

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JULY 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: Mr S Henson.

Questions from the floor: None.

1 Apologies: Mr G Rideout, Councillor J Holdich

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

3 Matters arising: None

4 Officers reports:

4.1 Recreation ground:

Peterborough City Council has received the cheque from Redrow but it has not cleared at the bank yet. Photographs and costings from Louise Wilcox for the redevelopment had been on display at the Church Fete and at this meeting. There was interest from all ages and a number of questionnaires had been completed. The Parish Council will distribute questionnaires to all houses in both Ailsworth and Castor as soon as possible. These are to be returned by August 18th to 24 Thorolds Way, any member of Ailsworth Parish Council or can be collected. (Tel 380728)

4.2 Planning:

4.2a: 08/00571/FUL-Replacement conservatory at 63c Main Street, permission granted.

4.2b: 08/00583/CTR-Fell 1 Apple tree and 3 conifers at 7A Maffit Road, granted.

4.2c: 08/00559/ADV –Advertisement application, The Old Chapel, permission granted.

4.2d: 08/00560/FUL-Single storey rear extension at 8 Singerfire Road, permission granted.

4.2e: 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, no objections.

4.2f: 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. Nothing heard.

4.2g: 07/01666/FUL- The Old Chapel Castor, revised copy. It was felt that a cycle stand is not in keeping with a village setting, letter to be written.

4.2h: Normangate development – 26 houses are now occupied; the last few are being built.

4.3: School: Mrs Angela Brown is leaving at the end of term. Building work will be taking place during the Summer holidays.

4.4: Village Hall. Mrs J Pickett and Mrs E Stalley have attended meetings and received e-mails. Urgent work, costing approximately £25,000, to replace flooring, radiators, kitchen etc will take place during August with funding from Ailsworth and Castor Parish Councils and CASPRA, as well as money already in the Village Hall funds. Nothing more has been heard about the Trusteeship.

4.5: Parish Land and Allotments:

4.5a: Allotment agreements were reviewed and as a result it was agreed to accept the following changes on a proposal from Mrs J Knibbs, seconded Mrs J Pickett.

4. The tenant shall reside within the vicinity of Ailsworth during the continuance of the tenancy but with effect from 30 September 2008 preference will be given to Ailsworth residents when Allotments become available.

5d. Any dog brought onto the Allotment shall be kept on a lead and under supervision at all times. No dog shall be kept in the area of the Allotments by the tenant or by anyone acting with his authority or approval.

e. The tenant shall not assign the tenancy or sub-let or part with possession of any part of the Allotment garden. If for any reason the tenant is unable to cultivate the Allotment in the short term or wishes to give up part of the Allotment he/she should contact the Parish Council.

m. Tenants should be aware of the proximity of other Allotments if using sprays. The Parish Council requests that tenants be considerate and “green” if possible.

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4.5b: Seat on the Green. Prices for a metal seat have increased dramatically so it was agreed to use the money from the City Councillors fund for seating/picnic benches in the Recreation Ground.

4.6: Footpaths and Rights of Way: Parish Councillors walked the footpaths with Brian Rowcroft and many issues have already been resolved. There have been complaints about parking on footpaths and PC McCallum has been contacted.

4.7: Bus shelter: A replacement window has been fitted. Concerns were raised regarding the hinges and it was agreed to obtain a quote for work to be carried out.

4.8: Telephone kiosks: BT is proposing to remove the kiosk in Ailsworth as it is not being used sufficiently. The Parish Council feels that as mobile phone signals are not good in the village and, should an emergency arise at a function in the Chapel Schoolroom and there is no telephone, it is vital that the kiosk in Ailsworth remains. Letters to be written.

4.9: The Villages of Castor and Ailsworth Neighbourhood Investment Plan: Councillors have looked through this document and changes have been noted and passed on to Castor Parish Council.

5 Finance:

5.1: Account Status: Current account £7,686.64. One unpresented cheque for £4
Deposit account £15,777.20

Councillors were given copies of the quarterly accounts.

5.2: Income: Bank interest £371.72

5.3: Payments: R A Baker £111+VAT replacement window in bus shelter, paid 24.6.08

5.4: Expenses: It was agreed to pay

5.4a: Clerks pay due 1st August and 1st September.

5.4b: Herald Contract Services for three grass cuts £390+VAT.

5.4c: Mileage £5.20, Mrs J Steward.

5.4d: Stationery £5.44 Mrs J Pickett.

It was agreed to pay any service bills in August.

Proposed Mrs E Stalley seconded Mrs J Knibbs.

5.5: Audit: Moore Stephens have requested further information into the change of Internal Auditor. This has been forwarded to them.

6. Clerk's appraisal: This has now been completed and it was proposed by Mrs J Steward and seconded by Mrs E Stalley to award the Clerk an increase in pay, backdated to 1st April. As from 1st August Clerks pay will be £186.12 per month. It was agreed to backdate pay of £35.75.

7. Councillor vacancy: A decision will be made in September.

8. Parish Liaison: The next Parish Liaison meeting will be held on July 23rd at 6pm, Mr C Brown to attend. Martin Whelan is hoping to attend our September or October meeting.

9. Correspondence:

Cambs ACRE – Summer magazine (circulation folder)

Cross Keys Homes – information (circulation folder)

Your Peterborough – June and July magazines (circulation folder)

GPP Newsletter – June 2008 by e-mail

Village Hall Management minutes – by e-mail

Castor Parish Council – June minutes & July by e-mail

Glasdon – Seating collection (circulation folder)

Clerks and Councils Direct – July magazine (circulation folder)

SLCC – National Conference

PCC – Status of Policies in the Peterborough Local Plan (First Replacement)

Peterborough Energy Study – workshop July 25th – by e-mail

Highways Agency – leaflets (circulation folder)

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th September at 7.30pm