

MINUTES OF THE POULSHOT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH MAY 2014 AT 7.00pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, POULSHOT

Present: Chairman of the Parish Council and of the Meeting: Cllr Geoff Collett;
and five members of Poulshot Parish Council; and Cllr J Seed, Wiltshire Council [for part];
and 12 members of the public.

Apologies: Lady Hunloke; Cllr Hunloke.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed all present, and introduced Peter Baxter as the new Clerk to the Parish Council. The passing of several distinguished residents during the year was noted. The Chairman reviewed the year's events, including flooding and the controversial proposals to build a solar farm at Poulshot Lodge Farm. This application had now been approved, and construction work is scheduled to begin in September or October. The Parish Council has successfully negotiated a sum of £150,000 as a community benefit fund, payable in one sum as construction commences. Ideas for a process by which decisions may then be made on expenditure of this Fund were invited, with discussion later in the meeting.

Village organisation reports:

Reports were received from representatives of the following clubs and organisations and businesses:

The Village Trust

The Village Hall

The Raven Inn

The Ladies Club

The Farmers Club

Poulshot Readers

Public Forum:

The Chairman invited any questions from the audience. Concern was expressed for the long-term parking of vehicles in the Village Hall car park. The situation had been recognised, and steps are to be considered to dissuade those responsible from occupying this restricted space, to the disadvantage of those wishing to use the Hall.

The Community Fund:

The Chairman expressed the wish of the Parish Council that the community be offered the opportunity to influence how a process might be designed that would then be used to determine how the Fund should be managed and expended. Responses suggested that communication of this initial opportunity was paramount, and the coming Village Fete was put forward as an opportunity. Articles in the village magazine, and door-to-door leaflets were also put forward. It was confirmed that at this stage it is the process that is sought, although creative ideas on expenditure would always be welcome. Individual project groups may then be necessary if in-depth research is to be undertaken on spending proposals. Further public meetings would be arranged on this specific subject in due course, but conclusions ought to be reached by the autumn as the sum will be received by the Parish Council once construction work commences on site.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed (Chairman) May 2015