

Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Poulshot Village Hall
At 19:30 on Tuesday 2nd July 2008.

Parish Council Meeting

Attendance

Attending -

Mr Michael Hues (MH)
Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA)
Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN)
Mr Geoffrey Collett (GC)
Mr Nicky Hunloke (NH)
Mr Joe Baber (JB)
Mr Steve Housby (SH)

Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*

Visitors - Mr Richard Munro There were 10 members of the public in attendance.

1. 20/08/09 - Welcome -

Mike Hues opened the meeting and welcomed the public and visitor Mr Richard Munro

2. 21/08/09 - Mr Richard Munro, Delegation to town and country parishes.

Mr Munro explained that with the Unitary Council being formed in April 2009 the opportunity to tender for local services has now arisen. He explained that the council could tender for a large amount of the current services provided e.g street cleaning, grass cutting, litter. This could be done in two ways either by taking over completely, the PPC buying the equipment, employing and training the staff and being in total charge or as a stewardship, similar to now, where PPC would be in charge of the services but without the responsibility of actually employing the staff.

He explained that the large councils in the area would have the ability to take on things and possibly run them more efficiently, where as the PPC may struggle with the man hours involved in the training and management of staff.

One of the biggest problems of delegation to the PPC is the liability involved in providing services, should accidents happen the Unitary Council have the man power and the financial backing to handle such things.

He explained that this is only the first part of the delegation process, should the PPC be interested in taking on any of the services they should make their interest known. The next stage would be negotiations about funding for services and then review. Should any council change its mind during this process the services simply revert back to the Unitary Council to provide?

One suggestion from the Council was the issuing of Liquor licences for events in the village hall, council members have a better idea of the kind of events and the people

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involved, Mr Munro explained that this could be a suggestion, however once again the liability question may arise, could the PPC deal with an appeal on a refused licence?

Mr Munro offered to return at another time and or ask a colleague to attend a meeting to explain more about the Unitary Council and how it will affect the village.

There will also be Meet and greet Sessions around the county in October 2008.

Mike Hues thanked Mr Munro for his time and stated that the PPC would like to take up the offer of another visit in the near future.

Open session

The council were asked if the contractor was meant to cut the whole of the Green. They pointed out that he was, however he had been asked to leave the football pitch, following the request from the gentleman raising this question.

It was agreed that hence forth the PPC would ask the contractor to ensure he cuts the whole green. ~ (MH to contact)

The council were asked if there was any news from the Pippin homes development, Mike Hues confirmed that there was no further news.

As there were no further questions Mike Hues closed the session.

3. 22/08/09 - Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of last meeting 6/05/08, 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.

4. Matters arising

- a. **23/08/09 Willows In south west corner of the Green**
GC reported that the branches from the trees had fallen in the high winds, with a resulting in power loss. This is now being dealt with by Mr Cleverly privately and is no longer a council matter.
- b. **24/08/09 Village Design Guide**
NH reported that work was in progress and hopes to have more news for Aug/Sept.
- c. **25/08/09 Village Green**
There was no further progress with the registering of the green, MH stated that a document had been found, from previous enquiries, that appears to state that the green is registered in the Councils name; this is to be sent to Mr Bousfield for his investigation. (MG/MH)
- d. **26/08/09 Hay Lane – Use of Bridleway (Poulshot 5)**
MH informed that no decision had been made by KDC with reference the planning application and that Mr Bousfield had been given the file with instructions to look further into WCC position of Hay Lane being classed as a brown track.
- e. **27/08/09 Planting of Commemorative Trees within the village –Mrs Robins**
Permission has been requested for a commemorative tree to be planted within the village, NH raised concerns about the amount of trees already on the Green and the worry of over crowding. The council agreed that they would like to try to

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accommodate this request, SH suggested that an existing tree be dedicated rather than a new one planted. MH will ask Mrs Robins her thoughts on this idea. ~ (MH)

f. 28/08/09

Village Hall Works

The Village hall committee have requested council approval for vehicular access to the site/storage of the materials/work accommodation as required/temporary removal of play equipment/ erection of safety fencing. The council unanimously agreed to all these requests on the condition that all would be made good at the end of the 16 week period. Work is due to start early July 08. Clerk to write (MG)

g. 29/08/09

Mobile Library services

The Clerk informed the council that there is no change to the Mobile Library times/dates or location.

h. 30/08/09

Barley Lane – Rubble Pile

SA informs the council that work started on the Pile of Rubble on 30th June 2008. Further updates at next meeting. (SA)

i. 31/08/09

Green Gardens- Usage of grounds

A complaint had been received about small motorcycles being used in the Green Gardens, SA stated that the sign says that the Gardens are for walking in not riding, MH agreed. SH was concerned that the Green Gardens is for everyone and shouldn't have restrictions. JB was concerned about the insurance implications of someone using a motorcycle in the Gardens and the liability if someone was injured. It was unanimously decided that no action should be taken at this point but that people should be encouraged to use their common sense when using the Gardens and bear in mind that they are for everyone to enjoy, old and young alike.

j. 32/08/09

Caen Hill- Speed Concerns

MH raised concerns over the increasing number of serious accidents happening at the bottom of Caen Hill Duel carriage way. The council feels that they should join with Seend to raise their worries to WCC and the local police authority. Clerk to contact Seend Council to devise a plan of action (MG)

5. 33/08/09 Finance - i. Council Agreed the payments

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
M Goodenough	237.50		237.50
Simon Franklin	428.00	74.90	502.90

ii. The clerk presented the current financial position which shows a balance of £3466.74

6. 34/08/09 Planning

Clerk informed council of no current applications or permissions.

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7. 35/08/09 Footpaths and Highways

i. 36/08/09 Drains – Poulshot Road and Barley Lane

Council agreed to contact WCC, former contact to be confirmed, to ask for further visit to discuss the flooding issues in the Green and in Barley Lane, Clerk to contact WCC.

ii. 37/08/09 Drains - Village Green

Agreed as part of previous discussions

iii. 38/08/09 Footpath – Poulshot Road

After research from SH about the local requirements, the overall opinion is that some form of footpath should be available from the Raven to Sillington Lane. Most people seem keen on a proposed footpath on the right hand side, heading towards Devizes. MH and SA suggested the Old Monks path to be resurrected. GC suggested that a path similar to that up to the village hall would be suitable. SH to consolidate local opinions and contact WCC.

8. 39/08/09 Next Meeting

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 2nd September 2008, in the Church (to be confirmed by NH)

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