

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009

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

**Clerk:** Mrs M Brown.

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

**Apologies:** Councillor J Holdich.

**1 Minutes from 2008 Annual Parish Meeting:** The Minutes were proposed by Mrs J Steward, seconded by Mrs E Stalley and signed as correct by the Chair.

### **2 Review of the year, Chairman's Report**

Mrs J Pickett gave the Annual report.

Following the presentation given by Louise Wilcox from PCC recreation department at the Parish meeting last April we have been continuing to press forward with the scheme to improve the facilities at the recreation field.

We had a display and questionnaire about proposed items for the site at the summer fete in July and followed this by delivering the questionnaire to every house in Castor and Ailsworth. Using the results from this, Councillors attended several meetings with Louise and with the contractor who will be doing the work and although progress seems to be painfully slow the plans have now been submitted and we hope that the work will start in the near future.

The parish council along with Ailsworth residents supported Castor in their efforts to get a satisfactory result with the planners in the applications for Clay lane and the old chapel. We have had fewer planning applications to look at this year and many of them have been for work on trees, which we are of course anxious to preserve wherever possible.

Jim Daley, conservation officer from PCC gave a talk at a council meeting about a proposal to extend the conservation area. An Ailsworth conservation area draft character appraisal and management plan newsletter was sent to all residents asking for comments before it was taken to March planning Committee.

All of our parish land and allotments have been well tended and we used money from the bottle bank to replace sections where the hedging had become very thin round the allotments and recreation field.

We have given grants to the Evergreens, Beavers, St John Ambulance, CASA and the Chapel as well as a substantial sum to replace flooring in the Village Hall. Unfortunately we also had to spend money replacing a bus shelter window and repairing our notice board due to vandalism.

We welcomed three new councillors this year and our meetings have been well attended. Several of the members have also attended training courses, liaison meetings and other meetings on our behalf.

I would like to thank the councillors and our clerk for all the work that they do, often unseen, our only reward is knowing that we do our best to help to keep the village a place that everyone can feel part of. We hope that you think that it is time well spent.

### **3 Finance Report as at 31.3.09**

Total Income	£15754.99 (including precept)	<u>Assets</u>	
Payments	£15665.68		
Precept	£12765.00	Bus shelter	£10000.00
		Computer	£ 300.00
Deposit account	£15777.20	Information Board	£ 1000.00
Current account	£ 3245.75	Seat	£ 660.00

A total of £7,000 has been set aside towards the regeneration of the Recreation Ground. This year a £500 donation was received from the City Councillors fund, so along with the £500 donation from last year £1000 has been set aside towards a seat and picnic bench for the Recreation Ground.

### **4 Officers Reports.**

None.

### **5 Questions from the floor.**

None.

The meeting closed at 7.22pm.

