

Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Poulshot Village Hall
At 19:30 on Tuesday 4th November 2008.

Parish Council Meeting

Attendance

Attending -

Mr Michael Hues (MH)
Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA)
Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN)
Mr Geoffrey Collett (GC)
Mr Joe Baber (JB)
Mrs Pat Rugg (PR)

Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*

Apologies - WPC Amanda Parkes
Nick Hunloke
Steve Housby

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

1. 56/08/09 - Welcome and apologies

MH opened the meeting, welcomed the public and passed on apologies from
WPC Amanda Parkes
Councillor Nick Hunloke
Councillor Steve Housby

Open session

The Chairman opened the public session. Mr Ivor Sault rose to inform the council that he has received a report back from Kennet with regard any development of land in the centre of the village, this states that at least 50% of any housing development must be affordable housing.

Mr Sault explained that affordable houses were for rental through a housing association and not for purchasing on a part ownership option.

As the land is in a conservation area the planners would insist that the existing buildings on site should be maintained and developed and that the existing yard area should be maintained.

Mr Sault handed over copies of the plans for council members and public to review and stated that copies were available to anyone who wished to see them.

He explained that at present the plan would be to build 6 houses for private sale and 5 for a housing association and that they are currently in discussions with Sarsen Housing.

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He would expect that no planning would be put forward prior to December 2008. Most likely time scales would be application in March 2009 with 9 months deliberation and negotiation meaning early 2010 before work would commence.

MH Closed the Open session

2. 57/08/09- Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of last meeting 2/09/08, were reviewed and no comments were received. The minutes were then approved by the council and signed by MH in the presence of the council.

3. Matters arising

a. 58/08/09 Trees on Village Green

The Chairman reported that three quotes had been obtained for the work and the quotation from Acer Tree Surgeons had been accepted.

The required application to Kennet had been entered and it is hoped that the work will be started on 11th December 2008. MH to report back at next meeting on progress.

(MH)

b. 59/08/09 Hay Lane – Update from Solicitors

The chairman reports that there had been no news from David Bousfield.

c. 60/08/09 Allotments -

MN raised an issued from Mr Longden with regard the tenancy agreement sent out in October (as agreed in point 47/08/09 previous meeting). Concerns over clause 5 c and f, with regard the keeping of hens or rabbits on the allotments, for personal use only. Mr Longden queried how you could keep animals when clause 5 f states no building could be erected. Clerk pointed out to MN that the agreement states that no **permanent** structure could be erected and that this was a standard council tenancy used in line with the ‘Allotment act of 1908-1950’ and was obtained from the National Association of Local Councils.

d. 61/08/09 Caen Hill – Speed Concerns

The Chairman read out the letter sent to the WCC from Andrew MacLachlan, the Chairman of the Devizes Community Area Safety Committee, as discussed at meeting on 2nd September 08. The letter raised the safety of Caen Hill Dual Carriageway, the letter states that between 01/03/1998 and 31/03/2008 there have been 58 road accidents resulting in 8 fatalities, 10 serious injuries and 77 slight injuries; the clerk explained that there was no further information with regard a response from WCC. MN raised the increasing concerns of the council with regard crossing the Dual Carriageway on foot, MN suggested that the idea of a foot bridge for pedestrian safety should be raised with WCC, all council members agreed that a letter should be written. Clerk to write to WCC. (MG)

e. 62/08/09 Rowde Village Council – summer 2009 Plans

The chairman explained that the council had been invited to Rowde Parish Council meeting on 19th November 2008 to join the discussions for any plans in the summer of

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2009; the clerk stated that she would be unable to attend and no other responses were received from council members. MH explained that he would attend and that he would welcome any other councillors attending. (MH)

f. 63/08/09 Unitary Council Meeting 22nd October 2008

The chairman explained that he and the clerk had attended a the discussion forum at Devizes Corn Exchange in October, he then read out some rough minutes taken at the forum and explained that there was nothing new at the meeting and that he would suggest that council members attempt to attend a similar discussion forum, more are being held throughout November 08 details could be obtained from the Clerk.

g. 64/08/09 Village Hall – Progress report

MN reported that the roof is now on and that progress is good, the scaffolding should be down in the next week and despite running behind schedule they hope to be complete for the very start of the new year 2009. They intend to hold an open day on the 3rd of January 2009 for members of the 100club, this will include the Christmas and New Year draws. After the 3rd the hall will be available for private hire and the next council meeting on the 6th January 2009.

4. 65/08/09 Finance - i. Council Agreed the payments

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
M Goodenough expenses	52.33	7.15	59.48

ii. The clerk presented the current financial position which shows a balance of £5737.59 Having received the precept in September 2008. Further invoices for grass cutting, tree cutting and web domain renewal are expected shortly.

5. 66/08/09 Planning – approved- with conditions

K/59337/F	Mrs Eve Curnow	Hard standing for parking area
K/59204/LBC	Mr J Dyke	Replacement of 10 no. Windows Mill Farm, Mill Lane

MH read out the conditions for the approved applications.

67/08/09 Planning –Applied

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K/59598/F	Mrs Eve Curnow High Green Farm Poulshot Road Poulshot Wiltshire SN10 1RW	Change of use of land from paddock to garden, with associated landscape works
K/59639/TR2	Poulshot Parish Council	Works to trees on Village Green
K/59650/LBC	Mr Peter Cleverly Pond Cottage 60 The Green Poulshot Devizes Wilts SN10 1RT	Alteration of the front (east) elevation of the new extension: replace northeast half-hipped gable end with apex gable end

K/59598/F - The council agreed that the reshaping of the garden would be a good thing and as it has the backing of the neighbouring properties there would be no objections raised by the council to this application.

MH stated that no objection had been raised with the council to application **K/59639/TR2**.

GC explained that this was an application due to an error at built stage, after with the council agreed that they had no objection to application **K/59650/LBC**.

6. 68/08/09 Footpaths and Highways

i. 69/08/09 Drains – Poulshot Road and Barley Lane

The chairman informed the meeting that a further meeting had been arranged for the 5th November 08 to arrange the start of works to the water flow, MH to report at next meeting.

ii. 70/08/09 Broad Lane – Blockage

Clerk informed council that Esther Daly at WCC had investigated the matter was now liaising directly with Mr Kidd in this regard.

iii. 71/08/09 Footpath

Clerk informed council that no response had been received further to the letter sent in October 2008. MG to report at next meeting.

7. A.O.B

Clerk informed council of a last minute item that should be raised, an email from Kate Hunloke regarding the over 60's Christmas Lunch. The chairman then read out the email asking if the Council would be willing to, as in previous years; make a contribution to the event.

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This was agreed by all council members. Clerk to raise the cheque prior to the next meeting.

8. 73/08/09 Next Meeting

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th January 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and took the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

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