

# **Poulshot Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting Held at Village Hall  
At 19:30 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 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)  
Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*  
Mr Jonathon Seed KDC (JS)

**Apologies -** WPC Amanda Parkes  
Joe Baber

There were 10 members of the public in attendance.

### **1. 74/08/09 - Welcome and apologies**

MH opened the meeting, welcomed the public and passed on apologies from  
WPC Amanda Parkes  
Councillor Joe Baber

MH wished everyone a very happy new year and passed on congratulations to the Village Hall Committee for the outstanding work on the now completed village hall.

MH then introduced Jonathon Seed, Kennet District Councillor for Urchfont. JS explained that he will be standing as a conservative candidate for the Unitary Council within the Poulshot area and that he would like to attend PPC meetings in the future to ensure that he is hands on with the villagers needs.

### **2. 75/08/09 Declaration of Interests**

NH declared an interest in planning application K/59876/TR2 and the Church donation request.

### **Open session**

MH opened the public session. Chris Saunders pointed out to the council that the Village Hall had not been officially been booked for this evenings meeting, the clerk apologised

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for this error and ensured him that a list of dates would be sent to Jackie as soon as possible to ensure this did not happen again.

The council were asked if the new dug out channels on the Green would be staying, MH explained that these were put in to channel the water away during the exceptional flooding in December and that they would be there until a new pipe is laid to assist with the drainage. But that they would not be a permanent feature.

MH Closed the session

### **3. 76/08/09- Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of last meeting 3/11/08, 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. 77/08/09                      Trees on Village Green**

The chairman reported that permission had been received in December and that the work had now been completed by 'ACER tree surgeons' to the council's satisfaction.

#### **b. 78/08/09                      Caen Hill**

MH reported that a letter has been received from Wiltshire County Council stating that the request for a footpath to Caen Hill has been put on the list of projects to be reviewed in the next financial year. MN suggested that we continue to remind them on an annual basis of the villagers need for this path. Clerk to write again later in the year if nothing heard before. (MG)

#### **c. 79/08/09                      Rowde Meeting- Musical event**

The Chairman explained that he had attended a Rowde Council meeting in November and that they are very interested in holding a joint summer event with Poulshot Village. The suggestion at this point is a musical event to be held in Green Gardens, may be to coincide with the summer picnic. Ideas were thrown around and it was agreed that the Council would canvas villagers for volunteers to organise this with Rowde. Leaflets are to be distributed in the coming weeks to gauge help offered.

#### **d. 80/08/09                      Village Hall – work completed**

MN explained that there had been a few teething issues with glazing and heating and that a few odd jobs still needed completing, however the New improved Village hall is now up and running and that as we could all see the work completed is outstanding . Well done to all involved.

#### **e. 81/08/09                      Village Flooding December 2008**

The chairman explained the reason behind the flooding and explained at length the reason why a trench has been dug on the green to allow the water disperse. MH and the council agreed that grateful thanks go to Pippin homes for their swift action and assistance with this trench.

MH and MN have had three meetings with WCC over the last few months unfortunately PPC are still awaiting any positive action from them to sort this problem. MH suggested that the PPC, with a duty of care to the villagers, should fund the clearance of ditches on the green, bordering the Green Gardens. This should

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ensure that any build up in the future has an escape route. MH agreed to source three quotes for this work but estimated that this will cost in the region of £1500. All councillors agreed that this work should be carried out. JS stated that he would look into grants available for such work. (MH)

**f. 82/08/09 Village Church fund donation request.**

The chairman explained that the Village Church had requested that PPC make a donation to the roof fund. The Clerk explained that although it was not usual for the Council to fund the church a donation could be made Under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972; 'a parish council may spend up to a certain amount per elector (£5.86 for the year 08/09 and £6.15 for the year 09/10) on something for which there is no other power but which is of benefit to all or some of the community.' This would currently work out as approx £1700, allowing for donations already made and actual figures of electors.

SH asked NH (in his capacity of Church Warden) what the current shortfall is on the fund raising, NH was unsure at this point, SH suggested that only if there was a shortfall should the PPC offer to donate any money.

MN raised a concern about the money actually going to the Church Roof and not directly to the Salisbury Diocese. NH assured him that any donation would be direct to Poulshot church.

MH raised a motion to donate the allowed amount if required, however the clerk pointed out that in the previous meeting point the council had committed themselves to an unspecified expenditure on the Village Green and that the PPC budget would have to be reviewed before any such motion could be carried. It was agreed to look at the finances, further to the ground work being completed, before a decision could be made.

**g. 83/08/09 Christmas Cards Recycling**

MH informed the council that a recycling point for Christmas cards could be found outside the Village Hall, with the kind permission of the Village Hall trust. Collection will be on the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and to please pass this information onto all neighbours.

**h. 84/08/09 Parish Steward – Completed work and dates for next visit.**

MH stated that as GC was not present this point would be raised at the next meeting.

**5. 85/08/09 Finances**

Council agreed payments to

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
ACER Tree Surgeons	410.00	61.50	471.50
M Wilson- web domain 2 year renewal	19.98	3.50	23.48
M Goodenough Clerks Salary	237.50	0.00	237.50
M Goodenough Expenses	27.00	4.72	31.72

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Over Sixty's Club	225.00	0.00	225.00
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**86/08/09** Clerk confirmed the current balance is £4736.31.

**87/08/09** Clerk confirmed that further the closed Finance meeting in December 08 the council proposed to keep the precept at 2008/09 level of £6000pa this was agreed unanimously and MH as chairman signed the application form to KDC.

### 6. 88/08/09 Planning – approved- with conditions

K/59598/F	Mrs Eve Curnow High Green Farm Poulshot Road Poulshot Wiltshire SN10 1RW	Change of use of land from paddock to garden, with associated landscape works
K/59639/TR2	Poulshot Parish Council	Works to trees on Village Green
K/59650/LBC	Mr Peter Cleverly Pond Cottage 60 The Green Poulshot Devizes Wilts SN10 1RT	Alteration of the front (east) elevation of the new extension: replace northeast half-hipped gable end with apex gable end
K/59876/TR2	N. Hunloke The Old Rectory Poulshot Devizes Wiltshire SN10 1RY	Works to trees adjacent to the chapel building to consist of: the crown raising of branches over the chapel rooftop, with cutting back in order to clear the limbs from the roof, on two beech trees and two yew trees.
K/59683/TR2	Mrs P. Langton Barleyfields 81 Poulshot Road Poulshot Devizes Wiltshire SN10 1RX	Works to trees at the property to consist of: The removal of acacia suckers at the entrance to the property, the removal of an ash tree to the left of the property, crown lifting of a yew and an acacia from

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		the road, the removal of selected branches from an oak tree in the back left hand side of the garden, the crown lifting of an ash tree overhanging the shed and other hedges, and the pruning of the crown on an oak tree to shape and remove deadwood.
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## **89/08/09 Planning –Applied**

K/59957/F	Mr. Jonathan Hawkins Field opposite 1 Sillington Lane Devizes Road Poulshot	Stable and hay store
K/59951/F	Pippin Construction Ltd Higher Green Farm Poulshot Road Poulshot Devizes Wiltshire SN10 1RW	The erection of 11 houses (including 5 affordable houses for rent), access and associated works

K/59957/F and K/59951/F Due to the complexities of the planning applications it was agreed that a planning meeting would be held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 to discuss these applications further. JS and the developer were invited to attend this meeting.

## **7. 90/08/09 Footpaths and Highways**

### **i. Drains – Poulshot Road and Barley Lane**

The chairman informed the meeting that there was nothing further to report from the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 08, still waiting to hear back from WCC.

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## **8. 91/08/09 Next Meeting**

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

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