

# **Poulshot Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting Held at Poulshot Village Hall  
At 18.30 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008

## **Attendance**

### **Attending -**

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

*Maggie Goodenough (MG) Parish Clerk*

*PC Andy Horman (AH)*

**Visitors -** There were 10 members of the public in attendance.

- 01/08/09 1.Welcome of new clerk** – MH introduced the new clerk MG and welcomed her.
- 02/08/09 2.Declaration of interests** – MH declared an interest in item 6, e. Sillington lane
- 03/08/09 3.Election of Chairman** – as per the National Association of Local Council guidelines MH asked for nominations to elect this year's Chairman. SA nominated MH, seconded by NH and unanimously passed.
- 04/08/09 4.Election of Vice Chairman** – Chairman MH asked for nominations to elect this year's Vice chairman. NH nominated MN, who declined the nomination. MH nominated NH, SH seconded and passed unanimously.

### **MH began Open session.**

The council were asked if any more information had been received about the One council changes, MH stated that there was no further news at this point. The council are keen to unsure that children from Poulshot were still able to attend Rowde Primary and Lavington Senior schools.

It was raised that local free newspapers, not received in the village, contained a development plan, it was agreed that the clerk would investigate to try getting copies.

### **Chairman then closed the session**

- 05/08/09 5.Minutes of meeting 03/03/08** – Agreed and signed by chairman

### **6. Matters Arising**

- 06/08/09 a. Willows in South West corner of Green** – MH stated that there was no further news about SEB's comments on the trimming of the trees – MH to chase again. (*MH*)

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- 07/08/09 b.Skip positions and usage** – MH read out email from Mike Wilson (previous clerk) informing that the skips will be in the Car Park of the Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 08 and at the junction of Broadway Lane and Barleyhill Lane on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 08. The skips will be for Cardboard and plastic only. *(no action required)*
- 08/08/09 c.Village Design Guide** – NH informed council that there was no news *(No action required)*
- 09/08/09 d.Village Green**  
Boundary – MH stated that Mike Wilson had passed the relevant information on the Mr David Bousfield and no comments had been returned at this point, clerk to chase up response. *(MG)*
- Green - MH reported that the grass had been cut once already this year, although it is growing very quickly at the moment.  
SH asked if the contractor could be asked to trim the verges of the green, MH believes that the equipment used is not compatible with edging.  
GC suggested that the Stewardsmen could be asked to edge?  
NH pointed out that the grass cutting was very well done.  
GC asked about repositioning of the goal posts, the clerk to find out more details. *(MG)*
- 10/08/09 e.Sillington Lane** – (MH stepped down due to declared interest, meeting chaired by NH vice chairman) MN informed the members that he is informed that the stoning of the Bridlepath has now been turned into a private matter between MJ Hues and Son/ Mr and Mrs Rafferty and Pippin Homes. Although no further correspondence from KDC has been received by the council. *(No action required)*
- MH rejoined the meeting.
- 11/08/09 f.Haylane** - MH raised concerns that the plans submitted show the main access to the site is via the bridle-path, he stated that this would contravene the allowed use for such a path, which is solely for Horses, walkers and cyclists with care.  
MH strongly objected to this development.

Gary Heyward (with the chairman's permission) informed the council that he had been given information from WCC to state that he can use the Bridlepath for vehicular access and that he is in possession of a letter stating this, which he is happy to share with the council.

MH and MN responded that WCC must have made an error and asked the other councillors opinion of appointing a solicitor to investigate this matter on behalf of the council. All councillors unanimously agreed with this decision. Clerk to write to Mr D Bousfield. *(MG)*  
All councillors agreed that they should submit an objection to this development due to the bridlepath issue. *(MG)*

PC Andy Horman (AH) entered and was invited by the chairman to address the meeting.  
AH informed the meeting that recent speed checks in the village had not found any vehicles in excess of the limit and that on the whole the village has been very quiet since the last meeting.

MH raised the issue of the recent break in at the dairy and questioned its possible connection to a U-Tube prank? AH said that he was unaware of this prank and would look into it further.

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MN raised the concerns of the village over the recent fatal Road traffic Crash at the bottom of Caen Hill and asked if there was anything that could be done to reduce the occurrence of these accidents? AH suggested contacting Seend Parish Council as he understands that they are raising a petition about the same subject. Also he suggested writing to the Highways department at WCC to raise the councils concerns.

AH thanked the council and left the meeting.

**12/08/09 7. Correspondence** – No Comments were made on correspondence received.

**13/08/09 8. Finance – i.**The Parish council agreed to payments

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
The Wiltshire Bobby Van trust	50.00		50.00
WALC and NALC subscription	89.39	15.64	105.03
Community First Insurance	353.78		353.78
Community First Membership	34.00		34.00

**14/08/09 ii.**The clerk presented the current financial position which shows a balance of £4303 as at 30th April 2008.

**15/08/09 9. Planning – i. Approved**

MH confirmed the receipt of planning approval for

- Poulshot Village Hall
- 101 Poulshot Road
- Higher Green Farm

**16/08/09 ii. Planning – Applications**

- **Haylane- Equine related barn and associated manege.**

No comments as previously discussed

**17/08/09 10. Highways and Footpaths**

Drains – Poulshot Road and Barley Lane – MH reported that although the situation is now in hand the problem still arises when there is a real deluge.

GC raised the issue of the ditches being cleared and another letter being sent to the Kidd's and Jim Butler as no response was received from previous correspondence. Clerk to draft letter. MN asked if a meeting could be arranged with WCC to discuss possible options for diverting excess flood water heading from the Poulshot Nursery site. Clerk to enquire. (MG)

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Footpath – SH asked for the discussion on a footpath for the main road past the Raven towards Caen Hill to be revisited. SH feels that this stretch of road is dangerous for walkers and children waiting for school buses. MN agreed and seconded the discussion.

NH and SA pointed out that it would be good to obtain views from the villagers and requested that SH canvass some opinions. (*SH*)

MH asked if anyone knew if the old monk's path was still under the verge on that part of the road. Plans to be checked by MH. (*MH*)

**18/08/09 Venerable Fields** – MN asked to raise his concerns about venerable fields within the parish, he stated that in particular one field on Poulshot Road that has been empty and unused for some years, and he feels that this is an open invitation for travellers to settle in. He would like the council to approach the owner advising caution and offering to assist with its security. Clerk to prepare a letter and MN to send. (*MG and MN*)

**19/08/09 11.Next Meeting** – MH confirmed that the next meeting would be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 08 however as the village hall will be under-reconstruction at this point, the venue will be confirmed shortly, MH to arrange. (*MH*)

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