

MINUTES OF POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 20th January 2014, at 7.30pm in Poulshot Village Hall

PRESENT: Geoff Collett (Chair), Steve Housby (Vice Chair), Tim Coleman, Adrian Baber, Ben Hamilton, Nicky Hunloke, Tim Nixon, Jonathon Seed (Wiltshire Councillor) Emily Thomas and Maggie Ledbury (Police and Community Support), Robin Eccles (CPRE)		
Public: 7		
1.	Apologies & Acceptance of Apologies: none	
2.	Register of Members’ Interests • Tim Coleman. Invoice from Mrs G Coleman.	
3.	Chairman’s update. • Cllr Housby has offered to take the minutes for this meeting. • The chairman spoke about the flooding of Mr and Mrs Nixons property during the recent severe weather. The need to obtain some more Aqua Sacks. Training to be given to holders of these sacks. • Wessex Water CEO has agreed to speak to a PC meeting about the recent flooding, hopefully in March. • Thanks to Cllr Coleman for his hard work getting the hedges cut and ditches cleared in Corn Close. • Parish Clerk still needed. • Claire Perry MP cancelled her meeting with the PC. (Re solar Panels) • The village hall playground has been cleaned with the help of Community Payback.	SH/ GC All
4.	Update from Wiltshire Council – Cllr Jonathon Seed • Cllr Seed spoke of the efforts of Wiltshire Council and Poulshot PC re flood prevention and the clear benefits of this during the recent severe weather. • Touched on the footpath improvement at Poulshot Lodge. • A meeting with Wiltshire planning about Higher Green Farm/Pippin had proved fruitful and many obstacles to the development have been removed. For example, an agreement in principle re affordable housing.	
5.	Update from Police • PC Emily Thomas said that little crime had been committed in our area with the notable exception of a burglary at Poulshot Lodge Farm Shop. • She was asked for a police view regarding unauthorised driving on the village green. PC Thomas agreed to investigate policy.	TC
6.	Public Session. • Mr R Josey asked if a notice could be put in the village magazine asking that dog poo bags be taken home for disposal. • Mr M Nixon thanked those who helped when his house flooded. He spoke of lessons to be learnt. (See Chairmans update) • Mr J Hawkins asked us to look at clearing the ditches to the south of Green Gardens. It was agreed to meet at 9am the following morning to see what could be done. • Mr C Saunders, (village hall committee) asked when he would get the £450 towards repairs promised by the PC. He was told that when the work was finished the money would be paid to the Village Hall Committee.	All
7.	Agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2013 • Minutes proposed by TC seconded by NH and agreed unanimously and signed by the chairman.	
8.	Matters arising from previous PC meeting. • Broadband. Cllr Seed apologised that he had been unable to obtain the answers to our questions. He will have them ready for our next PC meeting.	JS

9.	<p>Planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barley Hill House. There were no objections. • Revised plans for Poulshot Lodge Farm solar park. Some minor changes have been made to this application and there will be a further 21 day consultation period once submitted. • Higher Green Farm. As described by Cllr Seed above. • It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton that we consider 3 quotes for valuing the land offered by Pippin. He proposed that Chesterton and Humberts be employed at a cost of £250+VAT. Cllr Housby seconded. 	AB BH
10.	<p>Village Green.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unauthorised driving on the green. It was agreed that culprits should be identified and warned but no further action should be taken at this time. (See police update above). • Parking on green causing damage. It was agreed to meet the following morning to consider the situation. • Safety checks. Completed. • Wildflowers. Ongoing. Proposed site bordering the north side of the track leading to Middle Green Farm and east of the track into Mrs Taplin. 	ET TN
11.	<p>Highways and Rights of Way (Cllr Coleman)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Colemans talks with Wiltshire Council have produced a proposal to part fund an extension to the footpath and additional signage around the bend at Poulshot Lodge Farm. A 1/3 contribution of £700 is required from Poulshot PC. There was some objection to the amount of signage required by WC. SH proposed that we accept the proposal and discuss the need for signs with WC. TC seconded this and the motion was carried. AB objected. • Drains at Townsend need monitoring. Arrangements have been made for Wiltshire Highways to meet Mr I Brothers to review the situation. • Corn Close. Work carried out by Witshire Council and Community Payback. See chairmans comments. 	TC
12.	<p>Village Hall Repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is outstanding work in that a drainpipe extending over the village green needs finishing properly. See public session. 	AB
13.	<p>Allotment Tenancy Agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH has reviewed this and only one comment has been raised which will be incorporated. 	SH
14.	<p>Village Design Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Housby said that unless a clear leader emerges to replace Steve Baron this project is effectively shelved. 	
15.	<p>Flooding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr T Nixon gave a comprehensive briefing regarding the village flood defences reinforcing many points brought up in general discussion. Main points; ditches at Townsend to be monitored. More Aqua Sacks are required. Wessex water to explain why pumping station switched off during severe weather. (See Chairmans comments re Wessex Water CEO attending the next PC meeting). 	TN
16.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Monthly invoices need to be signed. Cheque to Mrs G Coleman for £40. Approved, one abstention. (AB) 	BH
17.	<p>Any other business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 17th March 2014, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Future meeting dates - Monday 19th May 2014, Monday 21st July. A reminder that all requests for work/or goods should be presented to the Parish Council first for authorisation.

Signed: Chairman Date: