

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008 IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM AT 7.30PM.

**Present:** Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mrs E Stalley, Mrs J Steward, Mrs G Knibbs, Mr C Brown.

**Clerk:** Mrs M Brown.

**Members of the public:** Councillor J Holdich, Councillor D Lamb, Ms C Sharpin, Mr M Chillcott.

**Questions from the floor:** None.

**1 Apologies:** Mr G Rideout, Mr M Whelan

**2 Minutes from last meeting:** Proposed by Mrs J Steward, seconded by Mrs E Stalley and signed as correct by the Chair.

**3 Matters arising:** Election of Officers:

Mrs J Pickett	School and Planning.
Mrs E Stalley	Village Hall
Mr G Rideout	Special projects
Mrs J Steward	Allotments/Northey Wright Charity
Mrs G Knibbs	Footpaths/Rights of Way
Mr C Brown	Recreation Ground/bottle bank/bus shelter

All Councillors are involved with the regeneration of the Recreation Ground.

A Standing Committee of Councillors will be set up as and when required.

**4 Parish Councillor Vacancy:** As there has been some interest in this position it was decided to await further letters of application before filling this vacancy.

**5 Officers reports:**

**5.1 Recreation ground:**

**5.1a:** Update. The Parish Council has received some correspondence from Feeder Sports about football coaching on the field. After seeking advice the Parish Council has decided that the field is not suitable to be used for a commercial venture, due to the uneven surface and lack of facilities. Once installation of the new play facilities begins some areas of the field may be fenced off.

Regeneration: Peterborough City Council has still not received the section 106 money from Redrow. Some pictures and plans have been received from Louise Wilcox and another meeting is to be arranged with her. It was agreed to arrange a display at the Church Fete on July 12<sup>th</sup>. This will include the expected budget along with photographs, plans of some equipment and ideas which may be included in the regeneration of the Recreation Ground, the cost of the equipment plus ground work installation and maintenance costs. There will be an opportunity to complete a questionnaire, make comments and add any suggestions, as this project is intended for all members of the community. There will also be a display at the Parish Council meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> before questionnaires are distributed to residents in both Ailsworth and Castor.

Herald Contract Services have suggested the weeds in the Recreation Ground should be sprayed but it was decided this was not necessary at the moment.

**5.1b:** No decision was made on the play equipment previously offered.

**5.1c:** Prices have been obtained for different size trough type flower planters, but they were a lot higher than expected. It was decided that the installation of a seat like the one in the Recreation Ground would be more beneficial.

**5.2 Planning:**

**5.2a:** 08/00571/FUL- Replacement conservatory at 63c Main Street, nothing heard.

**5.2b:** 08/00583/CTR – Fell one Apple tree and three conifers at 7A Maffit Road, no objections.

**5.2c:** 08/00560/FUL – Single storey rear extension at 8 Singerfire Road. No objections to the extension, but concerns were raised over the garage being converted into a study. Letter to be written to the Planning Department.

**5.2d:** Erection of bungalow at 18 Casworth Way. The Planning Department was contacted as mature trees have been removed from the site.

**5.2e:** 08/00561/OUT–Consultation on planning application (Outline). Erection of 40 homes, access roads and landscaping at land at the end of Clay Lane and to the rear of Green Farm Close and Allotment Lane, Castor. Castor Parish Council has had meetings with the Planning Department and it is hoped the proposed number of houses to be built will be reduced.

**5.2f:** Normangate development – More houses have been sold and the development is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

**5.3: School:** Nothing to report

**5.4: Village Hall.** Ailsworth Parish Council is waiting for more information on the Trusteeship of the Village Hall and accounts for 2007/2008. A meeting of the Village Hall management committee is taking place on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Mrs J Pickett and Mrs E Stalley to attend. Urgent work needs to be carried out as soon as possible to reach the standard required by Ofsted. Ailsworth Parish Council has £5,000 set aside for this work.

**5.5: Parish Land and Allotments:** The Allotment waiting list has been updated. The farmer concerned has been contacted following complaints about toilet facilities in the field where men are working

**5.6: Footpaths and Rights of Way:** A meeting has been arranged to walk the footpaths with Brian Rowcroft, from Peterborough City Council, on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am, when a number of points about hedges along Peterborough and Helpston Roads, footpaths, the lamp post and dyke in Station Road etc can be raised. One Councillor had received a complaint about the number of planes taking off from Sibson airfield; the person concerned was advised to contact the airfield themselves as there had been no other complaints. Dog fouling is still a problem and a reminder to owners to clean up after their dogs will be put in the Parish Magazine.

**5.7: Bus shelter:** Following quotes obtained for a replacement window it was agreed to accept the quote for £111+VAT and ask R A Baker to carry out this work.

**6. Donations:** A request has been received from the St Kyneburgha's Beavers for Cycling Proficiency training. It was agreed to make a donation of £190 on a proposal from Mrs E Stalley, seconded by Mrs J Steward. It was also agreed to make a donation of £100 to St John Ambulance on a proposal from Mrs J Steward, seconded by Mrs E Stalley to cover the cost of two First Response Bags.

## **7 Finance:**

**7.1: Account Status:** Current account £8,512.71. Two unpresented cheques for £200 & £4  
Deposit account £15,405.48.

It was agreed that Mrs G Knibbs be added to signatories at the bank.

**7.2: Income:** £6,382.50 half precept, £1,041.22 VAT reclaim.

**7.3: Expenses:** It was agreed to pay

**7.3a:** Clerks pay £173.88 + £17 home office costs due 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**7.3b:** Telephone calls £10.76

**7.3c:** Mileage £4

Proposed Mrs G Knibbs seconded Mr C Brown.

**7.4: Audit:** A receipt has been received from Moore Stephens.

**8. Clerk's appraisal:** Meeting to be arranged.

**9. Parish Liaison:** The next Parish Liaison meeting will be held on July 23rd at 6pm. Martin Whelan is hoping to attend our September or October meeting.

## **10. Correspondence:**

Local Councils Liaison Committee minutes – by e-mail

Castor Parish Council May minutes – by e-mail

PCC – Peterborough Core Strategy, preferred options (circulation folder)

Your Peterborough - May magazine (circulation folder)

PCC – Standards Committee agenda & minutes (circulation folder)

Cambs County Council – Post Office closures (circulation folder)

Open Spaces – Summer magazine, Annual report etc (circulation folder)

Evergreens – Thank you letter

Village Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Councillors to look through this document.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm