

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Ailsworth Parish Council held on Monday 24th April 2025 at 7.30pm
at the Cedar Centre

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

14. ATTENDANCE

- a. **Present:** Anne Perkins (Chairman), Joan Pickett (Vice Chairman), Martin Stalley, Richard Moon, Megan Ellershaw, Anne Raven, Michelle Dickens – Clerk and two members of the public.
- b. **Apologies:** Sean Langston-Jones.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- a. To receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items in the agenda: *None*.
- b. To receive written requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: *None*.
- c. To grant any requests for Dispensation as appropriate: *None*.

16. OPEN FORUM

- a. John Hodder attended.

(1) John reiterated that he wants to ensure that the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan is looked at separately to Castors, to prevent any delays/hold ups. Clerk confirmed an email was sent to Maria Cafano at PCC further to his request to confirm this, who replied with confirmation of the request.

Clerk is going to let John know if APC hear anything further.
- b. David Shaw attended.

(1) David discussed the proposed Cemetery application (24/01440/FUL). David reminded APC that comments need to be submitted by 9th May. *APC is going to submit a further response.*

(2) David reiterated that the public consultation for the Draft Local Plan is from 11th April and will finish on 29th May. *APC will be drafting a response.*

17. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. To confirm Meeting [Minutes of 17th March 2024](#) held at the Cedar Centre; *Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.*

18. PLANNING

- a. **New or revised applications and current APC action:** One tree new application and one revised planning application –

(1) 25/00357/CTR – 15 Main Street, Ailsworth – Ash – reduce to previous reduction points, Maple – reduce to previous reduction points, Cherry – selective reduction in main stems and stem clearing to reduce height reduction points. *APC has no objections.*

b. 24/01440/FUL – land to the South of Old Peterborough Road, Sutton – change of use of land to cemetery – **revised and additional information** – APC will be submitting a further response.

Action: Cllr. Stalley to create a poster to put on the noticeboard to notify residents of the proposal. Clerk to post on Facebook.

c. **Planning decisions since the March meeting of APC.** None.

d. **Draft Local Plan.** APC will be submitting a response.

e. **Additional queries.** None.

f. **Neighbourhood Plan.** See Minute 16a.

19. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

a. Recreation ground hedge/tree work. Sam Trimmer will be doing the required work imminently. Cllr. Stalley liaising with Sam.

b. Village Litter pick. APC agreed to pay £130 towards the cost of the recent litter pick.

Action: Clerk to arrange payment to CPC.

c. VE Day celebrations. Clerk confirmed that APC's contribution previously agreed has been made.

d. CIL spending ideas list. In progress, a few ideas were discussed. Cllr. Stalley and Cllr. Raven are looking further into a few ideas.

e. New Close land contract. Response received from Buckles and discussed.

Action: Cllr. Ellershaw and Clerk to make required changes to the contract. Clerk to find out whether Buckles need to see the final version before signing and distribution. Contract will be sent to PECT.

f. Improved signage for recreation ground. Cllr. Stalley looking into, CIL money could cover this.

g. Recreation ground goal posts. Cllr. Moon confirmed he has refurbished these. APC authorised payment to Cllr. Moon to cover the cost of materials he purchased.

Action: Clerk to set up payment.

h. Bus shelter. The idea of a list containing the names of service men and women who died from war-related causes to go up in the bus shelter. Resident has come up with a list. To be discussed in more depth in the next meeting.

i. Books in the bus shelter. Cllr. Stalley has had a sort out. Cllr. Perkins will do so this month.

j. Graffiti in bus shelter. Cllr. Perkins will continue to try and removed any graffiti.

k. Village sign work. It hasn't been done yet but should be soon, weather permitting

l. The field behind Maffit Road. It has come to APC's attention that the field was recently spread with digestate, has subsequently been ploughed and the public footpath/right of way no longer visible.

Action: Clerk to contact tenant to express concern and get some feedback before contacting the footpath team at PCC.

20. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

- a. Double yellow lines on the corner of Maffit Road. *Defer to May meeting.*

21. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

- a. Bank statements for Unity Trust Current Account & Deposit Account, invoices & receipts present at meeting.
- b. Cashbook present at the meeting.
- c. Sabbatical request from Cllr. Langston-Jones. *Grant of leave agreed by APC with a return date of around the end of October 2025.*

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Langston-Jones and set a date for his return which can then be re-assessed when the time comes.

- d. Clerk pay. *APC agreed Clerks pay scale further to the external job evaluation which was done.*
- e. Year-end/AGAR. *Page 5 of the forms was discussed and completed. Clerk to arrange internal audit.*

22. BURIAL GROUNDS

- a. Cemetery. *See planning application above, Minute 18b.*
- b. Provision for extra burial ground. *To be discussed at the JPLG meeting on 12th June.*

23. ANY ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR POINTS

- a. APC agreed to contribute to Father David's leaving do. An amount of £50 was agreed.

Action: Clerk to send Nadia APC's grant request form for completion.

24. COMMITTEE REPORTS/WORKING GROUPS

- a. JPLG. *Next meeting is on 12th June.*
 - (1) Provision of extra burial ground. *To be discussed at the next meeting.*
 - (2) Request for CCTV for crime prevention. *To be discussed at the next meeting.*
- b. PLMG. Registration of common land and 16-acre field. *Cllr. Ellershaw is exploring various options regarding the 16-acre field.*
- c. Nature Recovery. *Cllr. Stalley has refurbished a few planters and has a few plans to do some hedge filling, getting more trees and mulching the apple trees.*
- d. Good Neighbours Scheme. *Cllr. Raven attended the recent meeting and is going to produce a short article to go in the next Parish News.*

25. NEXT MEETING

- a. APC confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 19th May at 7.30pm.

26. Meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

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Clerk to Ailsworth Parish Council

9th May 2025

Signed as a true record: Chair: Dated: