

**JPLG MEETING THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021  
at 7.30 PM in the Cedar Centre**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>APC:</b>	<b>CPC:</b>	<b>CANPWG:</b>
	Joan Pickett	Neil Boyce David Shaw Dennis Surgeon	Dai Rowlands (Chair) John Hodder Sue Nash (for item 2) Eileen Stalley (for item 2)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Steve Davies (CPC), Anne Perkins (APC), Fi Rowlands (CPC), Michael Samways (APC), Jane Greene (CPC) and Megan Ellershaw (APC).

**2. Climate Change**

2.1 Sue Nash and Eileen Stalley gave an update on behalf of the Castor & Ailsworth Climate Change Action Group. Members had attended climate events, developed wider contacts and shared ideas with other groups. They had also spoken at a village WI meeting and planned an event at the Village Hall later in the year following the UN COP meeting, to widen discussion of the subject and encourage involvement.

2.2 Sue & Andrew Nash had forwarded examples of declarations/policies from three parish councils to both PC Clerks and Chairs for consideration. These would be considered by each PC at their formal meetings and the PCs would work jointly and in liaison with members of the Action Group to develop a common text. Each PC could then produce a separate document using the common text as this would carry more weight.  
**Action: Both PCs to discuss at their coming meetings and liaise jointly with the Action Group to develop a text for discussion at the next JPLG meeting.**

2.3 The Castor & Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) include reference to environmental considerations for building development. Further consideration of climate change initiatives would be considered when the NPs are reviewed and incorporated where appropriate. It was suggested that the PCs could also consider the installation of charging points for cars at key locations.

2.4 The current inability for PCC to continue brown bin collections due to crew shortages was a concern and it was suggested that the PCs could organise a skip for garden waste later in the year, perhaps in November, to assist residents and reduce the need for individual trips to the City's tip. The skip would need to be supervised to restrict use to garden waste  
**Action: PCs to liaise and arrange.**

**3. Declarations of interest**

None declared.

**4. Action Points from previous meeting 16 December 2020**

4.1 Item 11 - The proposed litter pick had not taken place and further exercises were not feasible for the foreseeable future as PCC did not have the capacity to collect the refuse due to crew shortages.

4.2 Item 14.2 - Further concerns had been raised by residents' about the noise of parachute planes from Sibson Airfield and it had been suggested that that this could constitute a statutory nuisance. Neil had investigated and from a regulatory perspective it seemed there were very limited options to pursue this.

He had again been in touch with the owner of the Parachute Club who had confirmed that the flight plans had been amended following Neil's previous representations, to avoid flights directly over Castor & Ailsworth as well as Elton & Stibbington. Whilst changes in wind direction could be a contributory factor it was evident that some pilots were not following the new flight arrangements.

Nobody was against the parachute activity as such and it was recognised that other planes also used the airfield. However, it was the noise and frequency of the parachute planes that caused concern. It was understood that the activity would end in October until next year. Since Sibson lies in the neighbouring local authority area it was suggested that both PCs write to seek advice from the local MP as to how best to deal with any ongoing difficulties (copying in Ward Councillors).

**Action: 1. PCs to liaise and write to MPs.**

**2. Dates and times of offending flights should continue to be noted and passed on to Neil**

**who would again raise it with the owner.**

4.4 Remaining action points had either been attended to or covered by agenda items below.

### **5. Speedwatch/Road Safety Working Party**

5.1 The 20 mph roundels and other road markings had now been completed. CPC had installed their 20 mph speed monitoring camera and re-sited the old one in the 30 mph zone at the top of Love's Hill. The lamp post for the camera planned for Helpston Road in Ailsworth was not suitable to take the intended new sign and this was still action in hand.

5.2 Training could now be arranged for Speedwatch activity to commence and enquiries were being made to establish whether the new speed camera could be used for that purpose.

**Action: Speedwatch/Road Safety Working Party.**

### **6. Ongoing review of JCAP actions**

**JCAP 1.3/4.3, Woodlands** - Nothing new to report other than the opening of the Care Home had been delayed.

**JCAP 1.4, Village Housing Trust** - Now that work at the Care Home at Woodlands was well advanced the implications of this would now be explored as previously agreed.

**JCAP 2.2, StKBPT** - It was understood that the Church guide had been republished.

**JCAP2.3/4.6, PC Nature Recovery Plans** - CPC had recently held an open day for residents in the Coppice and were happy to host visits by interested groups. APC were continuing to work on the 'rewilding' of part of their recreation ground and they too were planning an event to further publicise it to residents.

**JCAP3.3, Speeding** - See item 5 above.

**JCAP3.4, Support for the Village Shop** - See item 8.

**JCAP4.1, Cycle West** - The neighbouring parish of Sutton had clearly raised concerns about the planning proposal and it was understood Cycle West were likely to appeal.

**JCAP4.5, Litter Picks** - See 4.1 above.

**Action: John Hodder will update relevant JCAP items and circulate a draft for PC approval.**

### **7. Neighbourhood Plans**

The PCs were content that the non-housing policies in their NPs were operating effectively and seemed unlikely to require amendment when the NPs are reviewed. It remained unclear when any changes to planning legislation might be brought forward or what they might entail. Given that the NPs were not due for review until the end of next year it seemed sensible to await developments. However, assuming that a village fete could be held next year that would perhaps be a good time to begin to gauge residents' views on the impact of the NPs, to feed into the review in due course.

**Action: PCs to consider and liaise prior to the fete if arranged.**

### **8. Village Shop**

Change of use had been granted for the shop to continue operating from the house next door during building work. However, the approval was limited and due to cease on or before 30 November 2021, with all associated shop goods removed from the site within 3 months of that date. The original shop had been demolished and some building work commenced. It seemed unlikely that it would be completed in the timescale allowed and the PCs would continue to liaise informally with the shop owner.

**Action: PCs.**

### **9. Health Care**

Anne Perkins had volunteered to be on the Patients' Group for the practice some months ago and had made enquiries about when a meeting might take place. No meeting has yet been forthcoming and Anne

will keep trying. The surgery was now open daily and it was noted that flu jabs were currently being administered.

## **10. COVID 19/Coronavirus**

It seemed that Peterborough as a whole remained above the national average in terms of vaccination rates, though there remains resistance in some community groups. Figures for Castor & Ailsworth continued to be combined with Orton West which probably distorted the position in the parishes themselves. It would be helpful if we could obtain specific data for our two parishes in the longer term. Whilst the city hospital had no Covid patients for one week in August the numbers had been steadily rising since.

## **11. Any other business?**

11.1 The JPLG terms of reference were due for review annually and were last considered by CPC and APC in October and November last year respectively. It was suggested that each PC review the ToR at their coming meetings prior to the next joint meeting and consider whether any changes were needed.

**Action: PCs.**

11.2 Jenny Rice had mentioned by email that she'd had various enquiries asking whether remembrance events were planned. Other than the annual Church Remembrance Service those present were unaware of other events.

11.3 Both PCs had considered whether they could make donations to the recently formed First Responder team and it was understood that they were a volunteer group which needed to raise funds for their initial equipment. They would be trained by the NHS and equipment would subsequently be maintained by the NHS. There was therefore no bar to PCs contributing to the initial requirement. It was understood that most of the funding had been obtained and they currently needed a further £650. Neil would propose to CPC that they fund half of this and Joan confirmed that APC would also consider a donation.

**Action: Neil and Joan with their respective PCs.**

## **12. Date of next meeting**

In the **Cedar Centre at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13 January 2022** as face to face meetings were considered more productive than Zoom.

**Action: Neil will make the necessary booking and confirm.**