

**POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL**  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 JANUARY 2015, 7.50PM  
THE VILLAGE HALL, POULSHOT  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors: Mr G Collett (Chairman); Mr A Baber; Mr T Coleman [for part]; Mr B Hamilton; Mr S Housby; Mr N Hunloke; Mr T Nixon [for part].

**Apologies:** Mr J Seed (WC).

**Also present:** 3 members of the public; PC Thomas; Mr P Baxter (Clerk).

ACTION

**14/15/110 Declarations of interest and dispensations.**

Cllrs Collett and Baber declared pecuniary interests in the item on village green track maintenance. Cllr Coleman proposed, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, and with all **agreed** that applications for dispensations to participate be granted. All councillors declared pecuniary interests in the item on setting the precept. Cllr Housby proposed, seconded by Cllr Hamilton and with all **agreed** that applications for dispensations to participate be granted to each councillor.

**14/15/111 Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**14/15/112 Wiltshire Police report**

PC Thomas reported on a recent burglary in the village in which two lawnmowers were stolen. Cllr Nixon reported the theft at an unknown time of the village green goal post nets.

**14/15/113 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman thanked those members of the public that had attended the last meeting of the Council, which had been longer than usual. Progress on the solar park construction was reported, with completion now on schedule for the end of February. It was suggested that a familiarisation visit for all council members be requested. Progress with the Higher Green Farm development has stalled due to outstanding legal processes at Wiltshire Council. Cllr Coleman noted that he was experiencing multiple broadband disconnects, and requested that residents advise him of any similar experiences in order that complaints may be co-ordinated to BT.

**14/15/114 Public participation**

There was none.

**14/15/115 Wiltshire Councillor's report**

There was none.

**14/15/116 Precept 2015/16**

The Responsible Financial Officer presented a draft budget for 2015/16 with predicted Council Tax precept implications. Cllr Coleman proposed, seconded by Cllr Collett and **agreed** by all that the precept be set at £6784.39, being £44.63 per Band D house, an increase of 16.4%.

**14/15/117 Road safety – C20 Worton-Seend Road**

The Clerk presented a paper from Worton Parish Council following the multi-parish meeting of 3 November. It was **agreed** that this Council would continue to participate in shared discussions, recognising that further investment by Wiltshire Council in improvements would be unlikely.

**14/15/118 Community Speedwatch Group**

The Clerk reported that 3 residents had volunteered to participate as a result of publicity in the last village magazine. It was **agreed** that the situation would remain under review, with a further metrocount requested one year after the last, before considering again whether to request the establishment of a Group.

**14/15/119 Green Gardens charity – defibrillator**

The Clerk reported that the Charity had held a further Trustees meeting to review public consultation feedback on its earlier proposal to establish a defibrillator for the village, using residual funds held by the Parish Council on its behalf in the Charity Fund. Feedback had been positive, and so the proposal to the Council was confirmed. Cllr Coleman proposed, seconded by Cllr Hamilton and with all **agreed** (except Cllrs Collett and Hunloke abstaining as Charity Trustees) that the Council takes on the arrangements to establish and maintain a defibrillator, in partnership with SW Ambulance Service. The Clerk was asked to make the arrangements, including liaison with The Raven pub and Wadworth's brewery. It was further **noted** that this would be the final act of the Charity, as it had resolved to wind up with effect from 7 January.

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**14/15/120 The Village Green – maintenance of tracks**

The Chairman introduced the background to this matter, and handed the Chair to the Vice Chairman, having declared a pecuniary interest (as well as Cllr Baber) as an affected resident. The Vice Chairman reflected on the content of a letter from July 1990 sent by the Council to residents with properties served by access tracks across The Green. Concern had been expressed more recently for the condition of the tracks, their suitability for modern day usage, and the perceived responsibilities of adjacent residents for their maintenance. Reported offers from local farmers that also use the track to contribute to maintenance were also noted. It was **agreed** that more research on the matter was required, and that a Working Group should be established to report back to the next meeting of the Council. Councillors Collett, Coleman, Hamilton and Baber were nominated to the Group.

**14/15/121 Community Fund Panel**

Cllr Housby, as the Chairman of the Panel, reported on its inaugural meeting, noting that some difficult choices had been made to establish Terms of Reference from the model commended to it by the Council. It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Hamilton and with all **agreed** that the revised (v4) Terms of Reference for the Panel be ratified.

**14/15/122 Planning matters**

[Cllr Coleman left the meeting at 9.10pm]

The following decisions were notified:

14/09748/FUL Old Bakery, 16 Poulshot Road – re-submission alterations and rear extension; approved with conditions.

The following applications were considered and had no objection:

14/11858/FUL The Old Chapel, 34 Poulshot Road – glass roof to open terrace and glass wind-break panels to walls;

[Cllr Nixon left the meeting at 9.20pm]

**14/15/123 Disbursements**

The following payments were authorised:

Chq	£
490 Assured Mobility (wheelchair)	198.00
491 Ladies Club (S.137 Grant, xmas lunch)	250.00
492 S J Franklin (hedge cut)	120.00
493 SJ Franklin (grass cut)	228.00
494 Poulshot Village Trust (S.137 Grant, ponds)	108.00
495 P Baxter (pay adjustment)	10.81
496 P Baxter (admin expenses)	51.79
497 AlphaPrint.Me (leaflet printing)	62.50

A Bankers Mandate was also revised to provide for the 2014-16 national pay award for the Clerk. Two requests for grants from charitable organisations were declined.

**14/15/124 Correspondence and circulars received**

The Clerk reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner is consulting on his proposal to increase the Police element of the Council Tax precept by £3.06 per annum, which was **noted**.

**14/15/125 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was **agreed** for 3 March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**14/15/126 Items of maintenance**

Cllr Coleman reported that he would be meeting the Highways Co-ordinator on 13 January to examine any maintenance issues.

**14/15/127 Key messages**

Cllr Housby undertook to write the next village magazine article, with items on the precept, broadband disconnects, solar park progress, and the provision of a defibrillator.

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The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed ..... Chairman, 3 March 2015