

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM AT 7.30PM.

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

**Clerk:** Mrs M Brown.

**Members of the public:** Councillor J Holdich.

**Questions from the floor:** None.

**1 Apologies:** Mrs J Steward, Mrs J Knibbs, Mr J Armstrong, Councillor D Lamb.

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

**3 Matters arising:** None.

**4 Officers reports:**

**4.1 Recreation Ground:** There has been a delay with the planning application due to a planning backlog. Councillor Holdich agreed to make enquiries. The delivery date of equipment for the children's play area is expected to be between 4 and 6 weeks. The fastening on the small hand gate had been broken and Mr J Pickett was thanked for repairing it. It was reported that there was a dead branch on one of the Horse Chestnut trees, Clerk to contact Paul Sharpe for a quote. Some of the new hedging has not grown, but there is still some left to replace it. It has also been noted that people are taking their dogs into the children's play area. At present dogs are allowed in the Recreation Ground but there are still problems with some people not cleaning up after their dogs, which is causing concern. **On no account should dogs be taken into the play area.** Councillors will monitor the situation, but if this persists it could lead to dogs being banned from the Recreation Ground. Work has been carried out to cut the grass down under the hedges, which has made the Recreation Ground look very neat and tidy.

**4.2 Planning:**

**4.2a:** 08/00741/FUL-Demolition of existing single storey shop, construction of new shop with two bed flat above and part demolition of rear house extension and construction of additional storey at 107C and 109 Peterborough Road. - nothing heard.

**4.2b:** 09/00302/FUL Consultation on Planning Application (Full). First floor side extension, single storey rear extension, one dormer to front roof slope, new pitched roof over existing flat roof dormer and insertion of roof lights at 11 Maffit Road – nothing heard.

**4.2c:** Normangate development – There are now three properties left to sell and a house will be built on the site of the Marketing Suite.

**4.2d:** Planning Obligations Implementation Scheme. It was agreed to include the footpath/running track as a short term project.

**4.2e:** 09/00398/FUL Consultation on Planning Application (Full). Erection of 3 bay garage, conversion of garage into sun room and installation of entrance gates at The Limes, Helpston Road. The Parish Council has no objections.

**4.3: School:** The Spring Fair will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**4.4: Village Hall.** At the recent AGM presentations were made to retiring members of the Committee who were thanked for all their hard work. A contractor has been approved for the rewiring work which will take place during the Summer holidays. Grants are to be applied for so that further proposed work to restore the windows and install secondary double glazing can begin. Nothing has been heard about the Trusteeship.

**4.5: Parish Land and Allotments:** All the allotments are looking well unfortunately there are still no vacancies.

**4.6: Footpaths and Rights of Way:**

**4.6a:** A footpath sign has been removed and found on land behind houses in Main Street. This has been reported to Peterborough City Council.

**4.6b:** A number of instances of fly tipping have occurred since the April meeting, which have been reported to Peterborough City Council and removed. Following the fly tipping of tyres in Helpston Road the Parish Council will contact Peterborough City Council to ask if tyre depots in the Peterborough area are contacted and advised to dispose of their tyres responsibly. Residents are asked to inform the Police or Peterborough City Council as soon as possible if they notice any fly tipping. The Neighbourhood Environment Officer for Peterborough City Council is Jamie Macfarlane who can be contacted on 01733 863885 or [Jamie.Macfarlane@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:Jamie.Macfarlane@peterborough.gov.uk)

**4.6c:** Trees along the footpath between Helpston Road and Holme Close need attention. The Parish Council has been advised by Peterborough City Council that this is the responsibility of the adjacent landowners.

**4.6d:** Trees have been damaged along the old part of Helpston Road. It has been reported that surveying work has taken place in this area possibly in connection with siting a mobile phone mast. The Parish Council has contacted various departments at Peterborough City Council, none of which have any knowledge of this. The Parish Council is awaiting the outcome of enquiries.

**4.7: Bus shelter:** The floor of the bus shelter has been pressure washed and it was proposed to write a letter of thanks to the Fix-it man from Peterborough City Council who has had extra work to carry out recently with all the fly tipping.

**5. Donations:** Requests have been received from Castor and Ailsworth Cricket Club for a donation towards repairs to the roller and from Castor and Ailsworth Pre-School for beanbags and pillows. It was agreed to make a donation of £200 to the Cricket Club and £125 to the Pre-School on a proposal by Mrs E Stalley and seconded by Mr C Brown.

**6. Finance:**

**6.1: Account Status:** Current account £2,174.63 + £6,092.00 (not cleared at Bank)

Deposit account £15,777.20

**6.2: Income:** Half Precept £6,092.00

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

**6.3a:** Clerks pay £191.34+ £17 home office costs due 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**6.3b:** Mr C Brown £4, mileage for Parish Liaison meeting April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**6.3c:** Paper £2.20

**6.3d:** Chapel rent £150

**6.3e:** C G M (Cambridge) Ltd (formerly Herald Contract Services) £130+VAT, grass cut and trim.

**6.3f:** J Pickett £7.13, gate fastening for Recreation Ground.

**6.3g:** Internal audit £75

**6.3h:** Laptop. It was agreed to allow up to £500-£600 for a laptop and software.

**6.3i:** Cricket Club donation £200.

**6.3j:** Pre-School donation £125.

Proposed Mr C Brown seconded Mr J Judge.

**6.4: Audit:** The Statement of accounts on the Annual Return for the year 2008-2009 were approved and the Annual Governance Statement completed and approved, proposed Mrs E Stalley, seconded Mr C Brown. It was agreed to deliver the Annual Return by hand for 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**7. Cycle West Group:** The campaign for the establishment of a safe cycle route running west from the existing "Green Wheel" towards the A1 and the villages of Wansford and Stibbington was discussed. The Parish Council will offer its support to this campaign. Clerk to reply.

**8. CPALC:** Information for 2009/2010 Training Courses was put in the circulation folder for consideration by Councillors.

**9. Neighbourhood Panel Meeting:** This will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at St Benedict's Church, Glington.

**10. Item from Wansford Parish Council:** Councillor Holdich reported that a planning application had been submitted for two static caravans and one mobile caravan parking on land near Wansford and that work had already been started to clear the site for Boat moorings/Marina. Councillor Holdich left to attend a meeting at Wansford with all parties concerned and will report back.

**11. Correspondence:**

Cambridgeshire ACRE – Spring magazine (circulation folder)

The Playing Field – newsletter (circulation folder)

Equality and Human Rights Commission – information (circulation folder)

Disability Forums – by e-mail (circulation folder)

Peterborough Local Development Framework – Spring 2009 e-mail and circulation folder

Clerks and Councils Direct – May magazine (circulation folder)

Green Festival – Booklets (circulation folder)

Your Peterborough – May magazine (circulation folder)

Wittering View – Winter/Spring magazines (circulation folder)

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Date for next meeting June 8<sup>th</sup> 2009**

