

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Ailsworth Parish Council held on Monday 17th November 2025 at 7.30pm at the Cedar Centre

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

40. ATTENDANCE

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

41. 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*.

42. OPEN FORUM

- a. A resident attended to speak with APC regarding his planning application. APC appreciated him coming along and confirmed that they had no objections.
- b. John Hodder attended.
- c. Neil Boyce from CPC attended. He mentioned that interest had been shown in the Methodist Church being a shop. APC had a discussion about the pros and cons.
- d. Martin Chilcott attended. A discussion regarding the draft Local Plan was had.

43. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. To confirm [Meeting Minutes of 20th October 2025](#) held at the Cedar Centre; *Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.*

44. PLANNING

- a. [Planning/tree applications log](#) – current log/status report.
- b. Planning/tree application decisions/status changes since the previous meeting –
 - (1) [25/01159/FUL](#) – Ailsworth Methodist Church, Main Street, Ailsworth - proposed change of use from Chapel (F1) to 3no. residential dwellings including creation of new door/window openings and demolition of existing extension – **withdrawn by applicant.**
 - (2) [25/01199/CTR](#) - 111 Peterborough Road, Ailsworth - (T1) Reduction of heaven tree crown by 35% and reduce over hanging – **permitted.**
 - (3) [24/01440/FUL](#) - Land To The South Of Old Peterborough Road, Sutton - Change of use of land to cemetery including ceremony building, maintenance building, car parking and soft landscaping – **APC submitted their formal objection to PCC.**

c. Planning/tree applications to consider since the previous meeting – one new planning application -

(1) [25/01343/HHFUL](#) - 18 Casworth Way, Ailsworth - Single storey flat roof extension and internal alterations (part-retrospective). **APC has no objections.**

d. Draft Local Plan. Parish Council only has been asked by PCC to comment on the new proposal put forward by 19th December. Cllr. Moon will be writing his comments on additional housing and will circulate to all Councillors. APC agreed on the general approach of what to say. It might be a possibility that APC will have to pay for legal planning advice with regards to the DLP and NP and get the best advice available.

45. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

a. CIL projects. A few ideas are in the pipeline with regards to the use of the CIL money. These ideas range from a table tennis table on the rec and replacement benches in the future. Further discussion to be had and ideas are very welcome.

b. Improved/new signage for all parish land. In progress.

c. Bus shelter names/memorial list. In progress.

d. Tree work has been done to the oak and large sycamore in the rec.

e. Litter pick. After a very successful litter pick APC was happy to receive feedback for future litter picks.

f. Allotment review. In the pipeline.

g. 16-acre field update. The idea is for NPT to use the field for standard cereal crop for the first year and bird seed thereafter. APC are having ongoing conversations with NPT regarding the use of the land and the contract.

h. Rec zip line. Clerk to look into when the zip line was installed, if there was a warranty and for how long along with reaching out to Jane Jarvis at PCC.

46. **HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY**

a. Path request from resident between Chapel Lane Close and Holme Road, down Helpston Road. Highways has confirmed that they aren't prepared to put in a footpath or additional signage. They believe drivers should be adhering to the 20mph speed limit along that stretch.

47. **FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

a. [Unity Trust Current Account Statement](#) for October.

b. [Unity Trust Deposit Account Statement](#) for October.

c. Unity Trust Current Account [reconciliation](#) and [transactions](#) for October.

d. Unity Trust Deposit Account [reconciliation](#) for October. Please note there were no transactions in October.

- e. Budget. Preparation has started and a finance group meeting will be set up to go through figures.
- f. APC organised a meeting between themselves and MP Sam Carling, mainly to discuss current concerns over proposed housing development in the village and the threat to the rural community and nature.
- g. Budget for Christmas decorations for village green (new set of lights too) of £50 was agreed by all.
- h. Clerk Pension Scheme. Commencing next month with Nest being the provider.
- i. New website and email system. Clerk to go back to Parish Online, who is the potential new provider with a couple of questions about document storage and accessibility to documents.
- j. **Financial Regulations** – approved.
- k. Invoices to be authorised for payment –
 - (a) **Clerk expenses** for October.
 - (b) Reimbursement to Clerk for **Remembrance wreath** - £24.49.
 - (c) **Tom Sharpe invoice** for tree works mentioned above - £650.
 - (d) **Glyn Mould** for village sign refurbishment - £440 (split equally between APC & CPC).

48. **BURIAL GROUNDS**

- a. Cemetery – see planning application mentioned above, item 44b(3).
- b. Provision of extra burial ground. Discussed at the JPLG meeting on 11th September. APC has agreed to put the item on hold until the new church rector has taken over in the new year.

49. **ANY ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR POINTS**

- a. None.

50. **COMMITTEE REPORTS/WORKING GROUPS**

- a. JPLG –
 - (1) Next JPLG meeting is on 15th January 2026. Agenda has been circulated.
- b. Nature Recovery Group. Discussion and purchase of trees for recreation ground for planting this winter. APC were all in agreement to purchase new trees with a max budget of £200 per tree. Cllr. Stalley to look into and decide which trees are best to get and Clerk will place the order.
- c. Parish Liaison meeting. Date to be confirmed.

51. **NEXT MEETING**

a. APC confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 15th December 2025.

52. Meeting concluded at 9.40pm.

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Clerk to Ailsworth Parish Council

3rd December 2025

Signed as a true record: Chair: Dated: