

Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting Held at Poulshot Village Hall
At 19:30 on Tuesday 7th March 2006.

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)

Mr Michael Wilson (MW) Parish Clerk

Apologies -

WPC Anne Deuchars
Mrs P Rugg (Wiltshire County Council)

Absent -

Mr Nicky Hunloke (NH) Councillor
Mr Joe Baber (JB) Councillor

Visitors -

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

2. Public meeting

The Chairman opened the Public meeting and welcomed visitors. He then expressed his and the Councils' sadness on the death of Mr Neil Taplin, who had been a lively member of the community for over 30 years. MH made reference to Mr Taplin's involvement in the purchase of the village hall, and that he would be greatly missed by all.

MH then introduced Judy Edwards who had been brave enough to volunteer as Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for Poulshot. Ms. Edwards explained that she had been in touch with the area offices in Salisbury and also with Anne Deuchars, but at the moment Anne had been too busy to meet. Mr Barry Strange the area supervisor would like to have one coordinator for each 25 houses, but Ms. Edwards felt that this demonstrated a lack of understanding regarding the Poulshot community. She felt that one coordinator was required and the meeting agreed with her thoughts. MH stated that it was important to keep things simple and a complicated scheme would just turn people away. Ms. Edwards suggested that the Parish magazine could be effectively used for communicating matters, and that the web site was a useful back up. She would first undertake a survey through the magazine to determine the concerns felt by the parishioners. Several members of the public made comment regarding rogue traders that had been seen in the village, and in some cases chalk marks had been placed upon the pavement outside houses where no one answered the door. Other comments were made regarding bogus charity collectors that had been spotted in the last year or so.

TC took the floor and stated that the feedback regarding the Future of Devizes centre was now complete and that a report was being prepared with modifications on the original proposals. She also stated that a large amount of money had been allocated for a traffic survey. Several of the attendees pointed out that these surveys caused additional traffic chaos whilst being undertaken, and would only report the obvious; that Devizes needs a bypass. The traffic modelling was going to be even more important now that Melksham had given the go ahead for 860 new houses.

The chairman thanked those participating and closed the public meeting.

The Chairman pointed out that WPC Deuchars was unable to attend and therefore there would be a short pause before the Council meeting proper began.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of last meeting 10/01/06, 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 been in touch with Mr Harris at WCC, who had stated that he was going to

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recommend the 30mph limit but that he was awaiting a government report before advising on the 40mph limit to the dual carriageway. The Clerk would be pursuing this matter in the next two weeks or so. *Clerk to progress.*

4.2. Youth

MH reported that the Clerk and he had met with Mel Dalley of the Rowde and Poulshot youth group. (YORP), she had explained that the needs of the two villages could be met by the one group, and that she was catering for the 11 – 16 year olds. She pointed out that the Poulshot children were very different to the Rowde children, and that Rowde Parish council had not been very supportive. They currently had 35 members and an average attendance of 21, the best mix would be 25 children with 4 adult supervisors. The group is struggling to find male helpers, which do help to keep control of the children. There are 3 members from Poulshot at the moment, but MH felt that if more could be interested then the Council could give some form of support, to the club and the children. The Clerk to is going to write something for the Parish Magazine to try and encourage attendance in Rowde. *Clerk to progress.*

4.3. Public Consultation

No further information was reported.

4.4. Web Pages

The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting information from the Village Hall Committee. However he had succeeded in placing photographs of recent village activities on the web, and he hoped this would encourage contributions. Several members of the audience commented that relatives abroad had made good use of the web pages. *Clerk to progress.*

4.5. Village Pond

MH reported he had inspected the pond and the drainage from Mr Kidd's property. Although some damage had been done to a drain, the drainage was not impaired. When the pond is at its lowest in the summer, he will inspect again and determine the repairs if necessary. The Clerk reported that a second letter had been received from Mr Kidd, and that he would circulate it. The Clerk also reported that all invoices had been received and paid; he had therefore submitted the paperwork to Kennet for payment of the grant aid. *MH to progress.*

4.6. Play Area

SA reported that all seemed well with the play area. The Clerk reported that Mr T Nixon had now been paid and that he expected a clean shortly. *SA to report at the next meeting.*

4.7. Sarsen (car parking & General maintenance)

The Clerk reported that one car park position had now been created at the Terraces, and that he had mentioned to Sarsen that they should consider a second position. *Clerk to report.*

4.8. Quality Parish Councils

The Clerk reported that no further progress had been made. *Clerk to report.*

4.9. Lengths mans report

MN reported that clearance of some drains had taken place and that the path past BelleVue farm had been cleared. MH also reported that the bank in Barleyfield lane had been cut. The Clerk reported that he was still chasing the highways department to solve the drainage problems at No 29 Poulshot rd. *MN to report at the next meeting.*

4.10. Litter and Refuse.

SA reported that no additional waste was visible. The Clerk pointed out that the verges leaving the village towards Devizes were heavily littered. MH mentioned that he often picked up litter in that area when he was walking. *SA to report.*

4.11. Village Green

MH felt that the cutting last year had been adequate and that the same schedule could be repeated this year. It was mentioned that the Church Fete would be held on the 1st July. MN suggested that we offer the work once again to Mr Franklin, and if it was the wish of the Council he would approach him. MN proposed this motion, SA seconded and all voted in favour. *MH to introduce at next meeting.*

4.12. Bridge in Hay Lane

SA reported that the bridge was temporary but safe. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding this. *Clerk to progress.*

4.13. Village Design Guide

NH was absent. *NH to raise at next meeting.*

4.14. Neighbourhood watch

As per the Public meeting.

4.15. Sewerage

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The Clerk reported that work was well under way and that the road had now re-opened, and that he would get in touch with Wessex regarding the clean up. *Clerk to progress.*

4.16. 72/74 The Green

MH reported that a site meeting had taken place at No 72 and that the rendering that had taken place was at the request of the planning authorities. He felt that given time it would blend in. The Clerk reported that as a result of the site meeting he had contacted the planning officer and stated that the Council had no objection to the piping and filling in of the remaining ditch, unfortunately the end result would be that the owner would have to apply by means of another planning application.

The Clerk had circulated the latest information on the right of way at No 74, after some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should approach Community First and obtain a legal opinion. *Clerk to Progress.*

4.17. Church Triangle

Clerk to arrange a site meeting.

4.18. Lighting at Village Hall

The Clerk reported that the matter had been left with Clarence. MN reported that the light had still not been repaired. *Clerk to progress.*

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 – under consideration.
- Barleyfields – approved.

Some discussion regarding the access at Yew tree cottage took place and the issue of the new entrance obstructing the current “right of way” was raised. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the planning authority and expressed the councils concerns.

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 £1640, and no further large bills were expected in this financial year.

6.2. Payable.

1. Several accounts were payable; no cheques were signed at the meeting;
2. In the interim between meetings several cheques had been signed by Councillors.
 - a. Chalk Hill, £270.25 (pond)
 - b. MP Hues, £146.88 (pond)
 - c. SJ Franklin, £273.81 (hedging)
 - d. T Nixon, £240.00 (playground cleaning)

7. Any Other Business.

7.1. Footpath Complaints

The Clerk stated that several complaints had been passed on to Highways regarding footpaths in the Parish. He was aware of one enforcement notice that was being served. SA pointed out that several styles had already been repaired. The Clerk mentioned that the footpath warden was in the process of walking all of the Poulshot footpaths. MH made the point that on a working farm there had to be a spirit of “live and let live”. SA commented that Broadway lane was becoming unusable because of the deep ruts left by 4 wheel drive clubs. The Clerk reminded the meeting that this was a track that was useable by road vehicles. However if it got worse the Clerk will report it to highways for remedial work.

7.2. Broadband in the Village.

The Clerk reported that several members of the audience were experiencing problems with Broadband Internet access in the village. Mr Jan Winter a Parishioner with expertise in the field was also in the audience. MH invited Mr Winter to speak. Mr Winter gave a short presentation on the technical aspects of Broadband and the problems. He was able to suggest several remedies for those who were experiencing intermittent service.

8. Next Meeting

Tuesday 2/5/06 at 18:30 Poulshot village hall. (Annual Parish Meeting)

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked those attending.

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