

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Ailsworth Parish Council held on Monday 15th December 2025 at 7pm at the Cedar Centre

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

53. 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.

54. 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*.

55. OPEN FORUM

- a. John Hodder attended.
- b. Martin Chilcott attended.

56. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. To confirm [Meeting Minutes of 17th November 2025](#) held at the Cedar Centre; *Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.*

57. PLANNING

- a. [Planning/tree applications log](#) – current log/status report.
- b. Planning/tree application decisions/status changes since the previous meeting –
 - (1) [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 previously. Meeting at Sand Martin House deferred. Date tbc.**
 - (2) [25/01343/HHFUL](#) – 18 Casworth Way, Ailsworth – single storey flat roof extension and internal alterations – **permitted.**
- c. Planning/tree applications to consider since the previous meeting – **one new tree application and one new planning application -**
 - (1) [25/01530/CTR](#) - 78 Peterborough Road, Ailsworth - Fell x 2no. Leyland Cypress. **APC has no objection.**
 - (2) [25/01574/HHFUL](#) – 10 Holme Close, Ailsworth - Single storey rear extension. **APC has no objection.**

d. Draft Local Plan (Parish Council comments to be with PCC by 19th December). Cllr. Moon will be drafting APC's response in relation to the three proposed sites – Maffit Road, Station Road and Splash Lane. APC's response will be in the public domain once submitted. APC reached out to the parish for comment via a short questionnaire, all comments will be taken into consideration. Thank you to those who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

e. Neighbourhood plan. APC agreed to pay for funding for legal planning advice. APC and CPC will be obtaining this together. *Approximate* cost £2,000 per Parish Council. Cllr. Perkins to inform David Shaw from CPC that APC wishes to proceed.

58. **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. All ideas are very welcome and will be considered.

b. Nature Recovery.

(1) Cllr. Stalley is in the process of creating a new sign for the Nature Recovery area in the rec. The sign will detail things like the types of wildlife, insects and plants which can be seen in that area etc. APC agreed the sign will be a great addition. CIL money will cover the cost of this which is approximately £250.

(2) Cllr. Stalley confirmed that two new tulip trees and one green beach tree have been planted in the rec along with six apple trees and more wildflowers.

c. Improved/new signage for all parish land. In progress. See Minute 58b above.

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

e. 16-acre field update.

(1) The idea is for NPT to use the field for standard cereal crop for the first year and bird seed thereafter. A draft agreement has been drawn up by NPT which APC are going to get an independent review of to ensure nothing has been missed/all is correct.

(2) Cllr. Perkins has been invited to attend a meeting with NPT in the new year.

(3) The idea of NPT liaison meetings being set up again was suggested.

f. Rec zip line. Wicksteed who was the supplier of the zip line confirmed that cableway tensioning is not covered under the guarantee/warranty but is a straightforward fix. Clerk has reached out to PCC to see whether it could be done under the routine maintenance when the rec equipment is inspected.

59. **HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY**

60. **FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

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

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

- c. Unity Trust Current Account [reconciliation](#) and [transactions](#) for November.
- d. Unity Trust Deposit Account [reconciliation](#) for November. Please note there were no transactions in November.
- e. Budget 2026/27. APC's Finance Group prepared the draft budget for 2026/27 which was presented to full council with their proposals. APC considered the options before them, the level of reserves at their disposal and the initiatives and commitments for the forthcoming financial year. APC resolved to agree a budget of £26,133.82 funded by receipts of £15,594 and £10,539.82 precept. Clerk to submit relevant forms to PCC by 5th January 2026.
- f. New website and email system. APC agreed to proceed with Parish Online. Clerk to instruct them accordingly.
- g. Good Neighbours Scheme. APC agreed that at the present moment they do not have the requirement to be part of the scheme. It will be reviewed again in the future.
- h. Invoices to be authorised for payment –
 - (a) [Clerk expenses](#) for November.
 - (b) [Water bill](#) - £6.61.
 - (c) [Cedar Centre invoice](#) - £150.
 - (d) [Nurture invoice](#) – November mowing - £324.30.
 - (e) [CAPALC invoice](#) – Finance for Councillor Training Course - £35.

61. BURIAL GROUNDS

- a. Cemetery – see planning application mentioned above, item 57b(1).
- b. Provision of extra burial ground. APC has agreed to put the item on hold until the new church rector has taken over in the new year.

62. ANY ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR POINTS

- a. None.

63. COMMITTEE REPORTS/WORKING GROUPS

- a. JPLG –
 - (1) Next JPLG meeting is on 15th January 2026. Agenda has been circulated.
- b. Parish Liaison meeting. Date to be confirmed.

64. NEXT MEETING

- a. APC confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 19th January 2026.

- 65. Meeting concluded at 9.06pm.

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Clerk to Ailsworth Parish Council

19th December 2025

Signed as a true record: Chair: Dated: