

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020, IN THE CHAPEL AT 7.30PM

Present Councillors; Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Dr M Ellershaw (Vice Chair), Mr J Phillips, Mr M Samways

Clerk; Miss J Rice

Members of the public; Mr J Hodder, Mrs S Hodder, Mrs J Steward

PUBLIC TIME An opportunity for members of the public to address the meeting and ask questions about items on the agenda or raise issues of concern.

1. To receive, note reasons for absence and accept apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted by the clerk from Mrs A Perkins.

2. To receive and agree minutes of the last meeting on 16th December 2019

The minutes were proposed and seconded 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. Clerk to explain requirements considered necessary in the case of DPIs

The clerk explained that councillors who rent an allotment from the parish council must declare a DPI and add it to their register of interests by emailing the Monitoring Officer at PCC.

Action Councillors

5. Presentation from PCC Home Service Delivery Team, Belinda Child

Belinda Child gave an interesting and informative talk about the Peterborough City Council's (PCC) Home Service Delivery Team. Their aim is to help residents to stay well and stay stronger to enable independent living in their own home for as long as possible. Early referral is key to try to prevent critical incidents that sometimes result in a call for care. There is no pre-requirement or criteria needed before a call can be made. There are leaflets available which will be hopefully put in the Drs surgery and Pharmacy. Services in one place include a handy person to do free labour minor, practical jobs around the home, money and grants, aids/adaptations to the home to help with mobility and dementia, assessments of care, energy assessments. Single parents can also apply for help. There is a Peterborough Information Network (PIN) website to refer to and a "smart" flat to see gadgets etc in action/place. Contacts will be passed on for local groups that may benefit from more information. It will work alongside the new Good Neighbour Scheme.

Action Clerk to pass on contacts and advertise information on services.

6. To receive Council reports on;

6.1 Recreation Ground/Village Green/ bus shelter

6.1a To receive update on play equipment and bigger bin order and installation.

There is no more information on this as it is still on order by PCC.

6.1b To receive and note tree survey results

The tree survey results and breakdown of costs associated was circulated prior to the meeting. The works are relatively minor and it was agreed to ask them to go ahead asap.

Action Clerk to contact tree services

6.1c To receive update on bus service users questionnaires delivered and returned in December and agree next steps

The questionnaires have been collated and information discussed at the recent Joint PC meeting. The data needs to be presented in table form and sent to Wittering and Wansford councils and Call Connect for information/action and sent to PCC for help and support. **Action Clerk with Cllr Perkins. Cllr Pickett** to contact Call Connect about a possible regular booking.

6.1d To receive update on hedge cutting. PCC need to be reminded again now that we need to have the hedge along Peterborough Rd cut back severely now to prevent it causing danger to pedestrians and parents with pushchairs.

6.1e To receive update on possibility of verge cutting by parish council and agree next steps. This was discussed along with representation against it from a resident concerned about the expertise and reliability of a separate contract.

It was decided that until there is a need to change the current arrangements ie with possible varied wild meadow greens and a change in requirements, it will not be considered presently but maybe in the future.

6.2 Community engagement

To discuss and review Joint Community Action Plan /JPLG/joint meeting feedback.

Notes of the joint meeting had been circulated by J Hodder already and were noted. Actions include meeting Athene to sort out the GDPR/cookie issue and ensuring the council websites NP section is correct and up to date. **Clerk to do**

6.3 Planning

6.3a 19/01740/HH Single storey front, rear and side extension, with new front access from highway utilising existing drop kerb at 2 Singerfire Road. Awaiting decision. **Action Clerk** to check comments were sent about council concerns over the access arrangements as discussed at the last meeting.

6.3b 19/01589/HH Demolition of existing single detached garage and replace with new single detached garage block at 105 Peterborough Road. Permitted 9/1/20. This was noted.

6.4 To review situation regarding councillor vacancy and procedure for co-option if appropriate

There had been some renewed interest in the positions however no firm applications as yet. **Action Clerk** to continue advertising.

6.5 To receive reports and consider **requests for donations from village groups**.

An update from the Village Events group ref VE Day had been received to say it was taking longer than thought to open a bank account, to receive our agreed donation.

6.6 Reports relating to **Parish Land and Allotments**;

6.6a Donkey Paddock rent received, New Close rent due by end of January 2020.

Councillors noted this and commented that a table showing the land and dates of rental agreements would be useful. There is one plot needing attention and Cllr Samways to check and report back,

Action Cllr Samways to check and Clerk to produce and circulate data

6.6b To hear feedback about options for a path alongside Station Road and also for rented council owned land.

Correspondence from a resident had been received voicing concerns with eroding the fields and placing hard surface instead. The dangers experienced with walking along that lane with very little room for passing cars was stressed.

There is a meeting arranged on 21/1/20 with the CEO of Nene Park Trust and Lee Moore, Footpaths Officer to look at options.

Action Cllrs to feedback.

The options available for land owned by the PC was discussed and the possibilities for an orchard had been discussed at the recent joint meeting. The planting of trees is supported however it needs to be carefully costed to avoid excessive costs. More information is awaited following the joint meeting. The merits of planting a "wind and noise barrier" along the top of Homes England land near the A47 was considered a possible better option.

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

6.7a To receive update on speed restrictions project and order of gates. No further update. **Action Cllr Ellershaw** to chase with Head of Highways

6.7b To receive update and agree action on potholes to report to PCC

These have not been reported as photos are needed. Cllr Phillips agreed to take photos and submit to the Clerk for reporting.

Action Cllr Phillips

6.7c The safety of pedestrians on the roads (in Main St especially) was raised as a concern due to the inconsiderate parking and speed of vehicles. The soon to be enforced 20mph limit should help a little. Also, it was felt that a reminder to residents is necessary to remind them to park sensibly and off the road where possible. A visit by the road safety officer will be requested again to discuss the possibility of under grass "matting" again.

Action Clerk

7. Finance

7.1 Current bank balances for all accounts were noted as follows £20739.62 current, £5393.07 savings, £8085.04 reward saver plus business bond £5320.67

7.2 Income received was noted as follows. £360 rent for 3 years tenancy of Donkey Paddock field

7.3 Payment made was noted as follows; £55.28 plus vat to Athene for NP website hosting 11/1/20

7.4 Payment of expenses were noted and agreed as follows;

7.4a Clerk's pay £243.10 less £3.60 PAYE for Jan 31st and Feb 29th plus £18 home office

7.4b HMRC employers tax due £3.60

7.4c Burial fees to pay in April £1358.98

7.4d £40 ICO registration fee to be reimbursed to J Rice

7.4e £9.60 additional insurance premium for new equipment

7.4f £3.60 HMRC employer tax payment

Action Clerk to pay

7.5 Quarterly payments vs income report previously circulated was received and noted.

7.6 Budget and precept proposal for 20/21 previously circulated was received and noted and the amount of precept was unanimously agreed as the same as last year, £14050

7.7 To consider a 1 and/or a 3year project plan and the funding opportunity from Augean - C/F to next meeting

8. **Communication**; New communication for Parish News, website/Facebook page was discussed and agreed.

Action Clerk to submit

9. **To consider and agree new Parish Council logo** - C/F to next meeting

10. **Forthcoming and feedback from events and meetings** were noted. PCLM 16/12/19 circulated. Councillor training 1/2/2020 details circulated however not convenient.

11. **Date of next meeting is 16th March 2020** at 7.30pm (Normally no meeting held in February and August however this can change if one is needed). **Dates of future meetings for 2020** are as follows; 16th March, 20th April (Annual Parish Meeting), 18th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council), 15th June, 20th July, 21st Sept, 19th October, 16th November, 21st December unless notified otherwise.