

# **Poulshot Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting Held at Village Hall  
At 19:30 on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009

## **Parish Council Meeting**

### **Attendance**

#### **Attending –**

Mr Nicolas Hunloke (NH)  
Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA)  
Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN)  
Mr Steve Housby (SH)  
Mr Joe Baber (JB)  
Mr Tim Nixon (TN)  
Mr Geoff Collett (JC)  
Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*  
*Jonathon Seed (Area Board Councillor)*

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

#### **1. 48/09/10- Welcome and apologies**

The vice chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the public.

#### **2. 49/09/10 - Election of Chairman**

Vice Chairman asked for Nominations for Chairman  
MN nominated NH, SA seconded all agreed. NH signed his acceptance of office form.  
Chairman took over meeting.

#### **3. 50/09/10 - Welcome new Councillor- Tim Nixon**

– The Chairman explained that a new councillor had been co-opted and he welcomed Mr Tim Nixon to the council. TN signed his acceptance of office form.

#### **4. 51/09/10 – Declaration of Interests**

–The clerk distributed ‘Register of interests confirmation of information previously given’ forms and asked all councillors to complete and return them. The clerk asked TN to complete and return a declaration of interest form.

### **Open Session**

Chairman opened the session and welcomed Abbi Gutierrez the Melksham Community Area Manager. Abbi explained that she is the link to the Area Boards should the council or any member of the public have any issues they would like raised. She briefly explained the role of the area board and how things are working. Abbi informed the council that the next meeting is to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 at 6.30 in Bowerhill Village Hall this is open to anyone interested. NH thanked Abbi for her time.  
NH closed the session.

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### **5. 52/09/10 Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

Chairman explained that in accordance with the agreement made in item 16/09/10 the Minutes of the meeting 07/07/09, were reviewed and approved on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009. The council were asked if the minutes from the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 were a true and accurate record of the events, all agreed and signed by NH in the presence of the council.

### **6. Matters arising**

- a. **53/09/10 - Pippin Homes Development** – NH explained that another letter had been sent to the planning authorities (read aloud) restated the councils position on the design of the development. Concerns are still being raised about the design, the number of houses, and the type of houses and the definition of social housing. JS informed the council that no decision had been made on the application. JS will keep council informed of any developments.
- b. **54/09/10 – Village Green** – GC and MN are in discussions with Mr Kidd with regard the registration of the Green and will report back at the next meeting.
- c. **55/09/10 – Parish Steward** - GC explained that the parish Steward is set to return in October, any requests for works should be directed through GC.
- d. **56/09/10 Ponds** – Clerk reported that further contact has been made with Wiltshire Wildlife who are confident that a volunteer group can be found to help with the cleaning up, also that a grant may be possible if Great Crested Newts are still found to be living in the pond. A meeting with Jan Freeborn of WWT is to be arranged. Clerk to report back at next meeting.
- e. **57/09/10 Allotments** – MN reported that since the last meeting some work has been carried out on the allotment in question and that the grass has been cut down and it is tidy if not cultivated. The councillors agreed to re-discuss the allotments in the spring of 2010 after 1 full tenancy year.
- f. **58/09/10 Playground Safety Inspection Report** - SA reported that the playground has been found to be in a clean and good condition with no cause for concern; repairs had been carried out to the wooden horse ride on toy and SA questioned if the suggested raising of one swing was entirely necessary? All councillors agreed that this was not required at this time. Hazard inspection to be arranged at next meeting. (SA, MG)
- g. **59/09/10 Community Area Partnership**– SH explained that there has been no progress since the last meeting due to holidays and schedules clashing, a meeting has been arranged for early September and he will report back any news. (SH)
- h. **60/09/10 Barleyhill Lane and Broadway Lane** – Hedges and Ditches, NH explained that further to the last meeting numerous letters had been received from Mr Youatt, land owner, and that this is still ongoing. NH informed council that Ester Daly, Wiltshire Highways, has offered to help with enforcement if no work is carried out again this year.
- i. **61/09/10 Sarsen Housing Site Visit** – The chairman explained that further the site visit in July 2009 the council had written to Sarsen asking for possible tidying up work to be carried out to the site, such as painting the cottages to be more in keeping with the village, NH read out a letter of reply stating that there is no budget for any such work this financial year and that any such work would only be carried out with the occupiers consent.
- j. **62/09/10 Lackham Vintage Society** – NH explained that further to comments

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received from the parishioners a letter had been sent to the Vintage Society giving them an invitation back to the Village Green, NH then read out the reply letter thanking the council for the invitation and explaining that the schedule would be set in the Autumn and they would be in touch.

- k. 63/09/10 Rowde and Poulshot joint Venture -** NH took the opportunity to remind everyone about the musical evening being held in Rowde School on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and about the Cream teas and Vegetable competition being held in Poulshot on the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## **7. 64/09/10 Finances**

i - Council agreed payments to

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
M Goodenough Salary Aug – Sept	174.16	0.00	174.16
Simon Franklin – Grass cutting	510.00	76.50	586.50

ii - Clerk confirmed the balance at 29/08/09, taking into account the authorised cheques in this meeting was £7376.70.

vii – Application for cleansing grant – The Clerk informed the council that a grant of £150 had been received.

## **8. 65/09/10 Planning – No planning received**

## **9. 66/09/10 - Footpaths and Highways**

All issues covered in matters arising

## **10. 67/09/10 Next Meeting**

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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