

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Ailsworth Parish Council held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 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, Michelle Dickens – Clerk and two members of the public.
- b. **Apologies:** Anne Raven and 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 to email PCC for an update/progress report.*

- b. Martin Chilcott attended.

(1) Martin spoke about the threat of the two housing developments by Homes England. To re-cap, their proposal is to build 250 houses in the field behind Maffit Road and to the east of Nene Overland access road. Cllr. Shaw has written a piece explaining the proposal in more depth. APC discussed in the meeting ways to get this information out to the wider community.

### 4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. To confirm [Meeting Minutes of 16th June 2024](#) held at the Cedar Centre; *Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.*

### 5. PLANNING

- a. **New or revised applications and current APC action:** No new planning applications. One tree application withdrawn by applicant (12 Maffit Road, Ailsworth).

(1) 24/01440/FUL – land to the South of Old Peterborough Road, Sutton – change of use of land to cemetery – ***Ongoing item. APC were granted an extension until the end of July to submit their comments further to the revised application.***

- b. **Planning decisions since the June meeting of APC.** *None.*

- c. **Draft Local Plan.** *The two additional proposals mentioned above were not included in the recently issued Draft Local Plan which PCC had consulted on. Further to this, Cllr. Moon is going to draft a letter to Homes England on behalf of APC.*
- d. **Neighbourhood Plan.** *See Minute 3a(1) above.*
- e. **Old Chapel.** *The building is currently on the market. PCC confirmed that they haven't received a planning application for the site.*
- f. **Additional points.** *Clerk to find out whether the newly installed fence on Kings Acre was permitted by PCC. Clerk to also find out whether the newly installed planters outside 44 Main Street comply with conservation area stipulations.*

## 6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- a. CIL spending ideas list.
  - (1) **Recreation ground gate.** *The instalment of a new post with the existing gate is complete.*
  - (2) **New wooden bench/wheelchair accessible picnic table.** *New picnic table has been ordered.*
  - (3) **Cost to be obtained for a table tennis table.**

*APC thanked Cllr. Stalley for his efforts.*

(4) *Clerk confirmed after speaking with the relevant person at PCC that unfortunately, the proposal of using some of the money for a new Parish Council website, isn't in accordance with the CIL Regulations. They state that the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL must be used to support the development of the area addressing demands that development places on the Parish.*

- b. New Close land contract.

*Action: Clerk to look at next stage in the process/invoice PECT.*

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

*Action: Ongoing research of costs and style being explored over summer by Cllr. Stalley and Cllr. Perkins.*

- 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. Ongoing item.*

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

*Action: Clerk to chase up again.*

- f. Speeding in the village.

*Action: Clerk to provide the local Sergeant with the names of the roads which are the main ones for speeding vehicles within the village. He will then add Ailsworth to his list for periodic speed checks.*

g. Litter pick. 18<sup>th</sup> October, proposed time of 10am-12pm to be agreed.

h. Local group support/grant requests. Discussion regarding local group grant request process.

i. The tree survey is booked in for 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## 7. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a. ElanCity Speed Sign warranty. APC agreed not to purchase the warranty at the present moment.

## 8. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

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

b. Rialtas – new accounting system. Almost done.

c. August plans. No meeting in August. Clerk to confirm holiday dates.

d. New website. APC to start looking into getting a new website.

e. Updated Standing Orders. Clerk emailed the document to all Cllrs. Adoption in September meeting.

f. Unity Trust. Clerk to make the necessary change so that internal transfers can take place between the current and deposit accounts without requiring two authorised approvals.

g. VAT reclaim submitted to HMRC.

h. Invoices approved for payment –

(1) Clerk expenses for June.

(2) [Nurture](#) – grass cutting for June - £324.30.

(3) [Cedar Centre](#) – room hire for April, May & June - £90.

## 9. BURIAL GROUNDS

a. Cemetery. See *planning application above, Minute 5a(1)*. Ongoing item.

b. Provision for extra burial ground. Discussed at the JPLG meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June and will be on the agenda for the next JPLG meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September to discuss in greater depth. It is understood that burial provision is not Parish Council responsibility.

## 10. ANY ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR POINTS

a. Fly-tipping along Helpston Road. Covered in Minute 11a(2) below.

b. A47 safety meeting to take place at Sacrewell on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2pm-4pm. Cllr. Perkins and Cllr. Stalley to attend.

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS/WORKING GROUPS

- a. JPLG. *Next meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Cedar Centre.*
  - (1) Provision of extra burial ground. *Ongoing item.*
  - (2) Request for CCTV for crime prevention. *APC to seek the view from the Police. Discuss at next meeting.*
  - (3) Litter pick. *Proposed date of 18<sup>th</sup> 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. *Cllr. Ellershaw looking at the common land registered for Ailsworth along with exploring various options regarding the 16-acre field. Cllr. Ellershaw has been liaising with Nene Park Trust.*

*Summary of JPLG and draft JCAP was agreed.*

- c. Nature Recovery. *A big thank you to Cllr. Stalley for his continued efforts with planting, watering etc. Cllr. Stalley confirmed that he has been offered a tree which he will plant in the recreation ground.*

**12. NEXT MEETING**

- a. APC confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

13. Meeting concluded at 9.35pm.

*Michelle Dickens*

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Clerk to Ailsworth Parish Council

4<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Signed as a true record: Chair: ..... Dated: .....**