

# MINUTES OF AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 AT 8.15PM

(Following the open, public meeting about the future of the chapel)  
at the Cedar Centre, Castor

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

**Members of the public:** 3, Mr J Hodder (Neighbourhood Plan), Mrs S Hodder and R Ashman

22/94	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. To receive and record apologies sent to the Clerk.</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Stalley	
22/95	<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.</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.	
22/96	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>	
	<b>Arrangements will be made for the public to join the meeting and a shared maximum of 15 minutes will be permitted for members of the public to address the meeting on any item on the agenda.</b> Mr J Hodder mentioned the email he had sent about the JPLG and JCAP and requesting they are covered at the January meeting due to the shortened agenda this time. Mr Ashman said he was willing to be on a working group to look at the future of the chapel.	
22/97	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (previously circulated) and matters arising</b>	
	<b>To confirm as correct the record of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022, Chairman to sign, previously circulated. Motion: to agree accuracy of minutes and sign. (Note minutes amended in view of suggestions by J Hodder.)</b> The minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.	
22/98	<b>GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND TRAINING</b>	
	98.1	<b>To receive and note current finance report to end of November 2022 to inform budget proposal decision, herewith.</b> The finance report was received and noted.
	98.2	<b>C/F To discuss 23/24 draft, proposed budget and precept amount, herewith, and agree precept amount for next year, herewith.</b> The budget proposal was received and noted. It was explained that due to basic costs rising, the precept will have to be increased accordingly, although the amount per household is still small. The gross precept amount of £14837 was agreed, with the parish part of that being £7837. <b>Action Clerk</b>
	98.3	<b>To discuss internal communications, in general and in response to chapel meeting. To resolve actions to address concerns.</b> There were concerns raised about the lack of communication between councillors. It was suggested that the new .gov.uk email addresses are not as easy and one councillor only checks them once a week and one councillor not being successful setting it up. It was agreed that if only one reply is received then just that would be used. It was suggested that WhatsApp be used for more messaging however one councillor is not on WhatsApp, which makes for more work and inconsistency. It was suggested that more committees should be set up, ie for planning, to reduce the amount on each agenda. The clerk stated this would mean more attendance at meetings and more work with agendas and minutes if the committees have delegated powers to make decisions, but they do serve a useful purpose if used effectively. <b>Action all</b> to consider views and review again next time.
22/99	<b>ALLOTMENTS AND PARISH LAND MANAGEMENT GROUP (Cllr Ellershaw, Cllr Samways, Cllr Moon and Cllr Pickett)</b>	
	99.1	<b>To note Donkey Paddock tenancy renewed for 1 year until 31/12/23 and £120 rent received.</b> This was noted.

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	99.2	<p><b>C/F To receive and note updated feedback from Wellers Hedley Solicitors on current tenancies legal status.</b></p> <p><b>Motion: to agree plan of action as a result of the advice, circulated.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Land Management Group (PLMG) would meet to discuss the latest advice and make a recommendation to the full council. <b>Action PLMG</b></p>
	99.3	<p><b>To receive feedback regarding metal detecting and resolve any issues or concerns.</b></p> <p>It was noted that there had been no problems so far and that the temporary agreement allows for the metal detecting on the land, as a temporary variation to the agreement with the tenant.</p>
	99.4	<p><b>To receive update regarding football being played on the recreation ground and agree expenditure for new net pegs. (Cllr Moon).</b></p> <p>The update on the 2 sessions was received and noted and no concerns raised except for the condition of the pitch. It was agreed to move the goals twice a year for recovery. It was further agreed to purchase new pegs for the goal nets. <b>Action Cllr Moon/Clerk</b></p>
<b>22/100</b>	<b>FUTURE/SALE OF METHODIST CHAPEL/MEETING VENUE</b>	
	100.1	<p><b>To note updated information, feedback and actions from open, public meeting on the future of the chapel and resolve any further actions necessary.</b></p> <p>It was suggested that a second, public meeting be held with more options for the public to easily comment on. Mr Ashman offered to do some suitable headings. It was agreed to approach the Charity to ask for more information about the sale and if a 6-month period could be agreed, regardless of the status of the asset of community value. It was agreed that the second meeting for the public would be a drop-in session on a Sunday lunchtime, ideally at the chapel if it can be agreed, or the Cedar Centre with refreshments. It was suggested the school children could do a brainstorm of ideas. <b>Action all Cllrs/Clerk</b></p>
<b>22/101</b>	<b>VILLAGE GROUPS</b>	
	101.1	<p><b>To receive update regarding the village Coronation celebrations next May.</b></p> <p>The update was received and noted that a new, celebrations group has been formed and a lowkey event on 6/5/23 involving street parties would be arranged. It was stated that there is 2k remaining to be used. It was noted that village gazebos are available for hire.</p>
<b>22/102</b>	<b>PLANNING; TO NOTE LATEST APPLICATIONS AND RESOLVE RESPONSES TO NEW ONES</b>	
	102.1	<p>22/01425/WCPP Variation of condition C1 cease retail use pursuant to planning permission 21/00421/FUL temporary change of use of ground floor from vacant dwelling to storage for retail use at 109 Peterborough Road.</p> <p>Deadline 28/11//22. Response sent, awaiting decision. It was noted that work is ongoing with the builder</p>
	102.2	<p>22/01418/HHFUL erection of two storey extension, garage to the front elevation and widening of entrance to property at 27 Maffit Road. <b>Permitted.</b></p>
	102.3	<p>22/01655/HHFUL erection of single storey rear extension, with raising of eaves and ridge to form new rooms within attic space at 15 Holme Close. Deadline 23/12/22. It was agreed to send support for this application. <b>Action Clerk</b></p>
	102.4	<p>22/01583/HHFUL erection of single storey side extension at 25 Maffit Road, deadline extended to 20/12/22.</p> <p>It was agreed to send a response saying the Parish Council shared the concerns of the Conservation Officer and that they wished to see the same relevant conditions applied as other, similar applications. <b>Action Clerk</b></p>
<b>22/103</b>	<p><b>CLERK REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE: To receive and note any correspondence and decide whether to bring to future meeting.</b></p> <p>a) <b>Invitation to Eastern Community Homes' Community Led Housing Q and A on 19/1/23 at 7pm online, Cambs Acre.</b> This was noted.</p>	
<b>22/104</b>	<b>ORDERS FOR PAYMENT; To note and agree payments/ transfer to be made and already made as follows; Payments were agreed as follows;</b>	
	104.1	<p>Clerk new pay £391.27 (includes A/L) plus home office £26 – PAYE £78.20 payable 31/12/22</p> <p>£339.07</p>
	104.2	<p>Clerk back pay for national pay award 8 months Apr 22 – Nov 22</p> <p>£248.80</p>
	104.3	<p>Reimburse ink shared pm J Rice paid Dec</p> <p>£5.80</p>
	104.4	<p>Clerk mileage Nov/Dec</p> <p>£9.90</p>
	104.5	<p>Employer HMRC payment for November to be deducted from salary</p> <p>£78.20</p>

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	<b>104.6</b>	CGM grass cutting bill 251730 for work 11/11 and 22/11 (up to 15 occasions)	£390.60
	<b>104.7</b>	Cedar Centre for meeting 21/11	£24
	<b>104.8</b>	Quentin Marks valuation fee	£150 plus vat
	<b>104.9</b>	Wave water bill 7/12/22	£20.19
	<b>104.10</b>	M Ellershaw reimburse for tree lights	£71.48
	<b>104.11</b>	R Moon for goal net pegs	tbc
<b>22/105</b>	<b>IN-COM</b>	Rent for field allotment Donkey Paddock	£120
<b>22/106</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting is <b>16<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b> to be held at 7.30pm, venue Cedar Centre.		

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