

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ON MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM

Held at the Cedar Centre, Castor

Present were Councillors Dr M Ellershaw (Vice-Chairman, arrived 7.35pm), Mr R Moon, Mrs A Perkins, Mrs J Pickett (Chairman) and **Clerk** Miss J Rice

Members of the public Mr J Gibbison (Hereward Homes)

21/157	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. To receive apologies sent to the Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr S Langston Jones, Cllr J Phillips, Cllr M Samways (and Cllr Ellershaw arrived 7.35pm)
21/158	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive all declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. Reminder to members to update their register if necessary. (Members should disclose any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable <i>Pecuniary</i> Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business). There were no declarations of interest made.
21/159	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Arrangements were made for the public to join the meeting and a maximum of 15 minutes was permitted for members of the public to address the meeting on any item on the agenda. Mr J Gibbison explained his interest in the application for development of the Vogel commercial site for residential properties (item 161.6), having done other, similar developments in Castor and Ailsworth in the past. He explained Vogel's preference to expand and move to a bigger site that they have in mind in Peterborough and that it needs the higher revenue from a development sale, rather than commercial, to facilitate the plans. He disputed the comments made by the Planning Officer about the loss of employment, due to it not being a good location for jobs, and how they were asked by the Parish Council if they were going to develop the site in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. He stressed he was keen to avoid refusal of the application and then an appeal and would rather request a Planning Committee to make a decision. He stated that he will respond to the Tree Officer and Conservation Officer reports with some points disputed and some support for retaining hedges and trees where possible. A discussion took place on how they could be better protected to avoid new residents from removing them. J Gibbison explained that a sale had been attempted previously but it was not to value. It was suggested that there could be more job opportunities at a new location and that also there could be more traffic if the existing site attracted more employees and J Gibbison agreed to try to find out more about the new site.
21/160	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING To confirm as correct the record of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022, Chairman to sign. The minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
21/161	PLANNING APPLICATIONS – TO AGREE RESPONSE TO NEW APPLICATIONS AND NOTE OUTCOME OF OTHERS
	161.1 22/00059/HHFUL detached garage and storage within the existing curtilage of the property at 15 Main St, deadline 16/2/22, extension requested. After some discussion, it was resolved to not support this application due to an over-development of the site and an over-bearing result not in keeping with neighbouring properties and not in line with the Neighbourhood Plan policy AH1. Action Clerk to send response.
	161.2 21/01970/CTR Fell 2 x Ash due to proximity to wall at 39 Main St, permitted 25/1/22
	161.3 21/01856/HHFUL S/S rear extension, alterations to cladding, render and fenestration to rear and side elevations etc at 29 Maffit Road, permitted 31/1/22
	161.4 21/01758/HHFUL conversion of roof space to habitable use to include a front dormer at 12 Andrew Close, permitted 27/1/22
	161.5 21/00791/HHFUL proposed 2 storey rear extension and garage extension to the front at 27 Maffit Road, refused on 11/2/22.
	161.6 21/01943/FUL Demolition of existing building and erection of 4 dwellings, garages, parking, access, soft landscaping and associated infrastructure at Castor Business Centre, Vogel Training Centre site, Helpston

Signed by Chairman _____ Date _____

		<p>Road. Deadline passed and some comments sent, however query from developer raised to agree a response to.</p> <p>After some discussion, it was resolved to support the development for residential use as it immediately abuts the village envelope and is in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. The response will also mention that if the Planning Officer is still minded to refuse the application, the Parish Council will support referral to a Planning Committee instead of a delegated decision. It was also agreed to re-iterate the support for protection of the trees. Action Clerk to send response</p>
21/162	PARISH LAND AND ALLOTMENTS	
	162.1	<p>To receive information relating to grass cutting requirements and resolve to appoint a contractor if possible.</p> <p>The requirements were not available before the meeting. It was agreed to confirm them after the meeting and obtain quotes for the next meeting. Action Nature Recovery Group/Clerk</p>
	162.2	<p>To receive update on Nature Recovery Project and agree expenditure on tree stakes and plug plants.</p> <p>An update had been circulated and it was agreed to the additional expenditure up to the maximum budget available. Action M Stalley/Clerk</p>
21/163	ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP	
	163.1	<p>To note update re MVAS/pole install; device delivered, and PCC state cannot fit until April.</p> <p>Cllr Perkins explained the current, problematic situation with the device and delay with the pole installation. It was agreed she will also contact PCC Highways and ask for urgent action, as per the Clerk. Action Cllr Perkins</p>
21/164	<p>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</p> <p>To resolve date and format of the annual parish meeting – ideas circulated.</p> <p>No decision was reached, and it was agreed to ask CPC if a joint Annual Parish meeting could be held with invites to village groups and clubs to attend. Action Clerk</p>	
21/165	<p>PARISH PROJECTS</p> <p>To receive update on applications to nominate assets of community value and agree next steps regarding Paper Shop.</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated confirmation that 3 applications were recommended for approval by PCC for the Coffee Shop, the Chapel and the Medical Centre. The application for the Paper Shop needs to be re-submitted due to the residential floor part of the existing location/application. It was agreed to submit a shop/bottom floor application and the Clerk requested any evidence on community use to be sent to her as this is vital for success. Cllr Pickett will ask residents who had deliveries for evidence. Action All/Clerk</p>	
21/166	ORDERS FOR PAYMENT; The following payments were authorised to be made;	
	166.1	Clerk pay £272.16 plus home office £26 - PAYE see below, payable 28/2/22
	166.2	Reimburse ink shared plan pm J Rice paid February
	166.3	J Rice mileage Jan/Feb
	166.4	Employer HMRC payment February to be deducted from salary, tax code change to BR
	166.5	Clerk, J Rice, 10 extra hours worked Jan/Feb
	166.6	Cedar Centre hire charge for 17/1 and 21/2 invoices 22.09 and 22.16
	166.7	Hedge cutting at recreation ground, D Burton
	166.8	Nature Recovery Plan
21/167	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING It was noted that the next Parish Council meeting is 21st March 2022 at 7.30pm, venue Chapel unless notified otherwise.</p>	

Signed by Chairman _____ Date _____