

Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Village Hall

At 19:30 on Tuesday 5th May 2009.

Parish Council Meeting

Attendance

Attending -

Mr Michael Hues (MH)

Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA)

Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN)

Mr Steve Housby (SH)

Mr Nick Hunloke (NH)

Mr Joe Baber (JB)

Mr Geoff Collett (JC)

Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*

Mr Jonathon Seed KDC (JS)

There were 9 members of the public in attendance.

1. 01/09/10- Welcome and apologies

MH opened the meeting, welcomed the public.

2. 02/09/10 - Declaration of Interests.

None declared.

3. 03/09/10 - Election of Chairman for year 2009/10

The present chairman stepped down from the position and the clerk invited nominations, MN nominated Mike Hues this was seconded by SA and the council unanimously agreed with this appointment.

4. 04/09/10 – Election of Vice Chairman for year 2009/10

The present Vice Chairman stepped down from the position and the chairman invited nominations, MN nominated Nick Hunloke this was seconded by SA and the council unanimously agreed with this appointment.

The Chairman then opened the public session

There was no issues raised, MH asked if anyone had any comments about the chickens currently being kept on the Green, no councillors had any comment. Mr Hawkins, owner of the chickens, stated that he didn't think there should be any issue as he is only leaving them there until his grass re-grows on his lawn; he also stated that he intends to do this again in the next year if his grass becomes worn again. No further comments were made.

MH then introduced **Emily, Poulshot local WPC from the Melksham Police Force.**

Emily said that she has had no problems reported in the village, however there had been a hang bag stolen in Seend. Emily explained that the council had been sent a Police Post box; this is seen as another way for local people to contact the police for minor matters without

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having to make a phone call. Emily also explained that if someone had an issue they could pop a visit request in the box. GC asked if something like worries over the use of the bridle and foot paths for motor bike riding could be something that could be raised. Emily agreed that this is just the kind of thing that it is for. The chairman thanked Emily for coming. MH welcomed back **Jonathon Seed, KDC**. JS explained that he had no issues to rise with the council he was there if any questions arose.

MH Closed the session

5. 05/09/10 Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March 2009

The Minutes of last meeting 3/03/09, 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.

6. Matters arising

a. 06/09/10 - Housing Need Survey

The chairman explained that the results of the housing need survey had now been received and briefly read out the conclusion; stating that in the opinion of Wiltshire Rural Housing Association the villagers have a need for 5 affordable houses, it was suggested that these should be for rental, due to current financial situation limiting the ability to raise a Mortgage. It was agreed that should anyone want to view the survey it would be available on request from either the Clerk or any member of the Council and if there is room it will be posted on the notice board. JS pointed out that 'Desire' and 'Need' are two different issues and reminded the council that this was their survey and they can use it as they see fit also to remember that the local connection should not just be for the first rentals but for all subsequent rentals.

Mr Sault (Pippin Construction) stated that should the council insist that WRHA be the association of choice they would be happy to use them.

SH raised the issue of the current affordable housing within the village and the council's original request of this being updated as part of this development. Mr Sault explained that the properties were completely separate issues and nothing to do with Pippin Constructions development. JS suggested that the issue of the Sarsen housing in the village could be raised with the new Wiltshire Council member after the elections in June 09. MN suggested that WRHA should be the association of choice NH agreed with this. SH raised the point of the original feelings set out for Pippin Construction back in April 2008. Mr Sault explained that the planning application had not been heard, JS will check if the dates for this have been set. SH and MH agreed that further time was needed for the councillors to read through this long report and a further planning meeting should be held. All agreed. To report at next meeting.

b. 10/09/10 Rowde council – Musical Event

The chairman explained that the group organising the event have agreed on the weekend of the 5th and 6th September 2009. The evening will now be held at Rowde School on Saturday evening and that plans for the Sunday are currently that Poulshot will host Teas in the Green Gardens and a vegetable completion.

c. 11/09/10 Amendment to the Minutes

The chairman explained that a letter had been received from Paulette Bremner- Milne

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and Janet James; Churchwardens, informing that the minutes from the January 2009 meeting, that Mr Nick Hunloke had requested financial assistance for the Church Ceiling Fund on behalf of the Parochial Church Council, were incorrect. MH explained that there had been a misunderstanding and that NH had in fact asked if the council would consider a donation as an individual and not in any formal capacity from the Church.

d. 12/09/10 Parish Steward

GC explained that the steward had been in the village in the last week, cleaning gully's, trimming and cutting back brambles.

e. 13/09/10 Village Plan

NH welcomed Steve Pope Baron (SPB) to the meeting and handed over to him. SPB apologised that he could not attend the last meeting. He explained that although the village plan was due to be finished back in 2006 with the new council in place everything would have changed again now. As a village we must get a plan in place that is as specific as possible; down to the type of developments, design of buildings, Drains, telephones, electricity connections etc etc; with the village plan in place all future planning applications would have to adhere to the plan. He explained that this isn't simply a matter for the Council this is a matter for the whole village to consider how it should develop in the next 10, 20 and even 30 years.

SPB suggested that an action plan is required and it is vital that the whole village is behind any plan. MH stressed that suggestions and views are wanted and needed from the village as a whole. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to view other village's plans and consider Poulshot's. SPB to liaise with NH about possible dates for meeting.

f. 14/09/10 Letter from Mill Road Resident

MH explained that at the last meeting a letter had been received raising concerns over the state of Mill Road, the Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Council and a response had been received. MH read out the letter; Wiltshire Council has records of road inspections, these are available to Mill Road residents and that the hedges are the responsibilities of the land owners. MH asked that the Clerk should contact the local landowners to ask to ensure that the hedges are maintained and inform the resident of Wiltshire Council Response. (MG)

g. 15/09/10 Barleyhill Lane Track

Clerk confirmed that Wiltshire Highways had responded stating that they believed the track should be repaired by the farmers that have caused the damage. MH to follow up those involved. (MH)

h. 16/09/10 Meeting Minutes

SH explained that since the last meeting concerns had been raised about posting the minutes on the website in draft form, prior to the signing at the next meeting, it was decided that this should not happen. However due to the length of time between meetings SH suggested that council should sign the minutes at a date shortly after the meeting so that they can be published with more haste. All councillors' agreed with this idea and that the minutes would in future be signed no longer than 2 weeks after

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any meeting. Clerk agreed with this change.

i. 17/09/10 Caen Hill Road Works.

MH read out a letter from Wiltshire Council explaining about the roadwork's, already started on Caen Hill; this work is to increase the safety of the road. The road will be closed at night in July, for a short period to allow work to be carried out at night. Clerk to send copy of letter to Parish magazine to allow dates to be published. (MG)

j. 18/09/10 Police Post Box

MH explained that the council had received a police post box, as earlier discussed with WPC Emily, this should be situated by the Village Notice Board, Clerk to organise a post for Box to stand on. (MG)

k. 19/09/10 Village Hall Charges

MN explained that he had, at the last village hall meeting, sorted the misunderstanding about charging the Council for use of the hall. No Charges will be due.

l. 20/09/10 Ponds

Clerk explained that contact had been made with Wiltshire Wildlife to seek advice on the work required and the situation with the Great Crested Newts in the ponds. To update at next meeting. (MG)

7. 21/09/10 Finances

Council agreed payments to

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
M Goodenough Expenses	10.98	0.00	10.98
Browns Excavations Ltd	2320.00	348.00	2668.00
WALC membership (annual)	92.39	13.86	106.25
Wicksteed Playscapes	71.00	0.00	71.00
Zurich Municipal Insurance (annual)	351.57	15.29	366.86
Community First Membership (annual)	36.00	00.00	36.00

22/09/10 Clerk confirmed the balance at 31/03/09 was £3271.44 and that the current balance, after the receipt of the Precept for 2009/10, is £8588.17.

8. 23/09/10 Planning

E/09/0253/FUL	Mr. M Wilson The Old Chapel 34 Poulshot Road	Construction of timber building as fitness room, removal of existing shed.
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E/09/0304/TCA	Dukes Farm c/o agent Mr. J Collett	Work of willow Tree – reduce by 40-50%
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E/09/0413/TCA	Higher Green Farm	Felling of eucalyptus tree
E/09/0393/LBC	Mr T Jalland Lower Green farmhouse 44 The Green	Repair/replacement of existing windows, erection of porch, formation of opening in gable wall, various internal and external works to building.
E/09/0481/FUL	Mr and Mrs Curnow Higher Green Farm	Change of use from holiday accommodation to residential institution (C2)

MH explained that all applications had been reviewed between meetings and no objections were raised with the exception of Higher Green Farm, a planning meeting had taken place to ascertain the meaning of the change to C2. MH explained that Eve and Gavin are hoping to set up a special housing unit for young adults that no longer wish to live at home but who need a little extra help with an independent life. MN clarified with the Mr and Mrs Curnow the extent of the disabilities these people are likely to have, it was explained that the level would be learning difficulties but not disruptive behaviour. SH did not feel that they had all agreed on any decision yet.

MH corrected this by asking for votes, all councillors voted to no objections.

9. 24/09/10 Footpaths and Highways

Drains – Poulshot Road and Barley Lane

MN confirmed that work had been carried out on the drains in Barley Lane and all seems to be ok.

10. 25/09/10 Next Meeting

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th July 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and closed the meeting.

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