

Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Poulshot Village Hall
At 19:30 on Tuesday 2nd September 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)
Mrs Pat Rugg (PR)

Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*

Apologies - WPC Amanda Parkes

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

1. 40/08/09 - Welcome -

MH opened the meeting and welcomed the public and WCC Pat Rugg

Open session

The council were told by Mrs Clarke, that the residents of the East side of Poulshot Road, who had received the questionnaire from SH (38/08/09) with regard a new footpath/pavement, felt that this was unwanted. They feel that very few people would use it and that money would be better spent on a footpath from Sillington Lane to Caen Hill, where it appears to be far more hazardous for pedestrians. Mrs Clarke said that the residents that currently maintain the grass verges on this strip of land would no longer be willing to do so. MH pointed out that the questionnaire was merely to gauge public opinion on the idea of a path and to spur on such debate within the community. Another member of the public asked why this issue had been raised and why the council why not concerned about the state of the other paths in the village. Other members of the public agreed that a path out of the village towards Caen Hill would be a preferred option.

GC took the opportunity to mention that he had met with the Local Steward with regard the issues raised about the state of the verges and overgrown footpaths, the steward recommended that CLARENCE WCC be informed as they have more industrial equipment to deal with the large extent of verge in the village. The steward is currently working behind schedule and that they due to come into the village in the next few weeks.

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MH Closed the Open session

2. 41/08/09- Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of last meeting 1/07/08, 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. 42/08/09 Village Design Guide**
NH reported that there was slow progress at present and that they were highly unlikely to achieve the September deadline. NH also raised concerns with PR that the guide would be pointless with the introduction of the unitary council and that it was a lot of work only to be ignored. PR advised that it was best to have the plans in place ready for the unitary council. It was agreed to continue with the guide. (NH)
- b. 43/08/09 Village Green - Trees**
A request has been received from Mr Jalland that work is carried out on the Chestnut trees on the Green that overhang his car port. Clerk informed council that 3 quotes have been sought for the work required and would be reported at the next meeting. SA also asked that other trees on the Green be checked after some branches have come down in the recent wind. Clerk asked to include this in the quotes. (MG)
- c. 44/08/09 Hay Lane -Bridlepath**
MH read out a letter from Wansborough's Solicitor, David Bousfield, this stated that WCC had agreed that Hay lane is in fact recorded as a bridleway on the definitive map; and that investigations into it being misnamed a By-way would be carried out in the future. However their current back log is some 300 other investigations so this may take a while. MH to continue to report on any developments. (MH)
- d. 45/08/09 Planting of Commemorative Trees in the Green Gardens – Mrs Robbins**
MH and NH reported that Mrs Robbins had visited the Green Gardens and chosen a suitable Oak tree for a commemorative plaque, this plaque has now been erected and Mrs Robbins sent her thanks back to the council.
- e. 46/08/09 Barleyhill Lane – Rubble Pile**
SH stated that rubble pile that has now been moved had left a mess and would this be sorted in the near future, MH stated that the work was to be carried out in the next couple of weeks. (MH)
MH then read out a letter received from Mr A Kidd with reference to a blocked drainage pipe in Barleyhill Lane, as a result of the resurfacing work carried out, it was agreed that this complaint should be passed on to WCC the clerk was asked to contact Ester Daly by email. (MG)
- f. 47/08/09 Allotments**
MH stated that during the period since the last meeting the council had received two applications for allotments, one of these from a previous parishioner now living in Devizes and one from a local gentleman, it was agreed that the resident should take automatic priority. It was also agreed that due to the poor state of the land, the new tenant should be given access to the land free of charge until April 2007. Clerk to write with tenancy agreement.

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MN raised the question of numbers of allotments in the Green garden area, previously believed to be 3, it was agreed that the councillors should meet on site to review the land available with a view to advertise in the Parish magazine.

The council then reviewed the Tenancy agreement that is due to be sent out to all Allotment owners and agreed that it should be revised to state annual payments in advance, due in April each year.

g. 48/08/09 Caen Hill – Speed Concerns

MH read out an email from Inspector Dean Knight informing the Council that further to the meeting of the Devizes Community Area Safety Committee a letter had been sent to WCC stating their concerns about the safety of Caen Hill Dual Carriageway. Clerk informed the council that a copy of this letter was being sent for their review. SH suggested the idea of reducing the speed limit to 50mph. Clerk to report at next meeting. (MG)

4. 49/08/09 Finance - i. Council Agreed the payments

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
M Goodenough	237.50		237.50
Simon Franklin	428.00	74.90	502.90
JS Weeks and Co	50.00	8.75	58.75

ii. The clerk presented the current financial position which shows a balance of £2774.24

5. 50/08/09 Planning - approved

K/58581/F	Mr Gary Heyward	Proposed equine related barn and associated manege- approved with conditions.
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MH read out the conditions for the approved application.

51/08/09 Planning –Applied

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

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MH stated that no objections had been raised by the council to application K/59204/LBC.

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6. 52/08/09 Footpaths and Highways

i. 53/08/09 Drains – Poulshot Road and Barley Lane

Clerk informed council that a meeting was arranged for the 3rd September 08 with Rod Gibb WCC, GC and MN. GC and MN to report at next meeting (GC/MN)

Clerk also informed the council that a letter had been written to Mr A Kidd about the state of the ditches in Barleyhill Lane and that Mr Kidd has responded with a letter stating that he has passed this concern on to the tenant of the land. Clerk to chase for next meeting. (MG)

ii. 54/08/09 Footpath – Poulshot Road

SH informed council that, as agreed, he had conducted a small survey to ascertain local opinion. 36 forms were sent out and 18 responses were received. 12 of these were for, 4 against and 2 unsure. MH Suggested that by lack of response showed lack of interest SH suggested that lack of reply showed lack of objection. SH referred back to the Open session and agreed that a path all the way to Caen Hill would be everyone's preference. MN suggested that the council write to WCC an explain their concerns and ask for their advice and a possible safety review, SH seconded this idea and ask Clerk to draft a letter. (MG)

7. 55/08/09 Next Meeting

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 4nd November 2008 at 7.30pm, in the Church.

MH pointed out to the public that all future Council meetings will have a start time of 7.30pm.

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