

POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1st September 2015, 7.30PM
THE VILLAGE HALL, POULSHOT
MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Mr G Collett (Chairman); Mr A Baber; Mr T Coleman; Mr B Hamilton; Mr S Housby; Mr T Nixon, Mr N Hunloke; Mr J Seed (WC).

Also present: 5 members of the public; Mrs E Read (Clerk).

15/15/051 Apologies for absence.

None

15/16/052 Declarations of interest.

Cllr Baber declared an interest regarding the item concerning the Village Green document

15/16/053 The minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

Cllr Coleman proposed and Cllr Hunloke seconded, and the minutes were approved.

15/16/054 Police report

The police sent a written report that there had been no reported crimes in Poulshot since the last meeting.

15/16/055 Wiltshire Councillor's Report

Fracking – Central Government has asked for more fracking licenses to be issued, a blanket summary of squares where licenses might be sought. One of these has been identified in Wiltshire. However Wiltshire Council's geological information reports that Wiltshire does not have a mature enough geological profile to be suitable for this development. Habitat surveys of the areas will be undertaken, unlikely to be this side of the Plain.

With regard to the Community Fund payment due, Cllr Housby asked Cllr Seed about the unilateral undertaking, particularly whether Wiltshire Council has a copy. Cllr Seed said he would try to help, Cllr Housby to send emails back to him.

15/16/056 Chairman's Announcements

Balfour Beattie have been active around the village, especially on the village clean-up day – cutting hedges for junction visibility at the top and bottom of village and cutting verges. Work will now be done once a month and a community gang once every three months. Cllr Coleman asked if there could also be weedkiller put down the main road.

15/16/057 Public participation – for up to fifteen minutes, three minutes per person

There was a discussion about how to approach the delayed payment of the community fund.

Poulshot bonfire club also asked about having a small, contained bonfire, in Green Gardens on Friday 6th of November. Proposed by Cllr Housby, seconded by Cllr Hamilton and agreed to this request.

15/16/058 Poulshot Community Fund – to note the status of funds for the solar farm community fund and consider next steps.

Cllr Hamilton to talk to Tim Hughes regarding the community fund and the address for HPPPL. Clerk will then send them a recorded delivery letter, copying in the chairman of the company and the other companies involved. Cllr Baber to enquire about the legality of the situation.

15/16/059 To consider and decide regarding a request from the Village Hall committee to prune trees on The Green.

Correction, this request came from the Village Trust, not the Village Hall Committee. Permission granted to The Village Trust to do some work on the trees by the Village Hall and on the Green subject to a reasonable risk assessment and notification of works to trees in a conservation area to Wiltshire Council. Cllr Housby and Cllr Hamilton and carried.

15/16/060 The Green document – to receive information from NALC and consider next steps.

NALC information received late on the day of the meeting, which was not considered at this meeting. Cllr Collett agreed to assist in negotiating an agreement between the users of this track

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regarding the work, and the stone and relative contributions to achieve a good result for all concerned.

15/16/061 Deregistration of a small area of village green to provide access to Pippin homes development – decision to appoint solicitors and heads of agreement.

Withy King have been approached, and the heads of agreement have been prepared but no estimate has been received, delegated powers to Cllr Housby and Cllr Hamilton to accept their quote in the interim between meetings. Note objection and due planning process will take place.

15/16/062 An update on the Clerk's appointment (ref PAYE and Charlton Baker appointment)

Confirmation of decision by Cllr Coleman and Cllr Collett agreed by Council.

15/16/063 An update as to the new editor of the Parish Magazine

The Councillors welcomed the changes to the magazine, and understood that the costs of production have increased. The Council would consider a future application for funds to support the village magazine if provided with information on costs and revenue. Deadline for copy – 20th of the month.

15/16/064 Road safety – to receive progress report on Community Speed Watch.

Clerk to circulate volunteer form for CSW. Suggested to put a speed watch at each end of the village if possible/safe.

15/16/065 Planning matters – to receive those decisions notified

15/16/066 Disbursements

Community First membership- £36

15/16/067 Correspondence and circulars received.

CF magazine and Open Spaces magazine

15/16/068 Date of next Council meeting set for 3 November 2015

15/16/069 Key messages.

Community First – info about them to the village mag, and encourage CF to advertise.

Fracking consultation - put the link on the website to the consultation, and on the village noticeboard.

Permission for the bonfire

CSW volunteers required

Persuing the community fund.

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