

# **Poulshot Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting Held at Village Hall  
At 19:30 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010

## **Parish Council Meeting**

### **Attendance**

#### **Attending –**

Mr Nicholas Hunloke (Chairman) (NH)  
Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN)  
Mr Joe Baber (JB)  
Mr Steven Housby (SH)  
Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA)  
Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

#### **1. 45/10/11-Welcome and apologies**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the public; NH explained to the public that Councillor Geoff Collett GC had had an accident in August; all council agreed that a card should be sent to him wishing him a speedy recovery. Apologies were received from Geoff Collett and Tim Nixon.

- 2. 46/10/11– Declaration of interests** – NH asked councillors of any declarations, Steve Housby explained that he has made a private comment with regard one of the planning applications and would therefore step down during this discussion, no others were received.

#### **Open session**

NH introduced Community support officer Rose, Rose explained that they were no issues in the village that she was aware of. The only thing she had to raise was a request from a villager that another ‘no camping’ sign could be place at the Raven end of the village green, all councillors agree that as there was a sign there previously it should be replaced, MG to look into a replacement. NH thanked Rose for her attendance and then invited the public to raise any issues. A number of residents raised the issue of the camping incident on the green earlier in the summer and asked if the council intended to write to those concerned? NH explained that the matter had been dealt with at the time, with the assistance of the police and that the council didn’t not feel that it was necessary to take any further action at this point, all councillors agreed. SH suggested that one member of the council should attend a recently advertised course ‘CPD – Common land and Village Greens’ on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Swindon, all councillors agreed that this was a good idea, SH offered to attend, all agreed. MG to arrange attendance.

Another issue of Aqua sacks, agreed to be purchased by the council at a previous meeting, further to Area Board member Jonathon Seed investigation into costs, was raised. JS confirmed that Wiltshire Council had purchased the aqua sacks and that he would look into the price for local councils.

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NH closed the open session

### **3. 47/10/11 - Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010**

NH explained that in accordance with the agreement made in item 16/09/10, the minutes from the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 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 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

### **4. Matters arising**

- a. 48/10/11 - Pippin Homes Development** – NH explained that Ivor Sault had kindly called to give an update; there is no news in the development plans. New plans are being drawn up and will be submitted in due course, the plans will now consist of 5 larger houses and 4 affordable houses for rental.
- b. 49/10/11 – Village Green Risk Assessment-** SH explained that he had made contact with the Wiltshire Association for Local Councillors with regard risk assessments and had carried out another walk around to ensure everything was in order, he explained that everything seemed fine. The clerk informed council that she has written up a risk assessment sheet that should be completed on each bi-monthly inspection; this has a column with required work and date for completion by. SH gratefully took the paperwork and will use this in future inspections.
- c. 50/10/11 – Parish Steward** – MN explained that the steward has all the work in the village up together and that has dug out the ditches on the green and painted the railings by Planks Dairies.
- d. 51/10/11 - Ponds** – NH read out an email report from Dankay Cleverly (DC) giving an update of the most recent investigations into the ownership of the two other ponds in the village.
  - 1** Ownership of all ponds has now been investigated
  - 2** Quotes for restoration work required received ranging from 2.5 to 3k
  - 3** Planning will be required for tree maintenance and the trust are liaising with Wiltshire Council in is matter and regarding the newts.
  - 4** Grant applications have been sent in to 3 sources and 1 to Wiltshire Council is being prepared.
  - 5** Disposal of waste from the ponds, when tidied, will be an issue that will require further discussion with the council.

All councillors agreed that when arrangements for the work have been made and funding sorted then a meeting will be held to discuss further.

- e. 52/10/11 - Playground safety inspection report** – SA confirmed that she has carried out a visual inspection and that all seems well but she thinks that we equipment needs a cleaning, all council agreed to pass this comment onto the Playground cleaner (TN)
- f. 53/10/11 - Community Area Partnership** –Tim Jalland explained that grant applications should be in for the October Area Board Meeting and that currently a bid for funding for both the big tree project and the Ponds project were being prepared by

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the Village trust. MN asked if it was possible to obtain a grant for installing Fibre Optic Broadband into the village, he explained about a council in Kent that had obtained a grant for such a project. All councillors agreed that the clerk should investigate further.

- g. 54/10/11 - Barleyhill lane and Broadway Lane** – NH read out an email received from Mr Youatt in response to the councils request for grass seed to be spread on the land damaged in the ditch excavations; Mr Youatt stated that he believes that he and the trustees have fulfilled the councils request to clear the ditches and that the grass would either self seed or that the council should consider completing this task themselves. Councillors all agreed that it would be advisable to simply purchase some grass seed and MN offered to complete this task.
- h. 55/10/11 – Community Speed Watch** – The clerk explained that Abbi, the area board manager, had requested a specific location. All councillors discussed the location required and JS advised that if a check is done and no speeding is detected then no speed watch program could be implemented so choose carefully. Councillors agreed to ask if two locations, one on the Devizes side and one up from the church could be considered. Clerk to contact Abbi.
- i. 56/10/11 – Sinton’s** – Clerk reported no further news.
- j. 57/10/11 – Allotment Vacancy** – Clerk reported that due to a lack of response from one tenant the agreement had now lapsed and that another allotment is now available. She explained that the previous reported vacant allotment had been filled. Councillors agreed that this vacancy should be advertised in the parish magazine, clerk to arrange.
- k. 58/10/11 – Dogs in Hay Lane-** NH explained that a letter of complaint had been received with regard dogs kept, at times, in the stables in Hay Lane. He explained that the police had been informed and that both they and the local dog warden had visited the site and spoken to the owners.
- l. 59/10/11 –Trees on Green** – Clerk explained that between meetings all councillors had reviewed the received quotes and accepted the quote from Acer Tree Surgeon, an application has been entered to Wiltshire Council for the required work.
- m. 60/10/11 – Wiltshire Council Grants for the Countryside** – NH explained that paperwork had been received with regard grants available for countryside work to footpaths and such like, all councillors agreed to discuss this at the finance meeting in November .
- n. 61/10/11 – Bonfire in Green Request for permission** – A letter received from the bonfire committee had been received asking for permission to hold the bonfire in the usual place on the village green on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010, all councillor agreed as per the usual terms with regard clearing the debris.
- o. 62/10/11 – Playground survey- feedback** – SH explained that a few suggestions had

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been received with regard the views of the younger villagers, mostly asking for Netball and basketball rings and bike ramps, councillors discussed locations for such things and decided that more thought needed to put into this matter, to be discussed at next meeting. It was also suggested that a bus shelter by the Raven would be an advantage for Children waiting for the school bus; councillors did not feel this was an option in the village due to the location of the bus stop. JS recommended enquiring with Wiltshire Council if there is any allocated money sat waiting for Poulshot Parish.

## **AOB**

NH raised one issue not on the agenda, a request had been received from the organisers of the Poulshot Village Feast with regard help financing the event, all councillors considered this matter. The clerk raised concerns with regard the matter of making a donation to a non village related charity event and asked JS for his advice, he agreed that his understanding was that this would not be an appropriate action but recommended asking the advice of Walc and community first, Clerk auctioned to enquire.

## **5. 63/10/11 Finances**

### **A. Council agreed payments to**

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
M Goodenough (Clerks Salary Aug- Sept 2010)	190.83	0	190.83
Devizes Home and Garden Maintenance	70.00	0	70.00
JS Weeks and Co	50.00	8.75	58.75

B. Current Balance sheet and payments, Clerk confirmed that the current balance on the account, before the afore mentioned cheques was £7497.30.

C. Clerk asked the councillors to consider an appropriate date for a Finance meeting in November 2010, date to be set at next meeting.

### **D. 64/10/11 -Planning**

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

E/10/0920/FUL	Mr T Coleman Field behind Springfield House, 5 Barleyhill Lane, poulshot, SN10 1RS	Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic	No objections received – planning granted
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E/10/0946/FUL	Mr I Sault 30 Poulshot Road, Poulshot, SN10 1RW	Erection of horse carriage storage shed	No objections received (NB Councillor Housby lodged private comment) – planning granted
E/10/0958/FUL	Mrs E Jalland 44 The Green, Poulshot, SN10 1RT	Relocation of oil tank (resubmission of E/09/0735/FUL)	No objections received – planning granted
E/10/1093/S73	Mr Joe Dyke 135 Poulshot Road Poulshot SN10 1RZ	Variation of condition 2 of K56596F to number of tents on site to 6 from current restriction of 3	To be decided – explained that this is a retrospective application and that 6 tents are already in situ, no objections received but MN commented that he did not like the fact that it was a retrospective application but had no objections to it.
E/10/1059/TCA	Mrs M Goodenough Poulshot Parish Council	Works to trees in Green Gardens	To be decided – no comments

### **6. 66/10/11 -Next Meeting**

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting, would be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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