

# AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Ailsworth Parish Council held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 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. Cllr. Perkins introduced the new Clerk to all present in the meeting.

b. John Hodder attended.

(1) John informed APC that the changes to the Neighbourhood Plan review have been done and submitted to PCC. He asked if the Clerk could make contact with the Planning Department at PCC to ensure that the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan is looked at separately to Castors, to prevent any delays/hold ups. Clerk to email Maria Cafano at PCC to confirm this.

c. David Shaw attended.

(1) David discussed the recently published Draft Local Plan which is in the public domain on PCC's website. He wanted to explain in more depth the local objections to the called for sites and wanted to emphasise that he is gathering information to back up the objection. He is going to keep communicating with Homes England. The public consultation for the Draft Local Plan is from 11<sup>th</sup> April and will finish on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

d. Martin Chilcott attended.

(1) Martin expressed briefly to APC his views on the Draft Local Plan.

### 4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. To confirm Meeting Minutes of 17th February 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 applications.

b. **Planning decisions since the February meeting of APC:**

- (1) One tree application permitted.
- (2) 24/01440/FUL – land to the south of old Peterborough Road, Sutton - change of use of land to the to cemetery – *Awaiting decision.*

c. **Draft Local Plan.**

(1) *The Draft Local Plan has been published on the City Council website. It can be viewed via the following link – Agenda for Planning and Environmental Protection Committee on Tuesday 18th March, 2025, 1.30 pm | Peterborough City Council It will be on the next APC agenda for discussion.*

(2) *Parish Council Liaison meeting to discuss the Draft Local Plan Consultation. Meeting is scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.30pm at Sand Martin House.*

d. **Additional queries.** *None.*

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

a. Recreation ground hedge/tree work. *Two quotes received from local tree surgeons. It was agreed APC will proceed with Sam Trimmer to do the work based on the quotes received. His quote was £216 including VAT.*

*Action: Clerk to instruct Sam to proceed and ask him when he can do the work.*

b. Village Litter pick. *The village litter pick is taking place. A big thank you to CPC for organising. It was agreed that APC would contribute to the pie & a pint at the Feathers afterwards. A maximum amount of £100 was agreed but not more than half of the total cost.*

*Action: Clerk to find out how much the total cost was and arrange payment to CPC.*

c. Village sign work. *Work to the wooden village sign to commence shortly.*

d. Recreation ground goal posts. *Cllr. Moon has offered to paint the goal posts. An amount of £25 has been agreed for him to purchase the paint to do so.*

e. Scooter/skate area in recreation ground. *It was agreed we would add the idea to the list we are compiling for the CIL money to be spent on.*

f. Improved signage for recreation ground.

*Action: Cllr. Perkins and Cllr. Stalley to look into this.*

g. Bus shelter. *The idea of a list containing the names of service men and women who died from war-related causes to go up in the bus shelter. Further discussion at next meeting.*

h. Books in bus shelter. *It was agreed that the books will be reviewed once a month and any old ones removed.*

*Action: Cllr. Stalley will do so this month.*

i. Graffiti in bus shelter.

*Action: Cllr. Perkins is going to have a look and see if it can be removed.*

j. VE Day. *The Celebration Group has emailed the plan for VE Day celebrations which will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. They have asked for a grant of £400 and have emailed a completed grant request form. Councillors approved this but have asked if*

*a profit is made from the event, they would like half of the grant contribution back. The grant will come out of the current years grant/donations budget.*

*Action: Clerk to set up the payment and inform Amy Boyle of the above.*

k. Tennis club. *Update email circulated previously to all Councillors. Discussed and ongoing.*

l. Homes England new signs 'all dogs on leads'. *Noted.*

m. New Close land. *Buckles Solicitors have received the lease contract to review.*

*Action: Clerk to continue to chase Buckles Solicitors for an update.*

n. Bus service celebration for one year back in service. *Sue McGill attended the meeting to request a grant for an event she is planning on 5<sup>th</sup> June, to celebrate one year of the bus service resuming. APC agreed on a grant of £40 which will be paid out of the grant/donations 2025/26 budget.*

*Action: Clerk to send Sue APC's grant request form for completion.*

## **7. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY**

a. Double yellow lines on the corner of Maffit Road. *Defer to April meeting for further discussion.*

*Action: Cllr. Perkins to find emails from Highways at PCC in the meantime regarding this.*

## **8. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

a. Monthly Reconciliation for February for Unity Trust Current Account.

b. Monthly Reconciliation for February for Unity Trust Deposit Account.

c. Bank statements for Unity Trust Current Account & Deposit Account, invoices & receipts present at meeting.

d. Invoices received since last meeting were approved by Cllr. Perkins.

*Action: Clerk to set the payments up.*

e. CIL money. *A subgroup (CIL Committee) has been introduced consisting of Cllr. Perkins, Cllr. Stalley and Cllr. Ellershaw.*

*Action: The above-mentioned Cllrs will be coming up with ideas on how the CIL money can be spent. Ideas from residents are most welcome.*

*Email from John Judge regarding ideas of how S106 (CIL) money can be spent acknowledged.*

*Action: Clerk to reply to John.*

## **9. BURIAL GROUNDS**

## **10. ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR MATTERS**

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS/WORKING GROUPS**

a. Joint Parish Liaison Group. *Next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May.*

(1) Provision of extra burial ground. *To be discussed at the next meeting.*

(2) Request for CCTV for crime prevention. *To be discussed at the next meeting.*

b. PLMG. *Registration of common land. Defer to April meeting.*

c. Nature Recovery Group.

(1) *Cllr. Stalley and Cllr. Ellershaw attended a meeting with Nene Park Trust. They are going to forward the Minutes from the meeting.*

(2) *Cllr. Stalley asked for approval to purchase tree signs, whips and bark etc from the current years Nature Recovery budget. APC were all in agreement of this.*

d. Good Neighbours Scheme. *Cllr. Pickett to attend the next meeting in place of Cllr. Raven who is unable to attend.*

## 12. **NEXT MEETING**

a. APC confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on this date with our routine monthly meeting.

13. Meeting concluded at 9.36pm.

Michelle Dickens

Clerk & RFO to Ailsworth Parish Council

24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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