

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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:** None

**Questions from the floor:** None.

**1 Apologies:** 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 Councillor Vacancy:** Two letters of application had been received and it was agreed to co-opt Mr Jack Armstrong as Councillor.

**5 Officers reports:**

**5.1 Recreation ground:** Following a display of suggested items for the Recreation Ground at the Church Garden Fete and July Parish Council meeting, 550 questionnaires were delivered to all houses in Ailsworth and Castor during August. The Parish Council received a total of 77 replies (14%), 44 from households in Ailsworth and 33 from Castor. The findings of the survey are displayed on the Parish notice board. The Parish Council will meet again with Louise Wilcox from Peterborough City Council to get up to date costings before the project moves forward.

It was reported that the tree trunk in the Recreation Ground is rotting away and has been damaged. The Council will monitor the situation.

**5.2 Planning:**

**5.2a:** 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.

**5.2b:** 08/00561/OUT-Clay Lane development, Castor – new planning application for 25 houses.

**5.2c:** 07/01666/FUL- The Old Chapel Castor, cycle stand, permission granted.

**5.2d:** 08/00929/CTR – Repollard 4 Sycamore and 2 Horse Chestnut trees and reduce by 1/3<sup>rd</sup>, thin and deadwood 1 Acacia tree at 48 Main Street, permission granted.

**5.2e:** 08/01000/CTR – Remove 1 Apple tree at 42 Main Street, permission granted.

**5.2f:** Normangate development – All remaining houses are in the process of being built. Three more houses have been sold, 16 are already occupied along with most of the social housing.

**5.3: School:** The building work is not finished. A new class teacher started at the beginning of term. Staff and children from school will take part in the service on Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**5.4: Village Hall.** The work has all been completed and the Village Hall is looking very smart. Ailsworth Parish Council made a contribution towards the new flooring. Nothing more has been heard about the Trusteeship.

**5.5: Parish Land and Allotments:** Reminders have been sent out for Station Road and New Close Fields rents. Reminders and agreements for Allotment rents are ready to go out. If any Allotments become available it was decided to divide them into smaller plots to give more people on the waiting list an opportunity to cultivate one.

**5.6: Footpaths and Rights of Way:** Problems have been reported with tree roots cracking the pavement outside 38 Main Street – the Highways Department has been notified. The Parish Council has been notified by the Countryside Access Officer that the footbridge over Black Dike (east of Castor Mill) has been closed and needs replacing but there are no funds at the moment. A temporary route via private land and a non PCC footbridge is in place for a limited period.

**5.7: Bus shelter:** As only one quote has been received so far, to secure the gate hinges, it was decided to delay making a decision until further quotes have been received.

**6 Telephone kiosks:** The Parish Council has opposed the closure of the telephone kiosk in Ailsworth, and also does not want it removed, but would need more information before deciding whether to “adopt” the telephone box.

**7 The Villages of Castor and Ailsworth Neighbourhood Investment Plan:** Nothing heard.

**8 Parish Liaison meeting:** Mr C Brown reported on the July meeting, when there were presentations about changes to the Planning Department, new Recycling facilities and Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers. Information from the meeting was put in the circulation folder. The next Parish Liaison meeting will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm. A briefing session for the role of Parish Councils in relation to Emergency Planning will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**9 Finance:**

**9.1: Account Status:** Current account £6,302.72

Deposit account £15,777.20

It was agreed to transfer money from the Deposit account if the precept is not received before the bills need paying.

**9.2: Income:** None

**9.3: Payments:**

**9.3a:** Moore Stephens audit £139.18+VAT paid 28.7.08

**9.3b:** Herald Contract Services £260 +VAT for 2 grass cuts paid 6.8.08

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

**9.4a:** Clerks pay £186.12 +£17 home office costs, due 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**9.4b:** Mileage £4 Mr C Brown.

**9.4c:** Stamps £3.24

**9.4d:** Telephone calls £7.58

**9.4e:** Herald Contract Services £130 +VAT one grass cut.

**9.4f:** Allianz Insurance £518.13 due 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**9.4g:** Peterborough Carpets £5,000 +VAT Village Hall flooring

**9.4h:** Anglian Water £80.65

Proposed Mrs J Steward seconded Mrs E Stalley.

**9.5: Audit:** The audit was closed on 16<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed to ask Mrs J Cawsey to carry out the half yearly audit once allotment rents have been received.

**10. Correspondence:**

CPALC – Autumn Training Schedule and update July 2008, already received.

GPP – Rural Working Group update (circulation folder)

Graham Barnes – letter (circulation folder)

Opportunity Peterborough Annual Review 2007/2008 by e-mail (circulation folder)

Clerks and Councils Direct – September magazine (circulation folder)

Your Peterborough – September magazine (circulation folder)

Cambs ACRE – Autumn magazine (circulation folder)

PCC – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals & Waste preferred options 2 consultation (circulation folder)

Flood Warden Seminar/training – by e-mail (circulation folder)

PCC – Textile recycling questionnaire (circulation folder)

PCC Natural Environment projects grants (circulation folder)

Wittering View – Autumn magazine (circulation folder)

Parish Liaison meeting information (circulation folder)

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

