

# Poulshot Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Poulshot Village Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7:30PM

Present: Nicholas Hunloke (NH) Chairman  
Geoff Collett (GC) Vice-chairman  
Malcolm Nixon (MN)  
Steve Housby (SH) Acting Clerk  
Joe Baber (JB)  
Sue Aldridge (SA)  
Tim Nixon (TN)  
Jonathon Seed – Wiltshire Councillor (JS)  
Rose Baldock (Wiltshire Police)

Apologies: None

Declaration of interests: None

Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record.

Matters arising: None

Open Session:

1. Rose Baldock of Wiltshire Police told the meeting that criminals operating in our area have been pretending to have broken down and then flagging down cars and making demands for money. They have also been offering fake jewellery for sale with the intent of robbing the naïve.
2. S Housby asked if any allotments are available, as a member of the public had enquired. Apparently all 3 are occupied.
3. Ivor Sault has submitted a viability study to Wiltshire Council to exclude affordable housing from the Higher Green Farm development.
4. Jonathan Hawkins complained that there is a lot of litter around the green.
5. Sam Wright mentioned that the ditches along Corn Close are in a parlous state. She agreed to contact Wiltshire Council re clearing them.

The open session was closed.

1. The village green risk assessment was confirmed as being completed.
2. Access for Mr and Mrs Bullen new development over the Village Green.

NH told the meeting that no councillor objected in principle to the new house at Middle Green Farm having an access. He said that he believes the law is flexible and that we should agree to granting access across the village green without further delay.

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SH said that all legal advice so far obtained indicated that the council would be acting beyond its powers by granting access. That the council could obtain further legal advice at the developer's expense. That subject to legal assurances re an easement (access rights) the council may have a legal obligation to obtain best value. That all this should be subject to a legal contract.

NH proposed that an access track across the village green be permitted subject to the conditions laid out in the appendix to these minutes. (Letter to Mr and Mrs Bullen). SA seconded and the motion was carried by 5 in favour and 2 against.

SH attempted to explain that there was no intent to cause anguish re any existing access track on the green.

3. Open Spaces Society.

The Open Spaces Society is a Charity specialising in the legal aspects of Greens, Common Land and Rights of Way. SH proposed that Poulshot should join and the decision to do so was unanimous.

4. Electoral Services.

The chairman explained that Wiltshire council will administer the election to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013. That nomination forms are available for download and the window for submission opens on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Anybody interested is encouraged to stand.

5. Grass Cutting.

GC told the meeting that Simon Franklin will be unable to cut the village green in the future. He has asked for quotes from local companies to continue this essential work.  
Action: GC

TN wondered if grants might be available from Wiltshire Council to help fund the upkeep of what is the largest green in the county. He will investigate.  
Action: TN

6. Clerk vacancy.

NH proposed that the only applicant for the post of clerk should be interviewed.  
Unanimous agreement.  
Action: NH

7. Tim Nixon proposed a vote of thanks for Nicky Hunlokes hard work as Chairman. All agreed.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 pm.

Signed as a true record:

Date:

**POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL** (Chairman Mr. N Hunloke)

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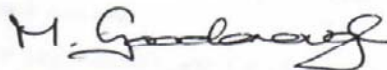
**Dear Mr and Mrs Bullen**

Further to your recent approach to the council with regards the 'Rights of Access' for your approved development, after careful discussion the council would consider approval subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed access must not be raised above the level of the Green
2. That it will have no kerbing
3. That the width should not exceed 11 feet
4. That the access will be made of hard core and scalplings
5. That the construction will be to the satisfaction of the parish council
6. That all future maintenance will be the liability of the property owner
7. That it gains approval of the National Authority
8. That an agreed amount of money would be contributed to the Parish Council for the benefit of the village as a whole; this would be as compensation for the loss of this amount of the Village Green

The council would remind you that at no time during the development should any construction vehicles be parked on or construction materials stored on the Village Green.

Yours sincerely



Maggie Goodenough  
Clerk to the Parish Council