

**MINUTES OF THE POULSHOT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2015 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;  
and 20 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Hunloke.

The Chairman welcomed all and announced that superfast broadband was now available to those who wished to subscribe to this service. Two guest speakers were welcomed to the meeting:

Mr Jay Mitra spoke about the new Solar Park, which went live on 20 March, some 10 days before the tariff deadline. Weather and some engineering challenges had caused some delay, but all were overcome. Some work remains to level ground surfaces and reseed, before landscaping is finalised in November. Sheep will graze the grass from next spring. The site capacity is for 14.5MW, enough for about 3000 homes. Mr Mitra thanked the community for its patience during construction. Through questions, Mr Mitra confirmed that there were no more panels to install; that the site can generate in cloudy conditions, but optimum performance is on sunny summer days; over years the output is consistent; cleaning would usually be arranged about once per year; the site will be dismantled when permission expires, and a bond will be set aside to fund reparations. The Community Fund should be paid to the Council within the next two weeks, currently delayed with some legal work.

Mr Martin Tidman made a slide presentation on the work recently completed by Wessex Water to manage future demand for storm and foul water disposal, explaining the use of telemetry to monitor levels in an underground storage facility designed to permit the main sewer line to flow without surcharge. The telemetry had transmitted an alarm this winter, requiring a pumping team to install a temporary pump and float switch over the winter months. Long term plans are to install permanent facilities, but these are unfunded. In the meantime, temporary responses to telemetry signals will suffice. Non-return valves have also been installed at each affected property, and these are subject to routine servicing by Wessex Water to ensure operational readiness.

**Village organisation reports:**

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

The Village Hall

The Farmers Club

The Ladies Club

The Village Trust

Bonfire event (next on 6 November) and Village fete (next on 27 June)

Numismatic society

**Public Forum:**

The Chairman invited any questions from the audience – there were none.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed ..... (Chairman) May 2016