

# **Poulshot Parish Council**

Minutes of Meeting Held at Poulshot Village Hall  
At 18:30 on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

- a) The Meeting was opened by the chairman Mr Michael Hues, he welcomed the members of the public attending.
- b) The Chairman accepted apologies and those attending were noted as per the list under Parish Council Meeting
- c) The minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting were reviewed and any comments were called for, as none were made and the minutes had been signed in July 2005 the meeting moved on.
- d) The Chairman introduced the Council members to those parishioners attending.
- e) The chairman opened the meeting to the public for their comments.
  - a. It would seem that the sewerage work at Townsend is complete and the clean up operation has gone well. Some areas, particularly the Church Triangle needed attention and reseeded, some vehicles were driving over the seeded area. No one was sure if Wessex had rerouted the Worton riser and the clerk was asked to clarify this.
  - b. Mrs Dixon reported that the trees in the Green garden were now well established and all are pleased with the result.
  - c. Mr Hues reported that the Green was in need of a cut, but Highways had already been through the village and cut the verges. All agreed that last years schedule of cuts should be repeated as it produced a good result.
- f) As there were no other comments the Chairman closed the meeting.

## **Parish Council Meeting**

### **1. Attendance**

#### **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  
Mrs T Carr (Kennet District Council)  
Mrs P Rugg (Wiltshire County Council)  
Mr Nicky Hunloke (NH) Councillor  
Mr Joe Baber (JB) Councillor  
*Mr Michael Wilson (MW) Parish Clerk#*

#### **Apologies -**

WPC Anne Deuchars  
Judy Edwards (Neighbourhood watch Coordinator)

#### **Absent -**

None

#### **Visitors -**

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

### **2. Public meeting**

The Clerk opened the meeting, he asked for nominations from the Councillors for the position of Chairman for the year 2006/7. MN proposed Mr Michael Hues, and SA seconded this proposal. The Clerk asked if MH would like to serve, and as MH agreed the Clerk asked for a vote. MH was approved unanimously. The Chairman took his seat and thanked all for their trust. He then called for any proposals for vice chairman. JC proposed MN and JD seconded. MN was happy to serve and the subsequent vote was unanimous.

MH reported that Anne Deuchars was unable to attend.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Judy Edwards was unavailable and so he read her report about neighbourhood watch to the meeting.

*"Since the last meeting I have met Divisional Co-ordinator Barry Strange at the area co-ordinators meeting at Police Headquarters. He will be issuing me with starter/information packs when I visit in Salisbury, hopefully in the next couple of weeks. I wasn't organised to get anything into the newsletter for this time so in June's I will put out a plea for 'deputies' in Poulshot Road between Sillington Lane and The Green; Barley Hill Lane I can cover the Green From the Josie's to the other end of the village (maybe that is too long a stretch. And, Mill Lane.*

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*These people will purely be available as a point of contact, and in my absence.*

*So, for example, neighbours can let them know that they will be on holiday, etc. I very much doubt that they would have to deliver anything as I hope to use the Parish magazine as much as possible to relay information. If there is no response to the plea then I will 'target' people I know. Any volunteers from the Parish Council? Please can the council discuss whether they would like signs erected in the village (or are there any already - I can't think I've seen any). They are available for free and will be erected by the council upon written request to the NHW co-ordinator. Could have them placed in the above-named locations."*

MH then volunteered to be a deputy, and thanked Judy for her good work. The Council discussed the issue of signs and felt that a few well placed signs would be beneficial

The chairman thanked those participating and closed the public meeting.

### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of last meeting 7/03/06, 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 & Weight Limits**

The Clerk reported that he had received a proposal from Mr Harris at WCC. That proposal was in line with the council's desires and that the current 40mph will be reduced to 30mph. a new 40mph limit will be created between the 30mph limit and the dual carriageway at Caen hill. *Clerk to progress.*

#### **4.2. Youth**

MH repeated that YORP was doing a great job and deserved the councils full support, children should be encouraged to attend.

#### **4.3. Web Pages**

No new information. *Clerk to progress.*

#### **4.4. Play Area**

SA reported that all seemed well with the play area. The area had been cleaned. *SA to report at the next meeting.*

#### **4.5. Quality Parish Councils**

The Clerk reported that he had now received all the information required to create his submission to the commission, he will undertake this when he has time. *Clerk to report.*

#### **4.6. Lengths mans report**

MN regretted to inform the meeting that due to pressures of work he would like to hand over the responsibility for the lengths man in the village. MH thanked MN for all his hard work. The Clerk reported that he had placed an advert in the parish magazine for the post. GC then volunteered to undertake the work. *GC to report at the next meeting. Clerk to inform Highways.*

#### **4.7. Litter and Refuse.**

SA reported that waste had started to appear in the lanes again. The Clerk informed the meeting that if proof as to the perpetrator or a witness would come forward he would initiate a prosecution. He reminded the meeting of the serious nature of the fines involved in dumping and that everybody in the village had received fare warning.

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Kennet who were happy to lend the village a set of litter pickers tools in order to tidy the verges between Sillington lane and Lodge Farm. He hoped that a cleaning day could be arranged. In the mean time MH volunteered to tidy the area up.

*SA to report.*

#### **4.8. Village Green**

MH felt that the cutting last year had been adequate and that cat cut was imminent. *MH to introduce at next meeting.*

#### **4.9. Bridge in Hay Lane**

SA reported that the bridge was temporary but safe. MH reported that a bridge on his land had been taken away for repair last winter and had yet to reappear. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding this. *Clerk to progress.*

#### **4.10. Village Design Guide**

NH reported that Marian Ryan would be attending the next meeting to give a short talk about this subject. However he felt that the idea of a village design guide is a waste of time. JD suggested that a lot of people would have to be involved as it would be a big project and that it would just make life more difficult. He could not see the point as the village already had a conservation statement. *NH to raise at next meeting.*

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## **4.11. Sewerage**

The public meeting adequately covered this matter; however the Clerk asked if the Worton riser had been rerouted. As this was not known, he would contact Wessex. *Clerk to progress.*

## **4.12. 72/74 The Green**

MH reported that No.72 was now blending in well, and the Clerk reported that the ditch had been filled in. The Clerk reported that the issue of No.74 was with the Parish solicitors for a legal opinion. *Clerk to Progress.*

## **4.13. Church Triangle**

A site meeting was arranged for Thursday at 09:00 at the triangle, and afterwards at the village pond to review that work.

## **4.14. Lighting at Village Hall**

MN reported that the light was now working. Item closed.

## **4.15. Footpath Complaints**

The Clerk reported that the complaints regarding a footpath opposite Manor farm was with highways, but the issue of land ownership was in dispute.

## **5. Plans**

A proposal for tree removal at Townsend Cottage was considered and approved at the meeting. There had been various plans presented in the interim, the status of which was reported in the agenda to the meeting.

- Yew Tree Cottage – approved.
- Barley Hill farm – under consideration.

No further discussion of plans took place at the meeting.

## **6. Accounts**

6.1. The Clerk presented the current financial position, with the current balance standing at about £3000.

6.2. The Clerk is in the process of finishing the end of year figures for 05/06 and presented that data to the council. It shows clearly that the council's ambition to reduce its cash at the bank had been successful, ending the year at about £1000, against the previous year of £3000.

### **6.3. Payable.**

1. Several accounts were payable; no cheques were signed at the meeting;
  - a. Community First £32.00 (membership)
  - b. Rowde School £250.00 (grant). MN raised the thought that this grant should be £500.00 on the basis that the School provided invaluable service to the community. MH agreed and suggested that a vote should be taken. The Clerk prevented this vote on the basis that due notice had not been given; he suggested that a circulation, as per normal procedures, would resolve the issue. *Clerk to circulate proposal.*
2. In the interim between meetings several cheques had been signed by Councillors.
  - a. Walc £95.74 (membership)
  - b. Kennet £100.00 (grant received)
  - c. Kennet £250.00 (grant received)

## **7. Any Other Business.**

### **7.1. Skips**

The Clerk stated that Kennet were only offering a very limited skip scheme this year. Sa noted that the green wheelie bin scheme being offered by Kennet was very good. MH pointed out that the recycling centre at Hopton industrial estate was excellent. He also suggested that the council might offer its own skip scheme, and he would investigate the costs involved. *MH to investigate.*

### **7.2. Mrs Johnson at the Terraces.**

MN reported that Mrs Johnson had been behaving in a lewd manner and had been abusing several parishioners. This was supported by several members of the public in the body of the meeting. She was very obviously drunk when these situations arose, and he asked that action should be taken. Could an ASBO be applied for? MH was dismayed that any Parishioner was acting in a way to disturb others in the village. The Clerk was asked to contact the authorities. *Clerk to pursue.*

## **8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday 4/7/06 at 19:30 Poulshot village hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked those attending.

Approved By Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_