

Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Poulshot Village Hall
At 19:30 on Tuesday 9th November 2004.

1. Attending

Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN) Vice Chairman
Mr Geoffrey Collett (GC) Councillor
Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA) Councillor
Mr Nicky Hunloke (NH) Councillor
Mr Joe Dyke (JD) Councillor
Mr Joe Baber (JB) Councillor

Mr Michael Wilson (MW) Parish Clerk

Apologies

Mr Michael Hues (MH) Chairman
PC Anne Deuchars

Absent

Visitors

Mrs T Carr (Kennet District Council)

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed visitors; there was one member of the public attending. MN explained that MH was unable to attend and therefore he would be chairing the meeting.

2. Public Comment

No comments were made

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of last meeting 21/9/04, were approved by the council and signed by MN in the presence of the council.

4. Matters arising

Speed Limits

The Clerk reported that nothing had been received from the Police regarding the road survey. A form had been placed in the Parish Magazine in order to solicit support from the parishioners for a 30mph speed limit. *The Clerk to progress.*

Village Notice Board

MN explained that he and the Clerk had looked at the notice board and a potential new position which would improve access and visibility. He explained that this was opposite the entrance to the Raven inn on the green area. MN explained that he had placed a stake in the ground in order that the members might review the position before the next meeting. The Clerk explained that although he had asked six companies to quote, including local firms, he had only received one quote. This was for an Aluminium board as advertised in the Parish Clerk Magazine. The cost £1500. Mrs Carr was able to state that Seend had just purchased a new wooden board at £900, and recommended that the Clerk contact Rosemary Fisher (Clerk to Seend). The members felt that £1500 was too expensive and it was stated that the previous notice board had cost about £500 about four years ago. MN pointed out that an all metal board would last a lot longer than 4 years, and if the council were to purchase a new wooden board, maintenance would be required. GC reiterated this view and that in his opinion a metal board would be best. The Clerk stated that one of the doors to the notice board was now useless. MN referred the item to the next meeting. *Members to look at the proposed site; the Clerk to contact Seend, and to try for more quotations.*

Goal Posts

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MN stated that the Goal posts had been received and a meeting on the Green had resolved the position of the football pitch. These nearly full size posts will be placed on the area of the Green previously occupied by the Cricket pitch. The pitch would be about 60 to 70 metres. JD expressed concern about damage around the Goal areas, but it was pointed out that by having two goals the damage would be minimised. MN pointed out that the grass would have to be kept short which would in itself require more cuts throughout the year. A working party will be arranged in the next two weeks to erect the posts. *MN to arrange working party.*

Grass Triangle by the Church

The Clerk stated that Wessex Water were supposed to reseed and make good the area in September, however it would seem that the work had not been completed. Despite chasing Wessex, no reply had yet been received. *Clerk to progress.*

Youth

The Clerk was still awaiting some replies from local agencies, and was planning to have a meeting with Youth Action Wiltshire in the near future. He had heard from the Charities Information Bureaux. Grants are available, but have to be granted independently to Non government organisations. It is therefore clear that Poulshot will need an independent youth organisation. A volunteer organiser will be needed, although we need not necessarily have our own youth club meetings and could join in using the facilities of Bromham, Worton, or Potterne.

Clerk to progress, Council to find a Volunteer Coordinator.

Road Signs

The work to the road signs in Barley Hill Lane has been completed, although Wiltshire Highways has not renewed the "No Through Road" sign as yet.

Waste skips

Have been ordered for 30/11/04 at 08:30.

Public Consultation

The Clerk reported that the dates of all meetings through to 2006 have been circulated, including to the Parish magazine. This showed that 3 open meetings would take place and that the public were being encouraged to attend. Light refreshments would be made available. The Clerk also reported that he would be placing a request for comments in the Parish Magazine at the end of the year and would be providing a summary of the Councils achievements for the Magazine at that time.

Unfortunately the current Editor of the Parish Magazine has given notice that she intends to step down. The Council as a whole thanked Caroline Tadhunter for her good efforts, and resolved that the Magazine was the most important tool of communication in the Village. Bearing this in mind the Magazine must not be allowed to die; the Councillors decided that they would double their efforts to find a replacement editor. NH also stated that it would be a good idea if any future editors came to the Parish Council meetings. *Clerk to prepare annual report of the Council.*

Council Insurance

The Clerk reported that MH had only just received the insurance details and as such had not been able to review the situation as yet. *MH to report to the Council.*

Web Pages

The Clerk reported that no word had been received from WCC, or Kennet as we were expecting to hear at the end of October news should be received shortly. *Clerk to progress.*

Future Planning

SA had attended a meeting in Pewsey hosted by Kennet. This was part of a consultative campaign being run on behalf of the Regional government. The minutes and other documents have been circulated to the council. There was no comment apart from Mrs Carr stating that the regional assembly was becoming a very powerful body.

Parish Assets

No progress, except to state that the Clerk had received a report that the Council had no regular solicitors and the last time solicitors had been used was regarding the Green gardens and MH had recommended his own solicitors. The Clerk and NH are intending to visit the Public Records office as soon as possible.

The Clerk to report.

Village Pond

Mrs Dixon was still chasing Wiltshire Wildlife and will report back. The Council was reminded that MH had suggested at the last meeting that the work be put out to tender. *MH will report back.*

Right to Roam

The report on Poulshot Parish shows that there is no "Right to Roam" under the terms of the act in the Parish.

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Charity Administration

No Progress. *The Clerk to report.*

2005 Budget

The Council had been circulated with the Budget derived from the previous years expenditures. The Clerk pointed out only £450 capital expenditure had been allowed for; and that the Clerks Salary was some £400 pa greater. NH felt that several items in particular gifts and cleaning could be reduced. JD also agreed that costs could be cut; NH also asked if the playground inspection was necessary. The Clerk stated that it was a matter of insurance and liability. MN reminded the council that it had already been agreed that the green would be cut more often in 2005 thus incurring greater cost. SA proposed that the precept remain the same and that the outline budget be accepted. NH seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. Plans

No Plans were considered, however there had been a complaint regarding 41 the Green. SA explained that the owners were upset because their application for a balcony had been turned down. The Clerk pointed out that all planning applications that had been received regarding the property had been approved. Mrs Carr offered to investigate with the planning authority. *SA to report back.*

6. Accounts

A letter had been received from Lady Kate Hunloke requesting financial support for the over sixties party, this was unanimously agreed by the Council.

The Clerk presented the current balance sheet, indicating that over £6000 was on deposit at this time, and no unbudgeted items were foreseen.

MN raised the subject of the Village Hall. He stated that it was in a poor state of decoration and that this had been discussed by the Village Hall Committee, they were in the process of obtaining quotations, however the quotes obtained thus far were over £2000 and the Hall funds were not adequate to cover this expense. He asked for financial support from the Council. The subject was discussed further, however the Clerk asked that the matter not be brought to a vote as due notice of the matter had not been given. The Council decided to leave the matter to the next meeting. *MH to present the case at the next meeting.*

Payable.

Several accounts were payable;

Two cheques were signed;

Kate Hunloke (over 60's Party S.137 payment)

M Wilson (Clerks expenses) £32.45

In the interim between meetings three cheques had been signed by Councillors;

Wickstead (playground Inspection) £35.25

Sports Mark (Goal Posts) £472.35

Hawes Macleod (Tree Surgery) £120.00

7. Any Other Business.

Play Ground

A safety report on the Village Play Ground had been received from Wickstead Leisure. The report indicated that some work needs to be done to a wall next to the play area, and that regular cleaning and pressure washing of the safety matting should take place. The Clerk reported that he had advertised the work in the Parish Magazine with a closing date of the 1st December. *Clerk to report on tenders.*

Sewerage

A request for assistance had been received from a parishioner regarding continued sewerage problems towards the southern end of the village. As the village had suffered considerable disruption with road closures in the spring of 2004, it was felt that the Council should request an explanation from Wessex water. *Clerk to contact Wessex Water.*

Car Parking

Numerous complaints have been received regarding car parking on the Village Green, opposite the Old Chapel, Townsend and around Sillington Lane.

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The current problem on the Green seems to have been associated with building work, and the parking of workmen's vehicles and materials. MH had already given the owners of the property in question a verbal warning and the clerk will be asked to write to them if the nuisance continues.

There also seems to be a Caravan on the Green, this should have been moved some time ago. *The Clerk to request the owners to remove the Caravan.*

The Complaints from Sillington Lane have been verbal only and not specific enough to take any action at the moment.

JD informed the meeting that the parking problem at Townsend seems to have been solved, sadly by the company involved moving somewhere else.

The Clerk reported that the problem in the narrow portion of Poulshot road opposite the Old Chapel had been reported to the Police, Highways and the Sarsen. The problem was caused by Sarsen letting to tenants who require car parking but without sufficient space to satisfy all of their needs. MN and the clerk had attended a meeting with Carol Sainsbury from Sarsen who had committed to respond to the Council by 17th November. At that meeting the complaints regarding rubbish and noise in the same area were also raised. *The Clerk to report when Sarsen respond.*

Traction Rally.

A request had been received from Mr Day to hold a traction rally on the green, on the 22nd June 2005. The Council discussed this and NH felt that without further information it was not possible to make a decision, although he was generally favourable. Concern was also expressed regarding clashing with the Church fete. *Clerk to request further information from Mr Day.*

MN thanked all those for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

8. Next meeting.

Tuesday 11/1/05 at 18:30 Poulshot village hall. Starting with a public meeting, with refreshments.

9. Enclosures.

Balance sheet to date

Future Meeting dates.

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