

Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Village Hall
At 19:30 on Tuesday 3rd November 2009

Parish Council Meeting

Attendance

Attending –

Mr Nicolas Hunloke (NH) (Chairman)
Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA)
Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN)
Mr Steve Housby (SH)
Mr Joe Baber (JB)
Mr Tim Nixon (TN)
Mr Geoff Collett (JC) (Vice-Chairman)
Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*
Jonathon Seed (Wiltshire Council - Area Board Councillor)

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

1. 68/09/10- Welcome and apologies

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the public.

2. 69/09/10 – Declaration of Interests –Chairman asked for any declarations of interest none were received.

Open Session

Chairman opened the session and welcomed PCSO Rose Baldock, Rose explained that she had no news or updates for the community and asked if anyone had anything to ask her, no questions were received, the chairman thanked Rose for attending.

The Chairman then asked if anyone else would like to raise any issues; Mr Ivor Sault asked that the Parish Council could quantify their position on the Higher Green Farm Development, as he felt that the original position of working with Pippin Homes had been changed by the council's most recent letter to the planning department. NH stated that he felt that the position had not changed as such but that the subject of the road access had been raised as a point of concern, SH stated that he felt that the council's position of working with Pippin homes had not, in his opinion, changed and asked if all councillors agreed, all councillors agreed. JS stated that he would also be grateful for a definite position of the council on the development, so that he will know where the council stand is the application should go to Committee. NH asked if all councillors could meet to discuss this matter further and after such time for a letter to be sent to JS, all agreed.

NH closed the open session

3. 70/09/10 Minutes of Meeting held on 1st September 2009

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Chairman explained that in accordance with the agreement made in item 16/09/10 the Minutes of the meeting 01/09/09, were passed as a true and accurate record of events all agreed and they were signed by NH in the presence of the council on the 28th September 2009.

4. Matters arising

- a. **71/09/10 - Pippin Homes Development** – NH invited Ivor Sault to comment about the tarmacing of the entry road, IS stated that nothing had been decided about the entry road yet, TN asked about the need for street lighting, GC pointed out that all the tracks across the green are tarmac for the first 4 metres and that this would be a requirement to keep the tracks up together. JS offered to check on the status of the application. TN reiterated that the council are not against the application and that the opinion of the council had not changed in this regard. IS and JS pointed out that access is not a requirement of an application. Council agreed that they should draft a letter to JS giving a clearer view of the council's position on the application.
- b. **72/09/10 – Village Green** – NH explained that there has been no significant change in the situation with the land registry and Mr Kidd, update at next meeting.
- c. **73/09/10 – Parish Steward** - GC explained that the new parish Steward started in on the 2nd November 09 and had cleaned the footpaths and various other jobs, GC felt that the steward has done a good job so far and that if there are any jobs that need doing please let him know.
- d. **74/09/10 Ponds** – Clerk reported that there is no further news at this point.
- e. **75/09/10 Playground Safety Inspection Report** – SA explained that all equipment seems ok with no changed from last meeting.
- f. **76/09/10 Community Area Partnership** - SH explained that he had only been able to attend one meeting so far and that he is having problems attending these meeting due to work commitments. SH explained that Mr Tim Jalland had shown an interest in taking over this role, all councillors agreed that if Mr Jalland would be willing to take over they would all be happy about this.
- g. **77/09/10 Barleyhill lane and Broadway Lane** – NH read out a letter received from Mr Youatt, explaining that the tenants had been advised to carry out the required work and that he anticipated this work starting in the next few weeks. TN confirmed that digging equipment is in the village ready for the work, however that the land is now very wet and that the lane is likely to become very muddy as a result of the work. TN to report back at next meeting as to the condition of the lane and work carried out.
- h. **78/09/10 Request for Bonfire on the Green 5th November 2009** – NH explained that a request had been received between meetings, asking for permission to have a bonfire on the Green on 5th November 2009, permission had been granted on the condition that any damage is repaired and detritus cleared.
- i. **79/09/10 Lackham Vintage Society** – NH read out a letter received from the society accepting the councils invitation to return to the Green in the summer of 2010, vintage rally to be held on the 23rd June 2010. TN asked is the council should offer more support to the Society but all agreed that the society appear to be self sufficient in previous years.
- j. **80/09/10 Area Board Meeting** – GC advised that he and the clerk had attended the meeting held in Bowerhill Village Hall and the following two issues had be relevant to the village:

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A Road Safety - Speeding Community – Since the meeting a letter had been received from Melksham Without asking if the council would be interested in joining funds to purchase a mobile speed sign, with the possibility of gaining matching funds from the Area Board. JS explained that these are very expensive items and would be unlikely to receive Wiltshire Council backing; he would point the council in the direction of the Community Speed Watch Program, Clerk to contact Abbi G for more details.

B Flooding – GC explained that the Area Board have had a number of reports of flooding problems in the local villages and that in light of the problems with in the village TN has been asked look into the issues more closely. TN explained that he had been in contact with MG Young, Ian Brothers and the Tadhunters from Townsend, both parties had kindly written up a report of their flooding issues, these and an issue sheet are to be sent to Abbi G.

NH invited MG and Ian Brothers to comment at this point; they asked if the council could chase the landowners and Wessex water for a meeting to discuss the problems of last year. JS suggested that he attend a meeting on the 5th November 2009 on site so that he could see the problems. All agreed to this meeting.

- k. 81/09/10 Devizes Road Footpath Request 2008/09** - NH readout a letter from Wiltshire council explaining that the footpath had been considered for the 2010/2011 budget however there is no funding available; the request will be considered for the next financial year. JS advised to keep reminding them about this request in case funding becomes available.
- l. 82/09/10 Adoption of local Red Telephone Kiosk** – The chairman explained that the telephone will be removed from the red box in the near future but the council has been offered the adoption of the red box for £1. NH explained that this would mean that the box would stay in place but with the workings removed. Council considered the usefulness of this land mark, SA pointed out that it was useful for directing people in Poulshot and would like the box to stay in place, council voted and all agreed to pay the sum requested.
- m. 83/09/10 Trees Maintenance, The Green** – NH read out a quote for received from Acer Tree Surgeons for work required to a couple of trees on the Green, it was agreed that 2 more quotes should be sought before a decision is made.

5. 84/09/10 Finances

a - Council agreed payments to

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
M Goodenough - Salary Oct-Nov	174.16	0.00	174.16
M Goodenough – Clerks expenses	13.99	0	13.99

b - Clerk confirmed the balance at 31/10/09, taking into account the authorised cheques in this meeting was £7339.25.

c – Clerk requested all councillor attend a finance meeting to discuss the 2010/2011 budget and precept, all agreed on the 7th December 2009.

d – Clerk explained that Notice for Tenders will be placed in the Notice board in December for grass cutting and playground cleaning.

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6. 85/09/10 Planning – Applications to discuss

E/09/1353/FUL	MHJ ltd, Lower Foxhangers Farm Rowde Devizes	Construction of a 248 berth canal boat marina basin with mooring jetties; walkways and service bollards; administration/shower block; service quay with fuel; pump out; elsan disposal; tow-path lift bridge; 124 car parking spaces, 2 non specific residential moorings and landscaping.
E/09/1308/TCA	M Goodenough Clerk to Poulshot Parish Council	Tree works on The Green, Crown raising and reduction of lime tree growing over village hall, re-pollarding of willows on North of Green Gardens, crown cleaning and removal of crossing branches on oak tree Northern end of village
E/09/1271/LBC	Mr Peter Wright 52 The Green Poulshot	Removal of 1960's red brick fireplace/chimney/rusted galvanised liner from within void of the original inglenook fireplace. Making good plastering as existing. The installation of a multi-fuel heating stove with insulated flexible liner. The existing above-thatch chimney stack to be topped with ceramic chimney pot of simple design to compliment cottage.

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SH raised concerns over the removal of sewage from the proposed marina, as Poulshot systems already over worked could not cope with any more, JS to look into the sewage aspects of the development.

No other comments were received.

7. Applications received between meetings and comments

E/09/1118/TCA	Mr A Webber Walnut House The Green	Felling of 12 Leylandii trees	No objections raised- permission received
E/09/1123/FUL	Mr and Mrs Tim Buckley Manor House Farm 88 Poulshot Road	New French doors to garden room and kitchen, rooflights to garden room	No objections raised – permission received

8. 86/09/10 - Other business-

NH passed on a request from Lady Hunloke for a contribution of £250 to the over 60's Christmas meal, all councillors agreed to its payment.

9. 87/09/10 Next Meeting

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 5th January 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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