

Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Village Hall
At 19:30 on Tuesday 2nd March 2010

Parish Council Meeting

Attendance

Attending –

Mr Nicky Hunloke(NH)(Chairman)
Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA)
Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN)
Mr Tim Nixon (TN)
Mr Joe Baber (JB)
Mr Geoff Collett (JC) (Vice-Chairman)
Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*

There were 25 members of the public in attendance.

Public Meeting

Nicky Hunloke welcomed the public to the meeting and explained that this was their chance to put forward any ideas and suggestions for the village. Also a chance to comment on the direction of the village. NH opened the floor to the public.

No comments or suggestions were received.

Nicky explained that the Community Area Partnership had kindly come to talk about their role in the community and if no one had any comments he suggested that we move onto the Area Partnership, all agreed and Nicky introduced Chris Holden (CH) the Chairman of Melksham Community Area Partnership.

CH explained their role and their links to the Area Board; he also explained how the CAP is on the receiving end of funding that could be utilised by the village if required. CH explained that things such as small as new goal posts and pond cleaning to things as large as transport issues could be heard by the CAP with a view to help and advise. After some questions on these issues NH thanked CH for attending the meeting and closed the public meeting.

1. 107/09/10- Welcome and apologies

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the public. Apologies received from Steve Housby.

2. 108/09/10 – Declaration of Interests - chairman asked for any declarations of interest none were received.

Open Session

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The chairman opened the session and welcomed Community Support Officer Rose Baldock, Rose explained that she had nothing to add to the meeting and asked if anyone had any issues for her, none were received. NH thanked Rose for attending.

No other comments were received from the public.
NH closed the open session

3. 109/09/10 Minutes of Meeting held on 5th January 2010

NH explained that in accordance with the agreement made in item 16/09/10 the Minutes from meeting 05/01/10, 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 17th February 2010. NH also explained that due to the difficulties of gathering all councillors together for the signing of the minutes, the minutes would now be signed in the 2nd week after any meeting, ensuring that they are on public display in a timely manner.

4. Matters arising

- a. **110/09/10 Pippin Homes Development** – NH invited Ivor Sault to comment about progress of the development, IS explained that there is no further news at the moment.
- b. **11109/10 Letter from Mr Kidd- re Saplings by Pond** –NH explained that a letter had been received from Mr Kidd with regard saplings near the pond on the Green that Mr Kidd felt could cause problems with the drainage system if left to grow, NH explained that a letter had been sent to Mr Kidd advising him of the councils support is his removal of these saplings.
- c. **112/09/10 Thank you letter over 60's** – NH explained that a thank you letter had been received from the Over 60's group thanking the council for their continued support of the Over 60's Christmas meal.
- d. **113/09/10 Village Green Update** – NH explained that as SH was unable to attend this meeting this item would be delayed to May's Meeting.
- e. **114/09/10 Parish Steward** – GC explained that due to the large amount of road repairs and pot hole filling following the recent cold weather, the village is without the steward at present.
- f. **115/09/10 Ponds** - The Clerk explained that Jan freeborn from Wiltshire Wildlife had been in touch and as the weather is warming up she would like to come down to start the newt survey. The Clerk also explained that Jan had also asked if any villagers would be interested in getting involved in the survey, names of interested parties were taken and would be forward onto Jan.
- g. **116/09/10 Playground safety inspection report** - SA reported that all is fine with playground and equipment.
- h. **117/09/10 Community Area Partnership** –NH asked Jalland if he wanted to add anything further from the earlier talk from CH, TJ stated that he had nothing further to add.
- i. **118/09/10 Barleyhill lane and Broadway Lane** – Clerk explained that correspondence had been sent to Mr Youatt with regard the work that need completing and tidying, as yet with no response; however it is understood that Mr Youatt is away in holiday until the beginning of March. Update at next meeting
- j. **119/09/10 Area Board Meeting** – NH explained that Steve Housby had attended

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the most recent meeting and that he had reported that there was nothing to report back on that involved that village

- k. **120/09/10 Tree maintenance** – GC explained that further quotes are still being sourced.
- l. **121/09/10 Community speed watch** – NH explained that six volunteers are required to set up a community speed watch and that had been advertised in the most recent Parish Magazine, 2 volunteers had come forward and 2 further members of the public volunteered during the meeting. Still 2 more are required.
- m. **122/09/10 Sinton's Insurance – Geraldine Currie accident** – Clerk explained that the letter from Sinton's had been sent to the insurance company but with no response back at this point, clerk to chase up for next meeting.
- n. **123/09/10 Recycling Skips** – NH confirmed that the recycling skips would be back in the village on 18th March 2010, recycling for Cardboard and Plastics only.

5. 124/09/10 Finances

A. Council agreed payments to

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
Agreed between meetings			
T Nixon 0- playground cleaning annual	240.00	0.00	240.00
Agreed at Meeting			
M Goodenough - Salary Feb-Mar	174.16	0.00	174.16
M Goodenough – Clerks expenses	22.76	3.99	26.75

B. Clerk confirmed the balance at 001/03/2010, taking into account the authorised cheques in this meeting was £2784.25.

C. Clerk asked council to consider the quotations received for grass cutting 2010/2011 season,

- 1 Wiltshire Council £2800 +VAT for cutting every 2-3 weeks from 1/03/2010 to 30/11/2010
- 2 Simon Franklin £170 + VAT for cutting as and when required or requested.

Council discussed the fact that Wiltshire Council would have to cut the Green over 16 times in the season to compete with Simon's quotation. NH took a vote and it was unanimously agreed that Simon Franklin should receive the contract for the season.

D Clerk explained that after the last meeting research had been done into costs of laptop and she would like to gain more advice from SH on this matter. All agreed to delay to next meeting.

125/09/10 Planning

A. NH explained that no new applications had been received between meetings.

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B. Applications granted – NH confirmed the applications granted since the last meeting

E/09/1589/FUL	Townsend Farm Poulshot	Extend existing cow shed and erect feed hopper	Concerns raised about location of hopper too near to properties. Comments sent to Wiltshire Council
09/12674	Poulshot House 73 Poulshot Road	Lopping of branches on Acacia, Lime and Beech trees	No objections received

NH at this point invited members of the public to speak about application E/09/1589/FUL Townsend Farm. Mr Richard Francis, Mr Tim Bissett and Mr and Mrs Lee, raised issues with the planning process followed by Wiltshire Planning, they explained that they felt that the proper procedure had not been followed with regard dates and consultation times and contacting of local residents. NH and all councillors agreed that if procedure has not been followed and rules have been broken then the council would support the residents in this regard and would contact Jonathon Seed, Area Board Councillor, to ensure that the matter was investigated the due haste. Mrs Lee also wanted it recorded in the minutes the concerns of the residents at Townsend in the growing number of problems in this part of the village, including flooding issues and sewage problems and now planning issues.

6. 126/09/10 Next Meeting

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting, AGM, would be held on Tuesday 4th May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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