

# **Poulshot Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting Held at Village Hall  
At 19:30 on Tuesday 1<sup>ST</sup> March 2011

## **Parish Council Meeting**

### **Attendance**

#### **Attending –**

Mr Geoff Collett (GC) Vice-chairman  
Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN)  
Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA)  
Mr Joe Baber (JB)  
Mt Tim Nixon (TN)  
Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*  
Mr Jonathon Seed (JC) Wiltshire Councillor

There were 3 members of the public in attendance

Prior to starting the meeting Councillor Geoff Collett explained that Chairman Nicky Hunloke was unable to attend and that he would therefore be running the meeting as Vice-chairman.

#### **1. 112/10/11-Welcome and apologies**

The vice-chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the public; apologies were received from Councillors Nicky Hunloke and Steve Housby; also from WPC Emily Thomas.

#### **2. 113/10/11– Declaration of interests –** GC asked councillors of any declarations, TN declared an interest in the payment for the playground cleaning.

#### **Open session**

GC opened the public session. No one had any comments

GC then explained to the council and those present that sadly Mr Peter Cleverley had suddenly died, he went on to read a short history of Mr Cleverly's time in the village and to take the opportunity to pass on the councils condolences to his family.

#### **3. 114/10/11 - Minutes of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

GC explained that in accordance with the agreement made in item 16/09/10, the minutes from the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were passed as a true and accurate record of events, all agreed and they were signed by NH in the presence of the council, on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

#### **4. Matters arising**

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**a. 115/10/11 - Recreational Space Project** – GC explained that as the guest speaker was unable to attend and that neither Steve Housby or Phillip Piper available they would up date at the next meeting

**b. 116/10/11 - Pippin Homes Development** – GC asked Ivor to give any details, IS explained that a survey of the local ditches has been commissioned to ensure that the water course is working properly, as far as the design is concerned they are currently in discussions with the planning officers with regards adoption of the highways. GC explained that Ivor Sault had invited the councillors to view the amended plans. GC explained that the council has been asked if the plans have been submitted and were available to view them, IS explained that they have not yet been submitted as they are still in talks with the planning officers. These plans have not yet been formally submitted. JS suggested to council that the ‘localism bill’ may affect the plans and the areas control of how the development progresses, all councillors agreed to look into the bill.

**c. 117/10/11 - Village Green Risk Assessment** –TN confirmed that the bi-monthly assessment had been carried out and that there have been no reports of any problems. The mulch from the tree cutting in the green gardens has been used to level the entrance which has worked very well.

**d. 118/10/11 - Parish Steward** –GC reported that the residents in the Townsend area of the village had raised a concern about the drains and ditches as they appear to be blocked, they have requested that the local farm clear these as they are being filled by tractors, this has not been carried out yet, GC has asked the parish steward to look into this and they are coming with a drain clearer. JS offered to contact the farmer directly council agreed to this. The clerk confirmed that the cheque with regard the aqua sac’s order was included in this meetings finance section.

**e. 119/10/11 - Playground safety inspection report** - SA confirmed that this had been completed and that everything looked in order. TN confirmed that the playground has been cleaned however it requires power-washing and asked if the village hall could provide an outside tap? This could be a benefit to the village as a whole. MN will raise at the next Village Hall committee meeting. A parishioner explained that currently plans to do work in the kitchen will include outside equipment. He also raised a point of the surface of the playground area

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becoming slippery when mildew grows and requested that a close eye is kept on this to ensure safety, council agreed that this should be a part of the safety inspection.

- f. 120/10/11 - Community Area Partnership** – GC explained that TJ was unable to attend the meeting but would update council at the next meeting.
- g. 121/10/11 - Sinton's Insurance** – The clerk explained that she had contacted the Insurance company to ask for an update but no reply at this point.
- f. 122/10/11 - Fibre Optic Broadband** – GC explained that due to Steve Housby's unexpected absence he would update at the next meeting.
- g. 123/10/11 - Allotment Vacancy** – MN explained that he has been approached by a parishioner to take on the allotment, Mr Maurice Underwood, 7 Poulshot Road, Poulshot, clerk to contact the parishioner with a tenancy agreement.
- h. 124/10/11 - Skips** – The Clerk explained that the parish had been allocated 1 skip in the next year up to September 2011, date to be confirmed.
- i. 125/10/11 - Mill Lane** –GC read out a letter from Mrs Pohnet with her concerns about the state of Mill Lane, with the deteriorating condition of the road and the build-up of the mud and slurry. The clerk explained that the letter had been forwarded to Clarence at Wiltshire Council with, as yet no response. JS explained that the potholes should be completed however the chances of getting resurfacing is slim, he suggested to keep pushing this to Clarence and keep raising this as an issue. All council agreed to approach Wiltshire Council again to chase the problem up.

**AOB - MN** asked to raise an any other business point, GC allowed this.

MN explained that he had received a complaint about the bird scarer, currently being used; all council agreed that this is a necessary inconvenience at this time of year.

MN also raised the issue of lines on the road at the turning into Poulshot from Worton Village, JS suggested sending him the details and that he would look into this and ask Wiltshire council to investigate further.

JB raised a concern about the BT box and the fact that the light is still on and if the council is paying for the electricity, the clerk confirmed that council had adopted the box and that SEB are currently paying the bill for the electricity. TN suggested turning the Box into a reference point for the village and agreed to put forward a proposal at a forthcoming meeting.

## **1. 126/10/11 – Finance**

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- a. **127/10/11 - The Vice chairman explained that the following payments approved and made between meetings**

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
Agri-centre – rock salt for church paths	56.00	9.80	65.80
Printing of leaflets – re broadband project	19.38	0.00	19.38

- 128/10/11 - Vice chairman asked council to authorize the following payments, the clerk also pointed out a variance of £13.36, from the agenda, for the clerk’s salary due to the balance for yearend payment. All councillors agreed**

M Goodenough (Clerks Salary Feb- Mar)	204.19	0.00	204.19
T Nixon – Playground cleaning	240.00	0.00	240.00
Acer Tree Surgeons – Invoice as agreed in minute reference 14/10/11	520.00	104.00	624.00
Wiltshire Council – Aqua Sacs	500.00	0.00	500.00

- b. **129/10/11 - Current balance sheet and payments.** – the clerk explained that the current balance, allowing for the previously authorised payments is £3269.68

- 12. 130/10/11 - Planning:** - GC explained that the following applications received between meetings and decisions made

Application Number	Name and Address	Details	Decision
E/11/0060/FUL	Belle Vue Farm, Poulshot Road, Poulshot, SN10 1RZ	Erection of log cabin to be used as a self-contained residential annexe	No objections received
E/11/0007/FUL	The Raven, Poulshot Road, Poulshot, SN10 1RW	Extension to provide disabled WC, new windows and door to rear elevation of dining	No objections received

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		room; removal of existing fireplace; repositioning of gas tanks to allow for better use of the outside terrace.	
E/11/0046/CAC	Greystones, 18 Mill Lane, Poulshot SN10 1SA	Demolition of existing dwelling	Comments as below
E/11/0045/FUL	18 Mill Lane, Poulshot, SN10 1SA	Proposed replacement dwelling and garage.	Councillor's comments were that there is a lack of imagination in the design of the new build, giving it a look of a housing estate property. The new build appears considerably larger than the original and may impact on the look of the area and possibly have an effect on the other properties close by.

- 14.**     **131/10/11** – The Vice Chairman confirmed that the time and date of Next Meeting will be 7.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the Village Hall.

GC thanked all for attending and closing the meeting

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