

Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Poulshot Village Hall
At 19:30 on Tuesday 12th July 2005.

Attending

Mr Michael Hues (MH) Chairman
Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA) Councillor
Mr Joe Dyke (JD) Councillor
Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN) Vice Chairman
Mr Geoffrey Collett (GC) Councillor
Mr Joe Baber (JB) Councillor
Mrs T Carr (Kennet District Council)
Mrs P Rugg (Wiltshire County Council)
WPC Anne Deuchars

Mr Michael Wilson (MW) Parish Clerk

7. Apologies

Mr Nicky Hunloke (NH) Councillor

Absent - None

Visitors - There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

2. Public meeting

The Chairman opened the Public meeting and welcomed visitors. He then invited WPC Anne Deuchars to report. She indicated that all was well in the Parish at the moment however she stressed that constant vigilance was required. The Clerk suggested that a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator might be forthcoming in the near future. JD expressed concern with petty theft and vandalism in remote farm buildings and asked what could be done. WPC Deuchars suggested that there were some remote alarm product available however by farmers questioning persons on their land and making notes of vehicle registration numbers the problem should be containable. The chairman asked for any other comments from the floor, and as there were none he closed the public portion of the meeting.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of last meeting 10/05/05, were reviewed and no comments were received. The minutes were then approved by the council and signed by MH in the presence of the council.

4. Matters arising

4.1. Speed Limits

The Clerk stated that he had presented a draft letter to the Councillors that was intended to start the process of application. He was awaiting comments; however he was able to inform the meeting that although a financial contribution by the Parish to the costs of introducing a speed limit might hasten the process, it would not guarantee the application of a limit. MH asked what size of contribution would be required, and the Clerk was able to inform the meeting that the cost of a limit introduction varied by the complications involved but generally he had been quoted a figure of £3000, and a contribution could be from a few hundred to a thousand pounds or so. JD supported MH in suggesting that a contribution would be helpful, but the meeting asked that the clerk make the offer in a letter, but to leave the amount open. Mr Rugg was asked for her opinion and she stated that she would do everything she could to help, but that there was a long waiting list and no further applications would be examined until next spring. She was also able to confirm County Councils limited budget for implementing speed limits. *Clerk to progress.*

The Clerk pointed out that there had been no progress on Weight limits.

4.2. Grass Triangle by the Church

MH reported that the triangle had been re-landscaped by Wessex, they had removed the offending turf and they had reseeded. Some of the grass had taken, and he hoped that progress would now be made towards improving the area. JD pointed out that further work was expected on the high pressure sewer that would possibly ruin the good efforts of Wessex. The clerk reported that he had heard nothing more from Wessex regarding this work and he would contact them. *Clerk to progress.*

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4.3. Youth

The Clerk reported that Mr Tim Nixon was unable to attend this evening; however he had asked the clerk to report on his behalf. A meeting had taken place between the clerk, YAW and Mr Nixon, during which various possibilities to support some youth activities in the village were discussed. Mr Nixon supported the idea of "bussing" children to established youth groups at Rowde and Bromham. He also was convinced of the effectiveness of having a youth activity day next year (probably June). To that end he will begin planning the same with YAW, and he will also contact Mr Day to establish if it would be possible for the event to take place in conjunction with the Historic vehicle rally on the Green. Mr Nixon also expressed the need to have a couple of teenagers take part in the arrangements; he would find a couple of "volunteers". Meanwhile the clerk will coordinate grant applications and request a bank account for the organisation.
Clerk to progress.

4.4. Public Consultation

The clerk reported that no further activities towards public consultation had taken place apart from the annual Parish meeting.

4.5. Web Pages

The Clerk reported that the web pages were now under his control, he requested contributions from all, but pointed out that he was still learning and it was slow going. *Clerk to progress.*

4.6. Village Pond

MH reported that the clerk had been in touch with Will Harley at Kennet and that grant forms had been received, however the item was pending until a site visit by Mr Harley had taken place. *MH to progress.*

4.7. Play Area

SA reported that all seemed well with the play area. The Clerk pointed out that he had not yet received an invoice for work done by Mr T Nixon. *SA to report at the next meeting.*

4.8. Sarsen (car parking & General maintenance)

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been scheduled for July the 22nd with Carol Sainsbury of Sarsen. At that meeting she would present the proposed solution to car parking on their property. MH stated that all councillors are welcome to attend. The clerk stated that he had written to Sarsen with complaints about the general maintenance of the Terraces, and No. 17 Poulshot rd. this was the second time that he had written and is still awaiting an answer. The clerk also reported that there would be a meeting on the 20th July with Mr Kilmer of Kennet regarding waste collection provisions in the village, and in particular the Terraces.
Clerk to report after the meetings.

4.9. Foot Path status

The Clerk reported that had had been in touch with Wiltshire regarding this matter. Wiltshire has indeed received requests for upgrades to paths, which could mean that some of our prized footpaths become by ways. This precludes any form of prohibition signs until the matter is resolved. The clerk will press Wiltshire to make sure that the consultation process is followed. *Clerk to progress.*

4.10. Quality Parish Councils

The Clerk reported that he had not attended any further Clerks meetings, and apologised stating pressure of work. *Clerk to report.*

4.11. Best Kept village

The Clerk reported that Poulshot had been placed 9th out of nine and that the results had been circulated to the councillors. A short discussion regarding the comments of the judges took place, however MH summed up the feeling by stating that he was proud to live in Poulshot and liked it just the way it is!

4.12. Lengths mans report

MN felt that with the current allocation of manpower from highways - little or nothing could be achieved. The clerk stated that he had sent MN a proposal form to be sent to all villagers, and that MN and he would be meeting shortly to discuss this. *MN & Clerk to progress. MN to report at the next meeting.*

4.13. General Repairs

The Clerk reported that Mr Adams (the one applicant) was still interested. The Clerk will arrange a mutually suitable time for members of the council to meet Mr Adams. *Clerk to progress.*

4.14. Village Design Guide

The Clerk reported no progress, however in light of a later matter a Design Guide would be an extremely useful tool. Mrs Carr commented that many villages had found such a document useful, and undertook to supply the Clerk with examples. *Whole Council to consider.*

4.15. 15 Barley Hill Lane

MH reported that this matter was resolved; some concern over building works at the site had been expressed by Parishioners. GC and MN approached the owner and established that the existing boundaries were being honoured.

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4.16. Litter and Refuse on the Green

The Clerk reported that he had, as requested, posted a notice in the magazine, and the notice board informing the Parish of the dire consequences of such practices. MH expounded the virtues of the recycling centre in Devizes and explained that there was no excuse for dumping on any site. The Clerk again referred to his forthcoming meeting with Kennet.

5. Plans

No Plans were considered at the meeting but there had been various plans presented in the interim, the status of which was reported in the agenda to the meeting.

- 30 Poulshot rd, an extension. Approved.
- 134 Poulshot rd, Access. Pending & modified plans presented at the meeting.
- Foxhangers, New Marina. Pending

JD felt very strongly that the dangers in the proposed access at No 134 Poulshot Rd. had not properly been considered. MH pointed out that WCC had examined the site and felt that the modified plans would prove safe. All Councillors including Mrs Carr and Mrs Rugg were asked to view the modified plans. After some discussion it was decided to raise an objection with KDC on the following grounds. Firstly, that the road safety issues had not fully been addressed. Secondly, that the nature of the proposed fencing was not in keeping with the Village and the conservation area. Thirdly, the large scale nature of the earth works involved would require considerable maintenance, and that some form of commitment should be made as to the type and responsibility of the maintenance.

6. Accounts

6.1. The Clerk presented the current financial position, with the current balance standing at about £2,700. He also stated that there were no reported problems with the 2004/5 accounts that had now been internally audited.

6.2. The Clerk reported that he would be presenting a draft budget for 2006/7 at the next meeting; all contributions from the members would be helpful.

6.3. Payable.

1. Several accounts were payable; two cheques were signed at the meeting;
 - a. Clerks expenses £50.00, for local council administration book.
 - b. Wessex Water £14.52, water supply to Green Gardens.
2. In the interim between meetings several cheques had been signed by Councillors;
 - a. Clerks expenses, £73.19
 - b. Community First subscription, £32.00.
 - c. Zurich Insurance, £321.49
 - d. Poulshot Village Hall, £2000.00.
 - e. Repair of stand pipe £62.18
 - f. Sportsmark £79.02

8. Any Other Business.

8.1. Fencing in the Village.

The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint regarding the nature of some new fencing in the village. He had tried to raise the subject in general with the planning authority, but do to pressure of work they were unable to consider general issues. They were, however happy to consider an individual complaint, and the Clerk was referring the matter to the Council to gauge their opinion. MH suggested that making a formal complaint might seem heavy handed; the Clerk suggested that a Design Guide might avoid these forms of problems. MN suggested that a further general approach be made directly to the head of planning. *Clerk to progress.*

8.2. Goal Posts.

The Clerk reported that he had been in possession of the post holders for some time, and had informed the "volunteers" but without response. MH suggested that the Clerk arrange a working party to undertake the work. *Clerk to progress.*

8.3. Village Green.

MH reported that the Green seemed to be in good condition at the moment, and he felt that another cut right now might cause burning. He also informed the meeting that a Volleyball competition would be held on the Green on the 17th July.

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8.4. Trees.

The Clerk informed the meeting that NH had requested certain trees on the Green have their “crowns” raised. This discussed and agreed. *Clerk to contact Hawes Macleod.*

8.5. Allotment Request.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a request for an allotment from Mr Longden. The matter was discussed and approved. *Clerk to arrange a meeting to set out the new allotment in the Green Gardens.*

8.6. Bridge in Hay Lane.

SA informed the meeting that the bridge in Hay lane was in a dangerous condition. Highways had been informed and inspected the bridge. They had agreed to replace the balustrades and the surface on the bridge. *SA to report further.*

8.7. Water Pressure in the Village

MN raised the issue of low water pressure in the village, MH concurred, as did JD. Various Parishioners had complained from many different areas of the Village. In particular Barley Hill Lane. The Clerk was requested to contact Wessex and request a survey. *Clerk to progress.*

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

9. Next meeting.

Tuesday 13/9/05 at 18:30 Poulshot village hall.

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