

POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY 13th AUGUST 2024 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Mike Davis (Chairman)
Cllr Liz Bissett (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Claire Church
Cllr Nina Jeffries
Wiltshire Cllr Tamara Reay

OFFICER: Jeannette Young (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 4 members of the public were in attendance including an engineer from Wessex Water.

Questions raised were as follows; -

Q. What is happening with the area outside of the Village Hall?

A. Cllr Bissett responded with the explanation that a company has been commissioned to carry out a ROSPER inspection of the play equipment, this is due to take place during the months of September or October. The area will remain closed to the public until the inspection has taken place and any advised maintenance or necessary removal has been completed.

Q. Would it be possible in the future to have a meeting with members of the Village Hall Committee and Poulshot Parish Councillors?

A. Cllr Davis replied that this should be possible once the ROSPA had been completed.

There then followed clarification provided by a Wessex Water engineer on the proposed below ground pumping station and kiosk. This also included a question and answer session as summarised below.

- The proposed below ground pumping station is being put forward as a solution to the temporary above ground pumping station. This is located every year in the same position to help prevent flooding to certain houses on the North East side of the Green.

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- It was explained that it is the amount of surface water that enters the pipes underground that then causes the flooding issues every year, mainly during the winter months.
 - Concerns were declared on the issue of having to approach the Planning Inspectorate for permitted development on the Village Green and any legal costs that Wessex Water could acquire.
 - It was explained that the proposed below ground pump would need a kiosk to be placed alongside of it, to provide and house all the electrical components. The maximum size of the kiosk would be 1.8meters high by 2.meters tall.
 - There would be no noise from the pump, but a very small click from the kiosk when the pump turned on and off. This should only be heard from someone standing next to the kiosk.
 - Having viewed the site, the location first proposed was considered as possibly not the best area, although it was the most cost effective for Wessex Water. A further location by the green fence was thought to be a better site, it being a good distance away from any houses.
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50/24/25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Scott, Cllr Tim Hues and Cllr Chris Dyke

51/24/25 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

52/24/25 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Bissett, seconded by Cllr Church and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th July 2024 as a true record. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman Cllr Davis.

53/24/25 Wessex Water Proposal

Permission was requested by Wessex Water to install a small below ground pumping station on the Village Green. Following the explanation, question and answer session provided by the engineer during public participation there was further discussion on the proposed location of the pumping station and the associated kiosk. Concern was raised about the new development of 10 houses and the extra demand they would put on the system. It was explained that the demand would be minimal because it was only the sewerage waste from the 10 houses that would enter this system. The issue with the current drains is the amount of surface water along with household waste that enters

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the drains during winter seasons. If a location was agreed the timescale for completion would be approximately 1 year.

It was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Jeffries and Unanimously Resolved that, Wessex Water carries out further investigation on the locations of the pump and kiosk, and that in principle the discussed location by the 'green fence' would be more acceptable to the council.

54/24/25 Allotment Rents

Members noted the increase of allotment rents of £5 per plot as agreed in the Budget for financial year 2024/25. It was confirmed that invoices would be sent to the tenants on the 1st of October 2024.

55/24/25 Confidential Session

It was proposed by Cllr Bissett, seconded by Cllr Church, and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to go into a Confidential Session. Cllr Davis requested members of the public to leave the meeting.

48/24/25 Confidential Minutes of the 16th July 2024

It was proposed by Cllr Church, seconded by Cllr Bissett and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the Confidential Minutes of the 16th July were a true record of the meeting, these were then duly signed by the Chairman.

Meeting ended at 21:15

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