

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Ailsworth Parish Council held on Monday 16th June 2025 at 7.30pm
at the Cedar Centre

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

1. ATTENDANCE

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

2. 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*.

3. OPEN FORUM

- a. John Hodder attended.
 - (1) John informed Councillors that he has heard nothing further from PCC regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.
Clerk will let John know if APC hear anything further from PCC and vice versa.
 - (2) Three residents attended to discuss item 5c below.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. To confirm [Meeting Minutes of 19th May 2024](#) held at the Cedar Centre; *Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.*

5. PLANNING

- a. **New or revised applications and current APC action:** One new planning application –
 - (1) 24/00303/HHFUL – 28 Helpston Road, Ailsworth – Replacement of 1no front elevation and 2no. rear elevation windows. *APC has no objection.*
 - (2) 24/01440/FUL – land to the South of Old Peterborough Road, Sutton – change of use of land to cemetery – *PCC confirmed receipt of APC comments. **Ongoing item.***
- b. **Planning decisions since the May meeting of APC.** *None.*
- c. **Draft Local Plan.** *APC attended a meeting with Homes England, the government agency and landowner of the proposed development land. It came to light in the meeting that as well as supporting the development north of the A47, they had suggested the inclusion of two further developments around the villages.*

- 250 houses on land west of Ailsworth backing onto Maffit Road
- 1000 houses and business space on land north of the A47 near Sutton

The two additional proposals were not included in the recently issued Draft Local Plan which PCC had consulted on.

Cllr. Ellershaw produced a presentation detailing the main points for residents to see and explained what APC will be doing to follow up. APC will be drafting a letter to send to PCC.

- d. **Neighbourhood Plan.** See Minute 3a(1) above.
- e. **Additional points.** None.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

a. CIL spending ideas list. Cllr. Stalley and Cllr. Raven have kindly continued their investigation into a few ideas. The ideas which APC are in agreement to proceed with are as follows –

(1) **Recreation ground gate.** The current gate is insecure with little security. Cllr. Stalley obtained a quote from Martin Humphries (Glendale) for the instalment of a new post with the plan to try and use the existing gate. APC has accepted his quote.

Action: Clerk to email Martin to confirm acceptance of quote.

(2) **New wooden bench/wheelchair accessible picnic table.** Prior to our meeting Cllr. Stalley and Cllr. Raven did extensive research to find the best and most suitable bench to go in the rec. They based this on it being wheelchair friendly, longevity, ease of construction etc. Three were shortlisted and it was agreed in our meeting which one we would proceed in purchasing. Cost £745 + VAT (reclaimable).

Action: Clerk to request an invoice for purchase and agree delivery date.

b. New Close land contract.

Action: Clerk & Cllr. Perkins to sign lease contract and Clerk to email it to PECT.

c. Improved/new signage for all parish land. CIL money could cover this.

Action: Clerk to recreate APC logo which could be used for all land signage along with finding a suitable sign for the rec, e.g. no motorised vehicles etc.

d. Bus shelter. Moving towards not having a list containing the names of servicemen and women who died from war related causes and having a plaque stating what the building is. The plaque will match the other signs in the village and will be outside of the building.

Action: Cllr. Perkins to come up with some wording for the plaque.

e. Books in the bus shelter. Cllr. Raven has offered to sweep inside the bus shelter this month along with tidying the books.

f. Wooden village sign refurbishment. *It hasn't been done yet. It is weather dependent.*

Action: Clerk to chase up.

g. Speeding in the village.

Action: Clerk to try and request police presence occasionally in the village.

7. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a. *ElanCity Speed Signs. The sign in Helpston Road is out of warranty. The cost to renew the warranty is £716.40 for three years.*

Action: Clerk to enquire and ask how much the sign would cost to replace. To be discussed at next meeting.

8. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

a. [Unity Trust Current Account Statement](#) and [Unity Trust Deposit Account Statement](#).

b. Rialtas – new accounting system. *In progress.*

c. Cllr. Langston-Jones. *Return date of end of October 2025.*

d. Year-end/AGAR. *Clerk confirmed that the relevant forms have been sent to the external auditor.*

e. Local Government Pension Scheme. *Clerk informed APC of how much approx. employer and employee contributions are.*

Action: Cllr. Perkins, Cllr. Stalley, Cllr. Pickett and Cllr. Raven to look into and discuss.

9. BURIAL GROUNDS

a. Cemetery. *See planning application above, Minute 5a(2). **Ongoing item.***

b. Provision for extra burial ground. *Discussed at the JPLG meeting on 12th June and will be on the agenda for the next JPLG meeting to discuss in greater depth. It is understood that burial provision is not Parish Council responsibility.*

10. ANY ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR POINTS

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS/WORKING GROUPS

a. JPLG. *Next meeting is on 11th September at 7.30pm at the Cedar Centre.*

(1) Provision of extra burial ground. *Ongoing item.*

(2) Request for CCTV for crime prevention. *Discuss at next meeting.*

(3) Litter pick. *Proposed date of 18th October has been agreed by APC and CPC. The proposed time of 10am-12pm was suggested. Details to be confirmed.*

b. PLMG (JCAP). Registration/re-registration of common land and 16-acre field. *The intention to re-register/update land with common rights was discussed. Registrations will initially be checked and confirmed by APC and CPC prior to assessing and taking forward any action.*

Cllr. Ellershaw is exploring various options regarding the 16-acre field. A meeting with Nene Park is scheduled in which Cllr. Ellershaw and Cllr. Stalley will be attending.

Summary of JPLG and draft JCAP to be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting.

c. *Nature Recovery. A big thank you to Cllr. Stalley for his continued efforts with planting, watering, seed swapping and keeping the village looking pretty.*

d. *Peterborough Partnerships Integrated Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting. Cllr. Raven attended the recent meeting and is going to produce a short article to go in the next Parish News.*

12. NEXT MEETING

a. APC confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 21st July at 7.30pm.

13. Meeting concluded at 9.27pm.

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Clerk to Ailsworth Parish Council

1st July 2025

Signed as a true record: Chair: Dated: