**5.4 Requests from village groups;**

5.4a Council received the grant application form for a VE Celebrations donation of £1500. It was agreed to ask for the anticipated total costs of the project and see if payments could be made over 2 budgetary periods.

5.4b The Tennis Club request for a donation has been deferred until they have provided the requested detail on the project timeline/costs needed.

It was noted that the village hall AGM is on 17/10/19.

5.5 Councillors received and agreed the **complaints policy**, previously circulated

5.6 Reports were received relating to **Parish Land and Allotments**;

5.6a Allotment tenancy agreements including new section on GDPR have been sent out and some received back, deadline is 30/9/19. Allotment vacancies have both been filled and no others have emerged after renewals as yet.

5.6b A tender has been received for the "Donkey Paddock" and the tenancy will be advertised after the meeting as it is due at the end of December.

5.6c Council noted report on thefts from allotments and that there are rats again. Warnings have been communicated to allotment holders.

5.6d It was noted that work is necessary on the chestnut tree on the village green and it was agreed to contact the PCC tree officer to get advice.

5.7 Reports relating to **Footpaths and Rights of Way**;

5.7a It was noted that no update has been received on the speed restrictions project update/20mph limit that should have been effective w/e/f 15<sup>th</sup> April and has been deferred but the date passed by again. The Clerk will chase this up, as well as the report of the overgrown foliage covering the bend signs near Sutton.

5.7b It was noted that a footpaths update has been received from City Council and the new footbridge at the river/Castor backwaters is nearly finished. New gates are installed near New Close too.

5.7c It was noted that Sutton Cross was vandalised again and action had been taken already and an Ailsworth resident referred for assistance offered.

5.7d It was noted that a request for a barrier across path/exit onto Singerfire Road has been chased up.

5.8 Information previously circulated on co-ordinating **environmental/climate change/sustainability** ideas and resources was discussed briefly. The idea was supported in principal and a resident will be invited to the joint meeting to further the discussion accordingly.

## 6. Finance

6.1 Current bank balances and new bank signatories were noted as £15359.20 (allotment rent cheques to be paid in and precept due end of September)

6.2 Income received of £187.40 allotment rent, various dates, was noted

6.3 Payments were noted as

CGM grass cutting 223202 £465 plus vat paid 9/8/19 and Glyn Mould village sign £1516 paid 11/8/19

6.4 Payment of expenses were agreed as follows;

6.4a Future CGM grass cutting invoice(s) £155 plus vat inv no 223904

6.4b Clerk's (revised) pay £243.10 plus £24 home office payable 30/9/19

6.4c Council insurance renewal details were noted and payment of £307.50 plus vat agreed. Clerk to check cover includes latest new assets.

6.4d Microsoft word package renewal £49.99 plus vat paid 9/8/19 reimburse Clerk

6.5 It was noted that the Business Bond deposit £5317.75 was renewed after consultation from 14/8/19 to 16/8/21

## 7. Communication

7.1 New communication for Parish News and **website**/Facebook page was agreed.

7.2 A quote has been obtained for putting a new policy tab on the website by the website designer and it was agreed to go ahead with this.

8. Feedback from the Langdyke Trust talk on 13/9/19 was received and felt to be very positive.

9. Correspondence from CAPALC on Tree Charter project was considered and it was agreed to sign up if possible to protect and support new tree planting.

10. Communication on the Local Transport Plan consultation, deadline 27/9/19, prev circulated and roadworks on A47 in mid October was noted.

11. Forthcoming dates were noted for Cambs Local Councils Conference on 8/11/19 9-3pm and Parish Conference on 12/11/19. Recent workshop entitled Belonging Together and Parish Council Liaison Meetings were not able to be attended.

**Date of next meeting is the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019**