

AILSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Ailsworth Parish Council held on Monday 19th January 2026 at 7.30pm at the Cedar Centre

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

66. 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.

67. 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*.

68. OPEN FORUM

- a. John Hodder attended – (see Minute 76a1)
- b. David Shaw attended – (see Minute 70e).

69. PREVIOUS MINUTES

To confirm [Meeting Minutes of 15th December 2025](#) held at the Cedar Centre; *Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.*

70. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. [Planning/tree applications log](#) – current log/status report.
- b. Planning/tree application decisions/status changes since the previous meeting –
 - (1) 25/01530/CTR - 78 Peterborough Road, Ailsworth - Fell x 2no. Leyland Cypress – **permitted**.
 - (2) [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**.
- c. Planning/tree applications to consider since the previous meeting – **none**.
- d. Draft Local Plan. APC's comments on the three sites (Maffit Road, Station Road and Splash Lane) were submitted to PCC on 19th December. A big thank you to Cllr. Moon for all of his hard work on this.
- e. Neighbourhood plan. APC is keen to get the 5-year housing requirement figure from PCC. The suggestion of a joint meeting with CPC and PCC Planners was discussed. David Shaw is making some enquiries.

71. COMMUNITY MATTERS

- a. CIL projects/spending ideas. A few ideas are in mind and were discussed.
 - (1) A table tennis table in the rec which Cllr. Stalley is going to look into further, new planters for the green, the addition of a bench on the green and a pump track which Cllr. Ellershaw is going to look into. **Please let APC of any ideas you may have.**
 - (2) Fly-tipping cameras. There are so many rules and regulations with taking car registration plates/ANPR readers. A nature watch camera was suggested and could be put at the fly tipping sites. Clerk to contact PCC to see whether this is something they can do and get some suggestions from them if not as the problem appears to be getting worse.
- b. Nature Recovery.
 - (1) Cllr. Stalley has been continuing his work on the sign for the nature recovery area. The draft sign was circulated to all Cllrs. previously. Ideas and minor amendments are going to be sent to him which he can incorporate. The £250 discussed in the previous meeting is for the cost of the artwork on the sign.
 - (2) Cllr. Stalley has some hawthorn plants to fill in the gaps in the hedging.
- c. Improved/new signage for all parish land. Recurring item.
- d. Bus shelter names/memorial list. Holding off for now until APC's new website is up and running.
- e. Bus shelter. APC is considering leaving the bus shelter unlocked when Mr McGinn no longer locks and unlocks it. There will be a trial period to see how it goes.
- f. 16-acre field update and discussion. Cllr. Ellershaw circulated the draft agreement between APC and NPT to the land management group. The contract is going to be legally checked to ensure everything is covered. It was suggested that a walk around the site with NPT is a good idea so it's clear what's there and to discuss the plan for the area.
- g. Rec maintenance and zip line. Clerk to contact PCC regarding the tightening of the zip line.

72. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

- a. None.

73. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

- a. [Unity Trust Current Account Statement](#) for December.
- b. [Unity Trust Deposit Account Statement](#) for December.
- c. Unity Trust Current Account [reconciliation](#) and [transactions](#) for December.
- d. Unity Trust Deposit Account [reconciliation](#) and [transactions](#) for December.

- e. Resignation of Cllr. Langston-Jones. The resignation of Cllr. Langston-Jones was noted. His hard work whilst on board was recognised which APC appreciates.
- f. Budget/precept form submission to PCC. The budget for 2026/27 has been submitted to PCC. Clerk confirmed final submission figures with APC.
- g. Quarterly finance checker. Cllr. Pickett has offered to do this.
- h. Mowing tender quotes. Quotes received for the mowing for the next season. Nurture who APC currently uses have come out the cheapest. Further discussion and decision to be made at the next meeting.
- i. New website (information audit and storage review) and email system. Discussed and agreed what APC needs. Clerk to arrange for the domain to be transferred to Parish Online so the building of the new website can commence. The email migration will take place once the new website is up & running, also hosted by Parish Online.
- j. Invoices to be authorised for payment –
 - (a) [Clerk expenses](#) for December. Approved.
 - (b) [Nurture invoice](#) – December mowing - £324.30. Approved.

74. BURIAL GROUNDS

- a. Cemetery – see planning application mentioned above, item 70b(2).
- b. Provision of extra burial ground. APC has agreed to put the item on hold until the new church rector has taken over. Recurring item.

75. ANY ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR POINTS

- a. None.

76. COMMITTEE REPORTS/WORKING GROUPS

- a. JPLG –
 - (1) Feedback from 15th January meeting. Agreed to consider item 7.3 of the Minutes in the February meeting.
- b. PLMG.
- c. Parish Liaison meeting – date to be confirmed.

77. NEXT MEETING

- a. APC confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 23rd February 2026.

78. Meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

Michelle Dickens

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Clerk to Ailsworth Parish Council

4th February 2026

Signed as a true record: Chair: Dated: