

# **Poulshot Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting Held at Village Hall

At 19:30 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010

## **Parish Council Meeting**

### **Attendance**

#### **Attending –**

Mr Nicholas Hunloke (Chairman) (NH)

Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN)

Mr Tim Nixon (TN)

Mr Joe Baber (JB)

Mr Steven Housby (SH)

Mr Geoff Collett (JC) (Vice-Chairman)

Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

#### **1. 25/10/11-Welcome and apologies**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the public; apologies were received from Sue Aldridge and WPC Emily Thomas.

#### **2. 26/10/11– Declaration of interests – NH asked councillors of any declarations, none were received.**

#### **Open session**

NH invited the public to raise any issues; one member of the public raised the issue of the trees on the green having been cut back and were they the correct trees? It was established that an error had been made in the quotation and that the wrong trees had been pollarded, the clerk pointed out that the quotation and planning application was for the trees worked on. Council agreed that a further quotation should be sourced and that one person should meet both tree surgeons to ensure continuity, TN agreed to sort the quotations.

NH closed the open session

#### **3. 27/10/11 - Minutes of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

NHC explained that in accordance with the agreement made in item 16/09/10 of the Minutes from meeting 02/03/10, the minutes 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

#### **4. Matters arising**

**a. 28/10/11 - Pippin Homes Development** – NH read out the letter sent to WCC with reference the entrance to the development. GC explained that IS could not attend the meeting but that his understanding is that there are no further developments on the application.

**b. 29/10/11 – Village Green** - SH reported that he and TN had carried out a walk around

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risk assessment of the Green and that they have recorded some 36 manhole covers and drains that need to be checked on a regular basis. SH suggested that this should be completed twice a year. The clerk suggested that as a matter of responsibility to the villagers and other walkers any risk assessment should be carried out more regularly, council voted on monthly or bi-monthly and agreed on Bi-monthly checks. Clerk to prepare a risk assessment check list. TN suggested that council make a ruling that any work required for Health and Safety reasons on the Green should be authorised between meetings as required, all council agreed that any urgent work should be completed as required for the Health and Safety of the Villagers and other walkers. Council also requested that a notice be put in the magazine asking villagers to report any issues urgently to any member of the council. Clerk to prepare magazine notice. A member of the public raised a concern about the height of the stop cock in the gate way of the Green Gardens; clerk to contact Wessex water with regards the safety of this.

- c. **30/10/11 – Parish Steward** - GC explained that he had nothing to report.
- d. **31/10/11 - Ponds** – Dankay Cleverly (DC) gave the council a brief update of the most recent investigations into the ownership of the two other ponds in the village. DC confirmed that the pond on Poulshot Road at Planks Dairies is in fact owned by Mr Plank and that he is happy with any restoration investigation to be carried out. The pond in the left hand side of the village green is believed to belong to Mr Bartholomew, this is to be confirmed. Three newt surveys have now been completed and a formal report is on its way from Jan Freeborn. Wiltshire Wildlife assessment of the ponds will also follow shortly. Rural Services will be coming to assess the work required to the ponds, after this quotations will be obtained and then funding will be looked into. MN raised a concern about the expectation of the council to fund this venture, DC explained that until the amount required was known then no requests for funding would be put to any parties and that the Village Trust will be liaising with the Council at all points as the pond on the green is on council land. DC also explained that Jan Freeborn has requested that she be given permission to run a course on the Great Crested Newts in the village all council agreed to this.
- e. **32/10/11 - Playground safety inspection report** – MN explained that in SA's absence he had carried out a visual inspection of the playground and that all seemed in order.
- f. **33/10/11 - Community Area Partnership** –Tim Jalland reported that the direction of the partnership has gone slightly off course and that they are currently re-focusing. That everything is still going along but they are still finding their feet with things but learning very quickly. He explained that WCC needs to be clearer on the subject of their support for the CAP's.
- g. **34/10/11 - Barleyhill lane and Broadway Lane** – NH explained that the lane is now back to flat and a good job was done, with only a couple of issues about grass reseeding and about the longevity of the repairs that have been carried out to the gateway. Council agreed that the clerk should contact Mr Youatt to raise these concerns but also to thank him on the fact that the work has been carried out.
- h. **35/10/11 – Community Speed Watch** – NH explained that despite managing to obtain enough volunteers for the scheme council had now been informed that , as there is a current speed camera site on the green the scheme cannot proceed in this area.

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However if other areas in the village are considered problem areas that these could be considered, the Clerk requested to comment as a parishioner, this was granted, she commented on the myopic view of speeding being only across the green and raised point of speeding further down Poulshot Road, she asked council to consider reviewing this area for the speed watch scheme? Council agreed that MG should contact Abbi with regard a survey being carried out in this area.

- i. 36/10/11 – Sintons** – Clerk reported no further news.
  
- j. 37/10/11 – Letter to Chairman regarding parking on the Green** – NH read out a letter received from Mrs Gravina with regard parking, by walkers from outside the village, on the tracks around the green. NH suggested that if this happens again the people should be asked to move their vehicles to the car parking area along from the village hall and if this didn't work that vehicle numbers should be taken. TN pointed out that on the 6<sup>th</sup> August the Shires group would be attending the village and should they be asking for permission? Council agreed that as this is an annual event that they would not wish to discourage such things. SH asked if such an event occurred again could the name of the group organiser be asked for and then written to? NH and all council agreed that common sense must prevail with such parking problems.
  
- k. 38/10/11 – Memorial Bench-** MN explained that the Village Hall committee which to put a memorial bench in the green gardens as a memorial to Mr Scamell, all council agreed to this but requested that the bench could match the one currently in place and that the question of maintenance of the current bench and the new one could be raised with the family. MN to take the response back to the Committee.
  
- l. 39/10/11 –Allotment Vacancy** – NH explained that one allotment is now free. Council agreed that there is currently no one on the waiting list, from within the village, that the clerk place a notice in the magazine offering its rental.
  
- m. 40/10/11 – Advert for Magazine** – SH explained that they is nothing in the village for the younger teenagers and that feedback has already been received suggesting things like Bike ramps. SH feels that more should be done to make the youngsters feel more part of the village. Teresa Ollerhead and Mandy Housby are willing to be contact points for the youngsters to send their suggestions to. Tim Jalland raised a suggestion of a Youth Council representative who could be the voice for the teenagers? Council agreed to place a notice in the magazine asking for the youth suggestions.
  
- n. 41/10/11 – Grass cutting** – Although not on the minutes NH asked to comment on the grass cutting of the Green, NH had suggested that a small part of the green be left uncut to allow wild flowers to grow. MN pointed out that the Green Gardens was a perfect place for wild flowers and that he didn't see the point of leaving patch in the green. TN suggested leaving the bonfire site, as this would cover the site during the summer. Council agreed to try it for a year and to hold a site meeting to discuss the location of the longer grass

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## 5. 42/10/11                      **Finances**

### A. Council agreed payments to

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
Community First Membership	36.00	0	36.00
M Goodenough (Clerks Salary Apr-May 2010)	174.16	0	174.16
Acer Tree Surgeons	330.00	57.75	387.75
Simon Franklin –Grass Cutting	490.00	85.75	575.75

B. Clerk requested that although Simon Franklin’s invoice had only been received that morning,

C. as it was a pre-agreed contract would council authorise payment rather than waiting for the September meeting, all council agreed.

D. Clerk confirmed the balance at 31/04/2010 was £8087.80 and that the VAT reclaim of £1342.47 had now been received.

C. MN asked if the clerk had decided which laptop would be appropriate for the work, MG explained that no decision had yet been made.

## 6. 43/10/11 -Planning

### A. Applications granted – NH confirmed the applications granted since the last meeting

E/10/0302/FUL	M P Hues, Lodge Farm, Poulshot Road, Poulshot, SN10 1RQ	Alterations to external appearance of farm buildings in connection with conversion to farm shop.	Permission received
E/10/0623/TCA	Mr J Collett Dukes Farm 59 The Green Poulshot	Removal of conifer tree at front of property	Permission received
E/10/0597/TCS	Mr P Piper Greenways 6 The Green Poulshot	40% reduction of Robinia Pseudo acacia tree in garden	Permission received

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## **7. 44/10/11 -Next Meeting**

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting, would be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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