

POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5th December 2017, 7:30 PM
THE VILLAGE HALL, POULSHOT
MINUTES

Present Cllr. Geoff Collett (Chairman) [GC] Cllr. Steve Housby [SH] Cllr. Adrian Baber [AB] Cllr. Ben Hamilton (Vice Chairman) [BH] Cllr. Tim Jalland [TJ] Cllr. Sam Wright-Hurn [SW]

Apologies

Also Present Members of the Public; Elizbaeth Martin (Parish Clerk) [EM] Cllr. Jonathon Seed (Wilts. Cllr.) [JS]

Meeting Commenced At 7:31 PM

17/18/117 To receive Apologies for absence.

None Received

17/18/118 To receive declarations of interest

AB - Agenda Item 10, Planning Application

17/18/119 To accept the minutes of the previous meeting [V]

Minutes Accepted

[SH Proposed. AB Second. Agreed]

Resolved To accept the minutes as written.

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17/18/120 To receive the Chairman Announcements

The chairman gave a short update on Broadband in the village. Mr Ian Gillies has placed an order, as have some other residents, with installation expected around the 8th December. There is still a problem for residents on Mill Lane, but this is being addressed.

Higher Green Farm consultation is now in its formal stage. Details are posted in the Notice Board and on the website (also in the Village Magazine).

17/18/121 To receive the Police report

The PCSO was not in attendance, her email was read by the Chair.

"I would say that given that the temperature is now dropping in some cases rapidly then please don't forget any of your vulnerable neighbours who might be at risk. Some of which may stop leaving the house and then fall into a decline through isolation or lack of good food. If you are living close to, or know of a vulnerable neighbour or acquaintance then please pop round and check on them. A cup of tea and a chat, a little bit of shopping can make all the difference to them. Other than that I am not aware of anything at this time"

A subsequent document was received on the day of the meeting and this will be posted to the website.

17/18/122 To receive the Wiltshire Councillor's Report

WCC is currently setting the budget and this is the poorest year for four years with a £25m reduction from the previous year (10% down from central gov).

Cllr. Seed also mentioned the road issues. WCC does not have sufficient funds to address these. The Flood Division has been contacted re Townsend and the pumping station has been checked to ensure it is working correctly

Question From Parishoner M. Nixon re Caen Hill regarding the state of the road. Cllr Seed is not the councillor responsible for this area but will pass on the information.

Cllr. Housby mentioned that there is a road safety app that can be used to report issues. More info in Agenda Item 15

Cllr. Seed wished everyone in Poulshot a Merry Christmas

[Cllr. Seed Exited the meeting at 7:45]

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| 17/18/123 | <p>To receive an update regarding the "Casual Vacancy" on the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Clerk gave an update that the Council will be going to a formal election to fill the vacancy. The criteria set by WCC has been met.</p> <p>If only one person applies for the ballot then there will be no formal election, but 2+ candidates will cause an election on February 1st. All costs for the election will be absorbed by the Parish and not by WCC.</p> <p>The council will do a mail-out (and facebook/nextdoor/website) to inform residents shortly. See http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections for more information</p> | |
| 17/18/124 | <p>Public participation – for up to fifteen minutes, three minutes per person</p> <p>Parishoner M. Nixon said that he has lived in Poulshot for 40 years and is impressed with the way the Green is being looked after, both from the PCC and the Cricket Club. He expressed his appreciation for the work done.</p> | |
| 17/18/125 | <p>To receive an update on the Arborist report and future tree work in Poulshot. (Village Green and Green Gardens).</p> <p>The Clerk gave an update on the meeting with the Arborist (along with other interested parties) on the 17th Nov. All Trees on the Green have been tagged. Awaiting report outcome from the Arborist.</p> <p>Cllr. Jalland mentioned that he may have access to some free trees should they be useful.</p> | |
| 17/18/126 | <p>Planning matters – to receive those decisions notified and to consider applications received</p> <p>No prior descisions to be discussed.</p> | |
| 17/18/127 | <p>Application – 17/10778/FUL (Cooks Orchard, New Planning Application, Demolition of outbuilding and new build annexe upon footprint of outbuilding.</p> <p>[Cllr. Baber recused himself]</p> <p>No objections to the planning request</p> <p>[Cllr. Baber rejoined the meeting]</p> | |
| 17/18/128 | <p>To agree the Parish funding of the over 60's Christmas meal proposed to be held on Wednesday 14th of December 2017.</p> <p>Cllr. Housby raised concerns with the funding of the Over 60s Meal as he felt it is based around the more wealthy members of the village. Cllr Housby also felt that the request letter should have come much earlier in the year.</p> <p>Other members voiced their support as the Meal is available for ALL residents over 60, and everyone is welcomed to attend.</p> <p>[BH Proposed. TJ Second. Agreed]</p> <p>Resolved fund the Over 60s meal as per Budget plan (£250)</p> | ** |
| 17/18/129 | <p>To discuss options for Village Groups to assist in areas on or around the Green.</p> <p>The members were happy to move forward with the plan to try to encourage multi-group participation in maintenance on and around The Green and Village. TJ offered to develop a draft presentation for the January meeting.</p> | |
| 17/18/130 | <p>To review and discuss the draft 2018/19 proposed budget plan.</p> <p>Members were presented the mid-year financial report from the Clerk and discussed the proposed initial draft of the budget for the coming year.</p> <p>The Council agreed, in principle, to alter the meeting frequency to have 10, rather than 12 (previously 6) meetings per year. The Clerk's weekly hours would rise from 4 to 6 hrs to cover.</p> <p>The Clerk proposed that the maintenance costs of the Community Fund should be met by the interest paid on the money rather than from the Precept. Clerk to confirm if this has been previously agreed, and if not, will table for agreement in January as part of the final budget setting</p> | |
| 17/18/131 | <p>To review disbursements made since the last meeting and to sign those presented at the meeting.</p> <p>Cheque to Philip Coles for £1050 (Green Cutting x 4)</p> | |

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| 17/18/132 | <p>To receive an update on prior Actions by the Council.</p> <p>Prior Actions reviewed.</p> <p>SH reported that he has met with Highways/WCC and the pathway on Poulshot Road opposite "Ivana" is not within budget for WCC - other options are being investigated by SH. Additionally, WCC were not in position to add road markings to the corner at Townsend but SH has submitted an official request.</p> <p>[Proposed. Second.] Resolved</p> |
| 17/18/133 | <p>To consider correspondence and circulars received.</p> <p>The Clerk advised the Council of an increase of 0.25% in the interest payment on one of the Community Fund accounts.</p> |
| 17/18/134 | <p>To Discuss Items of maintenance</p> <p>SH reported that the hedge on the corner opposite Dykes' Farm needs cutting. GC will discuss with the resident to determine options</p> |
| 17/18/135 | <p>To Agree Key messages</p> <p>Election Update</p> <p>Dumping of grass clippings, ash, other green waste is still an issue.</p> <p>Police Report</p> <p>Community Fund Meeting in January</p> |