

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008

**Present:** Mrs J Pickett (Chair), Mrs E Stalley, Mrs J Steward.

**Clerk:** Mrs M Brown.

**Members of the public:** Mr P Barkley, Mr F Bayne, Mr C Brown, Mr B Chillcott, Mr M Chillcott, Mr J Hodder, Mrs G Knibbs, Ms C Sharpin.

**Questions from the floor:** Members of the public outlined further suggestions for equipment for the Recreation Ground. It was pointed out that a questionnaire will be distributed to people in both Castor and Ailsworth so that all members of the community can express their views. Following a further meeting with Louise Wilcox she has agreed to produce plans with a price list for equipment, and also installation and maintenance costs. These will be on display at a public meeting to be held once the information from questionnaires has been collated. No 106 money has been received as yet. A poster had been put up advertising football lessons in the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council made contact with the company concerned as no permission had been sought for the use of the field. It was agreed to allow this to take place as a one off event, but the Parish Council suggested the school be contacted for future lessons as nothing is known about the company, the field is very uneven and there are no changing facilities. Further e-mails and telephone calls have been received and it was agreed that the Parish Council needs more information about this company. The Parish Council would like to see the field being used more and understands that there may be plans to set up a village football group. More information is to be obtained before any decisions can be made. Concern was expressed over the speed of traffic in Main Street. The Police are carrying out speed checks in the villages.

**1 Apologies:** Councillor J Holdich, Councillor D Lamb, Mr G Rideout.

**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:** The Herald Contract Services bill in the April minutes should have read £200+VAT, the correct amount was paid.

**4 Parish Councillor vacancies:** Two letters of application had been received by May 9<sup>th</sup> and one letter of inquiry. A further letter of application had been received on May 12<sup>th</sup> which will be considered at the June meeting. Members of the public were asked to leave the room while this item was discussed. It was agreed to co-opt Mrs G Knibbs and Mr C Brown as Councillors and to consider any further letters of application for the remaining vacancy at the June Parish Council meeting.

### **5 Officers reports:**

#### **5.1 Recreation ground:**

**5.1a:** Recreation ground update, see Questions from the floor. Mr J Hodder offered to help with the distribution of questionnaires.

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

**5.1c:** It is hoped that a stone trough type planter can be purchased. The church is to be contacted about the troughs in the churchyard.

#### **5.2 Planning:**

**5.2a:** 08/00390/CTR – Fell one Silver Birch tree at 14 Helpston Road, permission granted.

**5.2b:** 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. A public meeting is to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. A letter of objection to be written.

**5.2c:** 08/00559/ADV-Internally illuminated sign at The Old Chapel, Castor. Letter of objection to be written as the Parish Council feels this is not in keeping with the surrounding area.

**5.2d:** 08/00571/FUL-Consultation on planning application (Full). Replacement conservatory at 63c Main Street, no objections.

**5.2e:** Normangate development – More houses have been sold. Redrow have been contacted about re-siting the lamp post to the edge of the footpath. Highways to be contacted to find out who is responsible for the hedge between Normangate and Station Road.

**5.3: School:** A Plant Fair is to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The children's church choir is now held as an after school club.

**5.4: Village Hall.** At the AGM the Chairman, Vice Chair and secretary stood down. Castor Parish Council is acting as caretaker and looking into prices for urgent repairs which need carrying out. Ailsworth Parish Council would like to see an agreement stating its responsibilities etc before committing itself to acting as a joint Trustee. It has agreed to contribute towards some of the work which needs doing. Once an up to date set of accounts has been seen and more information received the Parish Council will discuss this further.

**5.5: Parish Land and Allotments:** The Allotment waiting list is to be updated.

**5.6: Footpaths and Rights of Way:** Footpath 12 has now been sprayed. It was agreed to contact Brian Rowcroft to walk the footpaths with members of the Parish Council in June.

**6. Donations:** A request has been received from the Evergreen Club for a donation towards a new wheelchair. It was agreed to make a donation of £200 on a proposal from Mrs E Stalley, seconded by Mrs J Steward. The Parish Council is invited to attend the inaugural enrolment of the St John Ambulance on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> at the church of St Kyneburgha at 10.15am. It was agreed to make a donation to the St John Ambulance when the cost of items of equipment has been calculated.

## **7 Finance:**

**7.1: Account Status:** Current account £2,106.99  
Deposit account £15,405.48.

**7.2: Income:** None

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

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

**7.3b:** Toner £44.99+VAT

**7.3c:** Internal Audit £180

**7.3d:** Chapel rent £150

**7.3e:** Mileage for meeting with Louise Wilcox - Mrs E Stalley £4, Mrs M Brown £4

**7.3f:** Herald Contract Services bill - 2 grass cuts £260+VAT

**7.3g:** Evergreen Club £200 donation

Proposed Mrs E Stalley, seconded Mrs J Steward

## **7.4: Audit:**

**7.4a:** The internal Audit has been completed. The points raised have been dealt with. It was noted that the Anglian Water bill for £86.45 which was paid on 2.5.07 appeared on the Agenda for May but had been omitted from the Minutes.

**7.4b:** The Annual Return was accepted as correct, proposed Mrs J Steward, seconded Mrs E Stalley. It was agreed to deliver the Annual Return by hand before 1<sup>st</sup> June.

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

**9. Parish Liaison:** The next Parish Liaison meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. Martin Whelan is to attend the June meeting.

## **10. Correspondence:**

CPALC – Extraordinary General Meeting, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Apologies to be sent

Open Spaces Society – donation request

PCC – GPP Newsletter April 2008, by e-mail

CPALC – Newsletter – by e-mail

PECT – Village Green 2008

Clerks and Councils Direct – May magazine + update (circulation folder)

PCC – Trading Standards and Licensing (circulation folder)

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm