

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008

**Present:** Mr N Burden, Mr J Pickett (Chair), Mrs J Pickett, Mrs E Stalley.

**Clerk:** Mrs M Brown.

**Members of the public:** Councillor J Holdich, Mr J Allsopp, Mr N Blanchford, Ms C Sharpin.

**Questions from the floor:** The order of the Agenda was changed so that Mr Blanchford could give a report on the School. He gave Mrs Wynne's apologies then thanked the Parish Council for the donation it made to the School, which was used for books for the library and also for its efforts towards obtaining the 106 money for the Station Road development. Mr Blanchford outlined plans for various building projects round the School and also disabled access at the front of the building and a new roof for the old hall. Mrs Pickett reported that no 106 money was available as yet; the invoice was sent to Redrow in January, but to the wrong department and was not re-sent until March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman thanked Mr Blanchford for his attendance at the meeting.

Ms Sharpin reported on the outcome of meetings, which have been held in the village, to discuss what children would like to see in the Recreation Ground. A report produced by the group will be copied and circulated to all Councillors. Ms Sharpin was thanked.

Mr Allsopp asked if there were any plans to remove the bottle banks as he had been contacted via the Castor News website about noise. The Parish Council has not received any complaints or any information about removing the bottle banks and is in the process of re-applying to adopt the bottle banks in Station Road.

**1 Apologies:** Mr G Rideout, Mrs J Steward, Councillor D Lamb, Mrs N Wynne.

**2 Minutes from last meeting:** Proposed by Mr N Burden, seconded by Mrs J Pickett and signed by Mr J Pickett (Chair)

**3 Matters arising:** The Chair reported that it was with great regret that he accepted Mr John Allsopp's resignation as a Parish Councillor. He has been a very valid member of the Parish Council and was thanked for all the work he has carried out. The post for a new Councillor will be advertised. The Castor News website was discussed and it was agreed to publish Agendas and Minutes and other information if the Parish Council feels it would be beneficial. Any information will be forwarded by e-mail via the Clerk. Contact details for the Clerk will be published on the website and a list of Parish Councillors.

### **4 Officers reports:**

#### **4.1 Recreation ground:**

**4.1a:** As reported earlier, the invoice for 106 money was re-sent to Redrow on March 5<sup>th</sup>, they have been given 30 days to pay. Mr Burden presented a report on the Recreation Ground and initial plans from three play equipment companies were on display. They were discussed in detail but no decisions were made. Contact is to be made with Louise Wilcox at Peterborough City Council, to find out how much of the 106 money can be used for equipment and to move the project forward.

**4.1b:** No decision has been made about the play equipment previously offered.

**4.1c:** Herald Contract Services are hoping to carry out work on the gates this week.

**4.1d:** Letters of thanks have been written to Councillors Holdich and Lamb for the £500 donation from the City Councillors fund. More research needs to be done before a planter is chosen.

#### **4.2 Planning:**

**4.2a:** 07/01134/FUL – Pharmacy at The Old Chapel, Church Hill, Castor – this has gone to appeal and a decision is awaited.

**4.2b:** 07/01666/FUL – Change of use to A1 Community Pharmacy on ground floor, retention of first floor as offices, The Old Chapel, Church Hill, Castor – will not be heard before June.

**4.2c:** 08/00066/FUL – Revise roof level to provide rooms in roof space at Dove Cottage, 63 Main Street – no objections.

**4.3d:** 08/00162/CTR – Reduce five conifer trees, trim one apple tree and reduce one magnolia tree at 3 Maffit Road – no objections.

**4.2e:** 08/00007/OUT – Erection of 45 homes on land at end of Clay Lane & to the rear of Green Farm Close & Allotment Lane, Councillor Holdich gave a report.

**4.2f:** Normangate development – more houses have been sold and people moving in.

**4.3: School:** See "Questions from the floor".

**4.4: Village Hall.** Ian Sheldon has been contacted, but nothing more heard.

**4.5: Parish Land and Allotments:** Rent for Station Road Field is due on 31<sup>st</sup> March, Clerk to send a reminder. It is hoped that the water on the allotments will be turned on at Easter.

**4.6: Footpaths and Rights of Way:** Fly tipping in Helpston Road has been cleared and the soil barrier to the bridleway has been moved nearer to the road to stop vehicles. Damage to verges in Maffit Road has been made good. City Council to report back with regard to the footpath from Singerfire Road.

**5 St John Ambulance:** The Parish Council's donation has been spent on books and a training disc. There are 8 Cadets who are hoping to be enrolled by the end of April.

## **6 Finance:**

**6.1: Account Status:** Current account £3,394.96  
Deposit account £15,405.48.

**6.2: Income:** £500 donation from Community Leadership Fund

### **6.3: Expenses:**

**6.3a:** Clerks pay £173.88 + £17 home office costs. Form for Clerk's appraisal received.

**6.3b:** Werrington Farms £ 76.50 + VAT, hedge cutting, paid 30.1.08.

**6.3c:** T McGinn £150 for locking bus shelter.

**6.3d:** Telephone calls £12.10.

**6.3e:** Anglian Water £20.47 paid 29.2.08.

**6.3f:** Hedging for allotments £5.95

**6.3g:** CALC fees £134.76, it was agreed to pay this after 1st April

Proposed Mrs J Pickett seconded Mrs E Stalley.

**6.4: Audit:** Moore Stephens have been appointed as external auditors. It was agreed to send a letter of engagement for the internal audit to Mrs J Cawsey. A working group will meet to look through Financial Regulations and Risk Management.

**7. Parish Liaison:** Martin Whelan is to attend the June Parish Council meeting. Four councillors hope to attend the Parish Briefing Session on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. Correspondence:**

Your Peterborough x2 – newspaper (circulation folder)  
PCC Housing Strategy 2008-2011 – by e-mail  
GPP – Presentation from Parish Liaison meeting (circulation folder)  
Castor Parish Council – February minutes by e-mail  
PCC Opportunity Peterborough – Consultation events (circulation folder)  
Enjoy England – magazine (circulation folder)  
CPALC – Minutes & Agenda (circulation folder)  
NALC – Parish partnerships information (circulation folder)  
Glasdon – brochure (circulation folder)  
Open Space – Spring magazine (circulation folder)  
Cambs ACRE – Notification: Data Protection Act 1998 (circulation folder)  
Cambs ACRE – Play Space Conference (circulation folder)  
PCC – Neighbourhood Investment Team  
PCC – Glass Recycling Schemes 2008/09. Clerk to complete application form.  
Clerks & Councils Direct – May magazine (circulation folder)

Meeting closed at 9.14pm

Next meetings will be the Annual Parish Meeting which will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm, followed by the April Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm.

