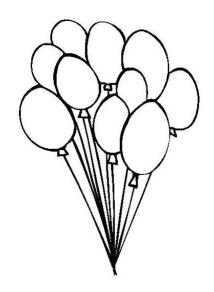
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POULSHOT VILLAGE FETE



SATURDAY 26th JUNE 2pm - 4.30pm

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A chance for Poulshot to meet

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VILLAGE FETE AND VILLAGE FEAST

Fete Weekend 26/27 June 2021

The Fete Committee is still raring to go with the Fete weekend. Although we are still not sure what Boris is going to say about opening up on 20th June, we are planning as if all will be well. We have deliberately kept this year's Fete local. We won't have a Bouncy Castle or any outside entertainment as in other years. This will be a time for us all to be together on the Green, eating, drinking, buying, talking and seeing each other again after so long. We will be asking for contributions to stalls at a later date. On Sunday, there will be a family cricket match, teas and a Service in the Marquee at 6pm for those who would like to join in. Please come and enjoy it all!





Kate 828333, Tim 828012, Sam and Mike 828183 and Lucy 07766 918877.

POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

So here we are – your shiny new Parish Council, just before officially taking on our new role. From left to right is Mike Davies (Chair), Clare Church, Caroline Nichols, Tim Hues, Nina Jeffries, Dan Scott and Liz Bissett (Vice Chair). Despite the glowering sky, we are all



really looking forward to working together to support the village and grappling with the various things that come our way. The full formal minutes of the meeting will, as ever, be available on the village website – http://poulshot.org.uk, but here's a (personal) informal overview and introduction as well.

Our first meeting, and the AGM, was held at the Village Hall on the 18th May. Ben Hamilton was there in his official capacity as Outgoing Chair to lead the AGM and hand over to the new Council. Former Councillors Sam Hurn, Steve Housby, Ian Gillies and Adrian Baber were also there, and Geoff Collet via zoom. It was good to feel there was a 'personal' handing on and support from them, even if we were all fully masked in line with Covid protocols and were beaming thanks with our eyes rather than actual visible smiles. It was also really good — as expressed by everyone — to be actually in the Village Hall, which had had a bit of a spruce-up during the lockdown. Well done to the Village Hall committee — we're so lucky to have such a great resource in the village, and it'll be fab to see it in regular use again in the summer.

The AGM included reports from village groups, some of which are printed below – others being a bit more spontaneous on the night. Although things have necessarily been very quiet over the past year, it was heartening to be reminded of all the various groups we have in the

village, and the stirrings of new activities to come. There's already the thwack of leather on willow (and the odd after match drink) on the green as the Cricket Club resumes playing, as reported by Nick Church. Ian Gillies talked hopefully about future activities for Poulshot Friends and Neighbours and Kate Hunloke about the gradual resumption of services in the Church. Robin Boyd spoke on behalf of the Chair of the Village Trust and Sam Hurn updated us on the Village Hall.

And then it was us. Mike Davis and Liz Bissett were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively - both have much experience in Committee roles, which makes a big difference with an all new Council. It being our first ever meeting, there were as many questions as discussion (and clarification sought from the former members and Parish Clerk Richard Culverhouse) as we worked through the agenda. This is all recorded in the formal minutes and included the finance of the Council / Village / Community Fund, continuing planning infractions at the stud in Hay Lane, the Higher Green Farm development, last year's VE Day planning and funding, re-surfacing the track on the green and Jonny Hawkins excellent maintenance of the green. Nina and Tim agreed to lead on Higher Green Farm, Dan will liaise re maintenance of the green and Richard was very keen to use Caroline and Clare's expertise in developing the website. All in all, very not Vicar of Dibley (I'd so looked forward to offering orange and spinach cake ...) but warm, considered, inclusive, respectful of differing views and efficiently conducted. Nina

Parish Councillors

Chair: Mike Davis – poulshotpccchairman@gmail.com
Vice Chair: Liz Bissett
Clare Church, Tim Hues, Nina Jeffries,
Caroline Nichols, Dan Scott
Clerk: Richard Culverhouse:
poulshotparishcouncil@gmail.com

Minutes from Clerk Richard Culverhouse Poulshot Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting Held in Village Hall, Poulshot on May 18th 2021

(The meeting was held by both face to face and Zoom)

The Meeting started immediately after the finish of the Annual Parish Meeting. Present were all new Councillors, Mike Davis, Caroline Nichols, Nina Jefferies, Daniel Scott, Elizabeth Bissett, Tim Hues and Claire Church. Clerk, Richard Culverhouse and 16 members of the public.

The Chair of the outgoing Council, Ben Hamilton, opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Chair of the new Council for 2021/2022. Cllr Davis was proposed by Cllr Jeffries and seconded by Cllr Bissett. No other nominations received, vote taken, all agreed. Cllr Davis then took over Chair of the meeting and asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Cllr Davis proposed Cllr Bissett and seconded by Cllr Nichols. No other nominations received, vote taken, all agreed.

All Councillors signed their Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct in front of the Clerk. There were no apologies for absence. No declaration of interests. The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings of March 2nd and March 23rd 2021 were proposed by Cllr Bissett and seconded by Cllr Hues and signed as correct by Cllr Davis but also verified by Councillors from the old Council who were present.

An update was given on the land at Higher Green Farm by Ben Hamilton. There needed to be two of the new Councillors who would oversee the completion. It was agreed that Cllr Hues and Cllr Jeffries be nominated. All agreed.

Payments totalling £663.24 were agreed to be paid. The Clerk outlined disbursements since the last meeting and gave a financial update. The Clerk also outlined the current position with regard to the Community Fund. Discussion arose over invoice for VE day hog roast which did not take place. No payment to be made from Parish Council but further discussion with Padfield Porkies. New signatories were required to sign cheques/documents. It was agreed these would be Councillors Davis,

Bissett, Scott and Church. This could take some time to arrange and in the meantime it was agreed that Councillors from the 'old' Council (who had the authority to sign) could still sign any required cheques but cheque book stubs/invoices would be counter signed by 2 of the 4 new signatories.

Discussion arose over planning matters namely the Stud in Hay Lane and conditions that still had not been met, but Wiltshire Council was looking to discharge the application. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Wiltshire Council again (and copy in Tamara, the local County Councillor) with the ongoing concerns of the Parish Council. It was also agreed that representatives of the Council arrange a meeting with Mrs Myerscough at the Stud. Ben Hamilton gave an update of the mobile unit in Barley Hill Lane. Cllr Scott agreed to be Councillor responsible for the Green.

Discussion arose over a possible Council Facebook page and also 'new' website.

It was agreed the next Parish Council Meeting would be Tuesday June 22nd 2021 starting at 7.30pm

Kate Hunloke's report to the PPC AGM on behalf of St Peter's Church.

It has been a difficult time for St Peter's Church in Poulshot as it has been for most churches throughout the United Kingdom. We were told back in March 2020 by the Government and the Diocese that we should lock the church doors completely until the situation improved. This went against the grain as we have always been taught that churches are places of refuge and sanctuary. Things have improved over the 18 months and now we are beginning to return to normality. But St Peter's can still only be open on Sundays. I hope this will change soon.

As you can imagine, money raising for the church has been a bit of a problem although the generosity of churchgoers has been wonderful. There has been no way to fund raise but I hope that this will change as we move through the summer.

The church itself is in good repair. We had a quinquennial inspection not long ago and the main fabric seems sound. We have structural engineers coming in shortly to look at the strength of the tower with a view to possibly rehanging the bells. We are also looking into the possibility of putting in a loo and maybe a kitchen. This will make the church more accessible to people, for concerts and other activities, and for a wider use of the churchyard. At the moment, our main problem is the need for younger people to help run the church. The current PCC is well into its 70s so we look to the inhabitants of Poulshot for the next generation to take over responsibility for our lovely church. A questionnaire has gone out with the Poulshot News to every household in the village. This gives you a chance to be completely frank in telling us what you feel about the church and its future. Please fill it in and return to me by 28th. You can also fill it in online by going to the Wellsprings Benefice website.

Report by Robin Boyd on behalf of the Village Trust,

This is the Report to the Annual Parish Meeting from the Poulshot Village Trust. I am standing in for the Chairman who can't be here. This covers both 2019-20 and 2020-21 because Covid prevented any AGM from taking place last year. Indeed like any other body we could not do what we had planned and normally do. Between June 2019 and March 2020 we had workshops and activities for children, ran a community photographic competition, hosted talks by the Great Bustard Group, the Swindon History Centre, a lecture on the life of owls by Nigel Lewis, and got parties together to work on the village's ponds and the Green Gardens. Alas, our visits to the Great Bustards in March 2020 were made impossible by lockdown and Covid. After that it was a case of doing nothing until the end of the Covid crisis. However during lockdown it was a consolation that all the village could take advantage of walks we have in this area on footpaths which have received so much Village Trust members from in recent attention We convened our AGM on 10 May but it was adjourned before the election of new officers. It will resume soon, but I can say that the Trust's finances are in good heart and that the membership is at a healthy number.

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST

Resumption of the Village Trust AGM 7th June 2021 at 7pm by Zoom

Details of the Zoom meeting will be sent to all members.

Agenda

- I. Approval of accounts for the period ending April 2020 At the meeting on the 10th May 2021 the accounts were all agreed by those at the meeting. However acceptance of the accounts was not proposed or seconded so this has to be carried out.
- 2. There has been a show of interest by members to take on the role of trustees so the motion to dissolve the Village Trust as a charity has been withdrawn..
- 3. Election of officers

The current trustees will stand down as is normal and they are not standing for re-election so an election of new officers is needed. Nomination forms for the committee need to be received in hard copy by our Secretary, Caroline Morison of 62 The Green, Poulshot, at least 3 days before the 7th June 2021 in accordance with the constitution. All hard copy nominations must be with the Secretary by 7pm on the 4th June 2021

A pro forma nomination form is attached.

Please would those who sent in nomination forms by email prior to the 10th May 2021 deliver the signed hard copies to the Secretary by 7pm on the 4th of June 2021.

4. Closure of meeting

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST

Executive Committee

Chair: Tim Jalland – 07583 162<u>2</u>77

Trustees: Dankay Cleverly, Perry Chadwick Healey

Vice Chair: Ray Josey 827010 Treasurer: Ben Hamilton 828004

Archivist: Denise Josey 827010

Secretary: Caroline Morison – 828545

Robin Boyd, Jan Boyd, Tim Nixon

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

Name of candidate:		 of
Position seeking (Please tick below): Chair Vice Chair Archivist Trustee	Treasurer	Secretary
Name of the Nominator:		
Name of the Seconder:		

Guidelines

Candidates must be a current member of the Village Trust. The Nominator and Seconder need not be Trust members. Nominations should be with the Village Trust Secretary at least 3 days before the AGM.

Please return a hard copy of the completed Form to the Secretary, Caroline Morison. 62 The Green, Poulshot.

DATE RECEIVED by Secretary:

POULSHOT CRICKET CLUB





The 2021 season is now well under way and we have a 50% win ratio thus far which is a great start! I'm sure you will have noticed that some of the 'gullies' have been filled on the roadside boundary to help minimise trip hazards during play. All formal channels including the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council were consulted to ensure that highway drainage is not affected in anyway. The Cricket Club and the Highways Dept of Wiltshire Council have met and will continue ongoing review and consultation surrounding drainage and should any gullies be deemed necessary to be re-opened, they will be done so. Should anybody wish to obtain more information or raise any concerns about the cricket club in general, I would be delighted to hear them in person or via my contact details: No. 27 Poulshot Rd / Declan.gaule@mfg-group.co.uk / 07779 303849 / 01380 528487

Here's to a Summer of sunshine and sixes!

Dec Gaule - Chairman Poulshot Cricket Club

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Email: jonweedon@holchem.co.uk

Captain: Phil Ireson - 07802 756465

POULSHOT CRICKET CLUB FIXTURE LIST

June 2021

Wed 2nd Sutton Benger A Fri 11th Olde Foreskinnians Sun 27th Village Game H Wed 16th Dauntsey A Sun 20th Potterne H Fri 25th Barry Gills II H Wed 30th Urchfont

July 2021

Wed 7th Erlestoke Н Sunllth Avon Valley A Fri 16th **BCC** Wed 21st Erlestoke A Wed 28th Н Whitley

August 2021

Wed 4th Whitley A Wed 11th Sutton Benger H Sun 15th Keevil H

Wed 18th Broughton Gifford H

September 2021

Sun 19th Potterne

Please note:

spikes cannot be used on the synthetic strip.

NEWS FROM ROWDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

As another break approaches, we are very much looking forward to a hugely exciting final summer term. And, as Covid restrictions begin to lift, the children will be able to mix more freely with their peers, and we will be able to welcome our friends and neighbours in the local community back on to the site. I have begun work with Rowde Parish Council on keeping and updating the swimming pool, and the Trust is preparing to come in and upgrade our IT infrastructure. I am also in talks with local community groups about using the school site for more activities. It is your school, and I am keen that you should be able to use it. A wise man once said 'I have a dream' and mine is about Rowde being a hub for the area, about our facilities being available to all, and about the staff and children here getting out in to Rowde, Poulshot and beyond to be active, engaged citizens. I mentioned previously that Year 6 have made a short film about the brave local men who sacrificed their lives in the First World War. The editing has been delayed but is nearly done now, and I will be making copies available to all who want them very shortly. If Covid restrictions allow it, perhaps you might attend our premiere? I can't promise red carpets or flashing cameras, but the tea and coffee will be free and the film really is good. It is the time of year when staff move on and new staff are recruited, and I am delighted that I have been able to recruit some new, outstanding teachers to join us in September. A school is only as good as the staff who work there, and I have been fortunate in being able to attract some brilliantly talented people to help us keep improving, and to offer the children of the area the best education possible. Ofsted are due at any moment, and so we are all on tenterhooks. We have done more than enough to lose the 'Special Measures' judgement given (very fairly) back in 2019 to the old school, and those of you who have been able to visit in recent months will know how different it is already, in spite of the restrictions of the pandemic. There is more work to be done to get it back to 'Good', not least because external exams (which provide crucial evidence for inspections) have been postponed for two summers in a row - but Rowde is a school on the up, where children learn and grow in a safe and loving environment. I hope to see many of you here in the coming weeks and months as the world re-opens once more.

Take care.

Jon Edy-Berry Head Teacher

FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

I am delighted to have been elected as the Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West - as you may know Poulshot is now part of the Devizes Rural West division, along with seven other parishes across the area, and along with Seend and Bulkington has moved from the Melksham Area Board to the Devizes Area Board.

A little about me – I have worked in the Devizes area for a number of years, as Chief of Staff for Claire Perry, and then for Danny Kruger MP. Early in 2020 I led the bid for Devizes Gateway rail station to the Department for Transport's (DfT) "Restoring your Railway" fund. We were delighted that the Devizes bid was successful in the initial bidding round, and since then I have worked on behalf of the Devizes Development Partnership with the Wiltshire Council transport team to develop a strong, initial feasibility study. The business case will shortly be submitted to the DfT, and we will have everything crossed in anticipation!

Over the last few months, I have enjoyed exploring the communities of Devizes Rural West as I have leafletted, and door knocked across the area. I also joined Parish Council meetings by Zoom, which gave me a good understanding of local issues and concerns. Whilst Zoom has served us all well over the last year or so, I am very pleased that inperson meetings are now recommencing and I attended the Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the first meeting of the new Parish Council in the Village Hall – congratulations to all the newly elected Parish Councillors.

I am looking forward to working with Poulshot Parish Council to agree local priorities and how I can help. Meanwhile, the next meeting of the Devizes Area Board is on Monday 21 June in Devizes – please come along and hear about the work we are planning.

Please do get in touch if I can help in any way.

Tamara Reay

Tel: 07711 824864 Email: tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk

FROM THE VICAR THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

This weather has been unbelievable, unprecedented in my lifetime; cold, cold, cold; dry, dry dry; wind, wind, wind; but today as I write its actually very pleasant to be in the garden and I have put up my beansticks; always a good sign, and we look forward to the beautiful summer month of June.

I am reminded of the first line of TS Eliot's "the coming of the Magi"; a cold coming we had of it; just the worst time of the year for a journey, and what a journey". Indeed, what a journey, and what a long and eventful winter but hopefully we are beginning to emerge from this dreadful pandemic. So what is it you dare to dream of; what little thing are you harbouring in your heart that you will be able to do? In common with most grandparents I look forward to hugging my grandchildren and by the time this goes to print that will be possible. I look forward to going to stay with my friends and them to me, and yes of course the pub inside and out, and the theatre and cinema, but in all honesty most particularly being back in church with a full worshipping community. We have missed each other. We have missed being able to sing. I think the clergy have done brilliantly in bringing us all together on zoom and yes we have been able to see each other, but just to be together in our old places of worship; wow!

I expect many of you have asked, "where is God in all this" and my answer would be he is there weeping with us; he is there in the hospitals and the care homes; he is there in and with the doctors and nurses and carers. He is there wanting to be back in church with us, and he is there to give us courage and comfort along the way.

When I am puzzled or anxious I try to imagine myself as one of the disciples with Jesus as he walked around Galilee. Did he ever get anxious or puzzled? Did he ever have to experience an epidemic, and did he ever cry out to his father to help him. We know he did in his final days, but I wonder did he do that before then. I expect he did, just as we do. We know he healed many people, not least the little girl who was so ill they thought she was dead. So when we get puzzled or anxious about the future, or sad, I recommend that we simply ask God to help us and to be with us on our journey. Ask for courage and guidance, and if you

want to feel really good, come back into church and join us. Come and hear the music, and sing. (hopefully soon) Come and notice the smiles. It will be great.

Jane Knowles

Ministry Team

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PCC

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JUNE 2021

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Please book if you wish to attend a service in church (details of how to book are below).

Online services can be accessed via zoom (link below).

Sunday 6th (Trinity I)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Seend 10am Morning Praise Bulkington *

Sunday 13th (Trinity 2)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne

10am Songs of Praise Worton

10am Holy Communion Seend *

Sunday 20th (Trinity 3)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Worton 10am Morning Praise Poulshot *

Wednesday 23rd

5pm Celtic Meditative Service Poulshot

Sunday 27th (Trinity 4)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne 10am Holy Communion Seend *

6pm Evening Prayer Poulshot

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot (no booking required) * These services will be available on Zoom. You can access them via our website below or use the link https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6778119535.

Booking is essential for all Sunday services in church. Please email sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com (before 5pm Friday) or contact the church wardens.

Outside of these services, all churches will be open for private prayer on Sundays from 10am to 5pm. Anyone attending for private prayer is reminded to check-in (on paper or using the NHS app) and adhere to the covid safety notices displayed.

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