

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM

Held at the Cedar Centre, Castor, due to restrictions in place

**Present** were **Councillors** Dr M Ellershaw (Vice-Chairman), Mr S Langston Jones, Mr R Moon, Mrs A Perkins, Mrs J Pickett (Chairman) **Clerk** Miss J Rice

**Members of the public** Mr M Stalley (Nature Recovery Group), Mr J Elson, Mr J Hodder, Mr T Treharne, Mr R and Mrs C Ingram, Mrs M Ireson via remote call.

21/124	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. To receive apologies sent to the Clerk.</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Samways. Cllr Phillips was absent.
21/125	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> <b>To receive all declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. Reminder to members to update their register if necessary.</b> (Members should disclose any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable <i>Pecuniary</i> Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business). There were no declarations of interest made.
21/126	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> <b>Arrangements were made for the public to join the meeting and a maximum of 15 minutes was permitted for members of the public to address the meeting on any item on the agenda.</b> Mr Treharne gave his objections to the revised planning application for 27 Maffit Road at item 135.1 in that the application is largely the same and therefore the same issues still applied with being overlooked, loss of light and privacy and the elevation being too large. He added there was a boundary change included. Mr Ingram gave the same objections and pointed out the site plan used is out of date and that he thinks the extension is still overbearing and overlooks his property with a brick wall view from the kitchen. They pointed out that the application says it is not for residential use and can this be clarified as just a mistake. Mr Ingram stated if the extension was shortened to be level with the rear of his house, they would probably support it. Mrs Ireson stated the boundary used was the original one until they have information from Land Registry. She pointed out that she had had no objections from PCC for the Yew tree to be felled and did not realise a form had to be completed first. She mentioned trees that she thought had been previously removed by others without permission. She maintained the plans do not go back beyond nos 25 and 29. Mrs Ireson said the planning application for number 29 Maffit Road is larger than existing footprint and the doors opening near her will be noisy. She objected to the restrictions requested for builders to work on her house between 8am and 4pm as this was not mentioned for other properties and felt it was just personal. Cllr Moon asked Mrs Ireson about the height of the new window and she stated she didn't know the exact height but you would need steps to look in. Mr Treharne said the new doors on his plans are similar to those there now.
21/127	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (previously circulated)</b> <b>To confirm as correct the record of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Chairman to sign. To note J Hodder suggests an alteration to the minutes 119.3 as there are no specific sites mentioned in the Neighbourhood Plan. More accurate would be that "...it is line with a development option identified at the time the Neighbourhood Plan was created."</b> The amendment above was agreed and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.
21/128	<b>REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR S. FAROOQ if available.</b> Not present and no report submitted.
21/129	<b>GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE</b>
129.1	<b>To note bank account balances, quarterly internal finance checks done and receive feedback.</b> The Clerk confirmed the bank balances as £17236.76 current account plus £25511.72 savings accounts. Cllr Perkins had done the internal finance checks and reported no problems.
129.2	<b>To receive and note Clerk's budget report and proposal from budget setting group on the 22/23 budget and precept, circulated. Resolve to agree budget and precept.</b> The Clerk went through the report circulated and the 2 options for budget and precept as prepared by the sub-group. The proposal was that option 1 resulting in an increase in the precept to meet basic costs which

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are expected to be higher in 22/23, and similar to, but less than, the precept level of 2019/20 was unanimously agreed. It was recognised that the level of reserves is still high, however around 14k are earmarked and it is anticipated that more money will be spent on improving the play area next year. **Action Clerk** to complete the precept forms.

**21/130 PARISH PROJECTS**

**130.1 To receive update from Nature Recovery Group and agree any planned expenditure within budget.**  
Mr Stalley reported that about 40 trees were planted in the recreation ground recently with the school children and volunteers and an article for the Tribune and photos circulated. There are plaques and labels planned and a children’s competition. A “spare” Oak tree for the plant a tree for Jubilee may be acquired too, plus a Christmas tree. Extra costs will total around £150, including a possible donation. This is within the £2050 budget still. It was all agreed as stated.

**130.2 To note evidence required for shop to meet criteria to consider Asset of Community Value nomination and resolve action.**  
The Clerk explained that evidence of community use for the Chapel and shop is needed for the asset of community value applications – it can be letters from user groups, facebook/website screen shots, event evidence etc. **Action J Hodder for the NP usage, Clerk for shop forms/contact and Cllr Pickett for the Chapel.**

**21/131 JOINT COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN/JOINT PARISH LIAISON GROUP (JPLG)**

**131.1** To agree agenda items for the next Joint Parish Liaison Group for 13/1/22  
It was agreed to add the assets of community value to the agenda. **Action J Hodder**

**FOOTPATHS, RIGHTS OF WAY, VERGES**

N/A

**21/132 ALLOTMENTS AND PARISH LAND**

**132.1 To receive feedback from tree survey and resolve action and budget of works if urgent.**  
The survey has been completed and the report submitted. There was no urgent work and only minor medium priority work identified, which M Stalley will address. The tree on the green was included and not thought to be an immediate concern and best left to see if it recovers.  
Cllr Langston-Jones said he had done some asset checks and reported the kissing gate post at New Close field as being wobbly. **Action Clerk to chase up** The branches over the bus shelter have been addressed.

**21/133 VILLAGE GROUPS**

**133.1 To note update from Covid and Platinum Jubilee event groups, circulated, and resolve any queries or expenditure - £219.51 “owed” to Covid Group.**  
Details had been circulated and it was agreed to pay the remaining amount. **Action Clerk**

**133.2 To receive notes, circulated, following Woodlands site NPT and tennis club plans meeting on 30/11/21 and agree any action or concerns.**  
Notes and a summary of the present situation was circulated. There were no concerns.

**133.3 To note feedback from Castor Hanglands Management meeting, Cllr Ellershaw attended.**  
Cllr Ellershaw reported from the day and will circulate the notes on receipt. There will be continued input on the links between the parish community and land and the developing site management plan. **Action Cllr Ellershaw**

**21/134 ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP**

**134.1 To receive and note update and feedback from Road Safety working group and agree any actions/expenditure, including new MVAS and start of Speedwatch. Quote for pole/MVAS install £1020**  
Cllr Perkins updated the meeting on the quote from PCC circulated to install the pole and device, plus the cost of the device itself will be around £3200. Both were agreed. **Action Cllr Perkins/Clerk**  
The number of volunteers for Speedwatch has dropped and so a new recruitment campaign in the New Year is needed. **Action RSWG**

**21/135 PLANNING : TO NOTE LATEST APPLICATIONS AND RESOLVE RESPONSES TO NEW ONES**

**135.1 21/00791/HHFUL proposed revised drawings for 2 storey rear extension and garage extension to the front at 27 Maffit Road.**  
Councillors agreed that the reasons for the previous objection were mostly still evident although it was noted and appreciated that there had been improvements to the porch/garage roof lines, as suggested by the Conservation Officer. The size of the extension was thought to be still too large and contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan AH1 in terms of an overbearing impact on properties nearby but with a smaller scale

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	extension overall, it would be supported subject to review of revised plans. The Parish Council stated it is keen to help residents to improve their homes as required. It recognised there was a dispute over the site plan being used and the impact on numbers 25 and 29 was more difficult to assess. The query with regards the application stating it is not for residential use was raised and will be checked out if needs, although the applicant stated this is an obvious error. The Council were satisfied with action/responses regarding the trees and drainage, raised in their previous response. <b>Action Clerk to send response and query</b>	
135.2	<b>21/01624/OUT Construction of 2 detached dwellings with all matters (listed) reserved at Castor and Ailsworth tennis club, Holme Close. Deadline 16/11/21. Response sent, awaiting decision.</b> This was noted.	
135.3	<b>21/00126/FUL construction of dual use cycle/pedestrian path from Sutton village to NVR Stibbington, appeal against decision has been lodged - could be 6m to complete. Await outcome.</b> This was noted.	
135.4	<b>21/01856/HHFUL s/s rear extension, alterations to cladding, render and fenestration to rear and side elevations and construction of raised decking with glass balustrade to rear and side involving demolition of existing conservatory at 29 Maffit Road. Deadline 23/12/21 Resolve response.</b> It was agreed that there was no contravention of the Neighbourhood Plan and no concerns with these alterations, broadly similar but improved from present build. <b>Action Clerk to send</b>	
135.5	<b>21/01805/HHFUL s/s rear/side extension and alterations to garage fenestration at 2 Andrew Close. Deadline extended to 21/12/21. Resolve response.</b> It was agreed the Parish Council supports this application. <b>Action Clerk to send</b>	
135.6	<b>21/01758/HHFUL conversion of roof space to habitable use to include a front dormer at 12 Andrew Close. Deadline extended to 21/12/21. Resolve response.</b> It was agreed the Parish Council supports this application. <b>Action Clerk to send</b>	
135.7	<b>21/01970/CTR Ash x 2 to fell due to proximity to wall at 39 Main St.</b> This was not received in time for the meeting agenda, however no issues were raised due to the reasons given and a note re replacement trees as per policy will be sent for now.	
<b>21/136</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK, TRIBUNE AND PARISH NEWS</b> <b>To note Tribune article sent from Nature Recovery Group. Next deadline is 11/2/22.</b> This was noted and will be agreed in January.	
<b>21/137</b>	<b>CLERK REPORT/COMMUNICATION</b> a) <b>To note email communication re speeding in the villages and near school, as circulated. Resolve any further action.</b> This was noted and it was agreed to pursue the police contact from T Treharne for possible monitoring session in January. b) To note date of next Cllr or Clerk CAPALC drop in session 20/1/22, Parish Forum 21/1/22, Councillor training <b>29/1/22 9-3.30 for Cllr Langston Jones.</b> This was noted. <b>Action Clerk to book</b> c) To note date of virtual Cambs Local Councils Conference is 14/1/22. This was noted.	
<b>21/138</b>	<b>ORDERS FOR PAYMENT</b> <b>The following payments were agreed to be made;</b>	
<b>138.1</b>	Clerk pay £272.16 plus home office £27 - PAYE payable 31/12/21	£294.96
<b>138.2</b>	Clerk extra 10 hours Oct/Nov	£120
<b>138.3</b>	Reimburse ink shared pm J Rice paid December	£5
<b>138.4</b>	J Rice mileage November/Dec	£19.80
<b>138.5</b>	Employer HMRC payment December to be deducted from salary	£4.20
<b>138.6</b>	CGM invoice 243612 for works 13/10 and 27/10	£372
<b>138.7</b>	Wave water bill	£17.89
<b>138.8</b>	Donation to Covid-19 group	£219.51
<b>138.9</b>	NRP	£525.99
<b>138.10</b>	Open Spaces Subscription renewal	£45
<b>138.11</b>	Mending of the gate at New Close, previously agreed but no invoice, on way	£245
<b>138.12</b>	Tree survey invoice, amount previously agreed.	£350
	<b>Receipts/ transfers.</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>21/139</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting will be <b>17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm</b> , venue Ailsworth Chapel unless notified otherwise.	

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