

AILS WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH APRIL 2009 IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM AT 7.30PM.

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

Clerk: Mrs M Brown.

Members of the public: Councillor D Lamb, Mr S Foreman.

Questions from the floor: Councillor D Lamb informed the Parish Council that grants would be available from the Ward Councillors fund again this year.

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 Parish Councillor Vacancy: A letter of application had been received and it was proposed by Mrs J Steward, seconded by Mr C Brown and agreed to co-opt Mr J Judge as Parish Councillor.

5 Officers reports:

5.1 Recreation Ground:

5.1a: Several of the smaller trees on the field have been badly damaged recently. The Parish Council is very concerned as the damage was obviously caused by someone using a very sharp implement. The matter has been reported to the Police who will be monitoring the area and will report back to the Parish Council. If you do see anyone causing damage in the Recreation Ground please contact either the Police or the Clerk.

5.1b: Colin and Margaret Brown were thanked for raking the molehills and removing the litter from the field before it was cut for the first time.

5.1c: There has been a delay with the planning application for the Multi Use Games and the seating areas due to a backlog at the Planning Department, but it is hoped a decision will soon be reached. Another meeting will then be arranged with Peterborough City Council Recreation Department to discuss the siting of equipment in the children's play area.

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. Councillor Lamb to contact the Planning Department.

5.2b: 09/00071/CTR Consultation on Conservation Area trees notification. Fell 1 Leylandii, reduce in height 2 Leylandii trees and replace 3 Leylandii trees at Maffit House, permission granted.

5.2c: 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 – the Parish Council has no objections.

5.2d: Normangate development – There are only two houses not sold and the Marketing Suite site. Redrow is expecting to vacate the site by June.

5.2e: Planning Obligations Implementation Scheme. Ideas for short, medium and long term projects were discussed. Clerk to complete and return the Project Proforma.

5.3: School: The Spring Fair will take place on May 16th. The Deputy Head is leaving at the end of the Summer term and interviews are being held at the end of April.

5.4: Village Hall. A grant of £5000 towards the rewiring has been successfully applied for and three quotations for the work are being considered. An Equality and Diversity Policy has been produced. The AGM will take place on April 29th.

5.5: Parish Land and Allotments: The rent for Station Road Field was received after 31.3.09. Mrs J Steward was thanked for completing the allotment questionnaire. The allotments are all looking very good. People on the waiting list are being advised to contact Castor Parish Council to see if they have any vacancies.

5.6: Footpaths and Rights of Way:

5.6a: The Dog Warden has been contacted again and been asked to replace some of the "No fouling" signs. If you see anyone not cleaning up after their dog please report them to the Dog Warden. It has also been noted that some people are still not cleaning up after their dogs in the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council is monitoring the situation before new play equipment is installed and if this persists it could lead to dogs being banned from the Recreation Ground.

5.6b: Instances of fly tipping reported to the City Council recently have been cleared.

5.6c: The Parish Council contacted the Highways Department after soil was removed from the entrance to the original Helpston Road, but they didn't know who was responsible. The Parish Council now understands that the farmer has removed it so that he has access to the field for his combine harvester.

6. Peterborough City Council Consultation on further additional Minerals and Waste Development Proposals/ Site Allocations: The Parish Council has no further comments to make on the minerals and waste proposals. All sites put forward in the Sites Allocations Document will be assessed and a final decision will be made towards the end of the year.

7. Ailsworth Conservation Area Draft Character Appraisal and Management Plan – update.

This was approved at the March Planning Committee. Approval of the boundary extension is expected in the next few weeks.

8. Finance:

8.1: Account Status: Current account £3,667.27

Deposit account £15,777.20

8.2: Income: £536.25 rent for Station Road Field received 1.4.09.

£93.05 EDF Energy Networks.

8.3: Payments: Anglian Water £24.32 paid 22.3.09 (agreed to pay at January meeting)

8.4: Expenses: It was agreed to pay

8.4a: It was agreed to pay £6.76, the Clerk's final salary increase backdated to April 2008 and Clerk's pay £191.34 (new pay scale) + £17 home office costs due 1st May.

8.4b: Burial fees £1036.65

8.4c: CPALC affiliation fees £149.31

8.4d: Mr C Brown mileage for Councillor Development Course at St Ives on March 14th, £24.80

8.4e: Mrs J Steward mileage for All Party Policy Planning meeting March 26th, £4

8.4f: Toner cartridge £54.59+VAT

It was also agreed to purchase a new laptop as soon as a suitable one is found.

Proposed Mrs E Stalley seconded Mrs J Knibbs.

8.5 End of year accounts 2008/2009 and Audit:

Copies of the Receipt and Payments Accounts and Bank Reconciliation for the year ending 31.3.09 had been circulated. The Finances were accepted as correct, proposed by Mr J Armstrong seconded by Mr C Brown and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

8.5a: The External Audit has been called for June 1st 2009.

8.5b: A letter of agreement has been received from Mrs J Cawsey for the Internal Audit and this has now been completed. In the January minutes the amount paid to Maffit Construction should have read £110+VAT. The correct amount had been paid.

9. Standing Orders: These were reviewed last year and no further changes have been made.

10. Parish Liaison: Mr C Brown reported on the meeting held on April 15th. Information from the meeting was put in the circulation folder.

11. All Party Policy Planning meeting: Mrs J Steward reported on this meeting which was held on March 26th and handed out information on "Safeguarding vulnerable adults".

12. Councillor Development Courses: Mr C Brown reported that the three courses had been very worthwhile. Some of the information from the courses will go into the circulation folder each month. CPALC will be coming out to Councils in future to run courses.

13: Correspondence:

Cambs ACRE – by e-mail Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Calor Village of the Year competition. The Council decided not to enter this year.

CPALC – Getting ready for the Power of Well-being

Castor & Ailsworth Society of Art – Thank you letter

Information Commissioner's Office – DVD (circulation folder)

Green Ginton – by e-mail event to be held on Tuesday 28th April 3pm-8pm

Open Spaces - request for donation

Rural Neighbourhood Open meeting – Wednesday 13th May, St Benedict's Church Ginton at 7pm

Your Peterborough-April magazine (circulation folder)

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meetings will be the Annual General Meeting which will take place on Monday 11th May at 7.15pm, followed by the May Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm.

