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PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting of Poulshot Parish Council
held at Poulshot Village Hall, Poulshot on Tuesday 14th May 2019
commencing at 7:00pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Geoff Collett [GC], Ben Hamilton [BH], Ian Gillies [IG], Adrian Baber [AB], Sam Wright-Hurn [SWH], Tim Jalland [TJ], Steve Housby [SH]

OFFICER PRESENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: WUC Jonathon Seed [JS], Mr Robin Boyd (Minute-Taker)

CHAIR: Geoff Collett

APOLOGIES: PCSO Maggie Ledbury [ML], Elizabeth Martin, Clerk to the Council

AVM19/20/01 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman Cllr Geoff Collett welcome all those attending and in particular Cllr Jonathan Seed, representative on Wiltshire Council. The Parish Clerk, Elizabeth Martin, had sent her apology for absence as had PCSO Maggie Ledbury.

AVM19/20/02 PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2018/19

The Chairman said he had been on the Parish Council for many years and chairman for 5 of those but was not seeking re-election as he felt he had served in the role for long enough. He expressed satisfaction that a number of big issues had been resolved during his tenure including the payment from the solar park, and the fact that the village would have the benefit of the Higher Green Farm recreation ground.

AVM19/20/03 NEWS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

AVM19/20/04 (a) Village Hall Committee

Alan Webber reported that Poulshot Village Hall had enjoyed its best year for activities, with income up by 60%, doubling that of 3 years ago. It was rated the best venue by four table tennis teams. Other activities included French classes, Tai Chi, upholstery, an art class, and it was a comfort and refreshment stop-off on the bi-annual cycle ride. The village activities included a splendid quiz night, a casino night, community breakfast, Halloween, and most ambitious, (but highly successful), an evening's entertainment by the comedian Ian McMillan. However there had been large increases in expenses: heating costs had risen, and a water leak had resulted in a heavy charge (which is under dispute) and the overall loss for the year was £1,000. It was noted that the hall has a septic tank and that sewerage charges may have been levied in error. The building itself is in good condition, although it is noted that parking capacity is inadequate and that this point would be taken up with the Parish Council. It was also noted that the external areas need maintenance and smartening. A question from a parishioner relating to the visibility of the bookings schedule online. Cllr Sam Wright-Hurn stated that it was being investigated.

AVM19/20/05 (b) Village Trust

Cllr Tim Jalland reported that membership has increased by 11 households since the Fete last year. An events committee has been setup to help organise an annual diary; a copy of events has been circulated to the village. Mobile Photography, an historical account of a house in the Poulshot, Lambing Event, it continues to support the Parish Council's work in the Green Gardens and on the Pond. The Newt survey found presence of newts in the middle pond, not the southern pond (which was the reverse of the previous survey).

The Trust plans a Summer Walk, a Wilts Wildlife insect survey for children, an early morning meeting to hear the dawn chorus, presentation on Owls and the Great Bustard as well as a repeat of the art workshops again over the winter.

Households are encouraged to join.

AVM19/20/06 (c) Poulshot Cricket Club

Tim Nixon reported on Poulshot Cricket Club and reiterated thanks to Cllr Collet for his work on the Council. There is a playing squad of 30 members but also expenses to manage - £990 and difficulties in recovering match fees etc from players but emphasised the benefits of people coming together in this activity. There is a planned tour to the Isle of Wight. The club has raised enough to be solvent by staging evenings at the village hall. The club supports The Raven. On 13 July the club would be hosting the Grenadier Guards and there are 20 fixtures in the calendar for this year.

AVM19/20/07 (d) Poulshot Friends And Neighbours

Cllr Gillies reported that this is a good story, with membership up to 36 from a low base. He expressed gratitude for a grant from the Community Fund, and for the legacy from Dan Baber. There had been good trips and talks: a canal trip, summer barbeque, talk by Wiltshire Wildlife, talk on Wiltshire church monuments (34 attending) and a Christmas party (35 present), a wine tasting, visit to REME Museum, trip to the White Horse Opera, lunch at the Three magpies. Coming up were: a guided walk in Bradford n Avon, a vineyard visit and a whisky talk & taste. The funds amount at present to approximately £1,200.

AVM19/20/08 (e) St Peter's Church

Nicky Hunloke reported changes in churchwardens – Kate Hunloke has replaced Brian and Janet James. He remains as treasurer and Robin Boyd has taken over as secretary. Jan Boyd and Sarah Prestwich have joined as additional PCC members. The tower of the church has now been repaired at considerable cost. For the sixth year there has been a loss.

AVM19/20/09 (f) Farmers Club

There was no report from the Farmer's Club.

AVM19/20/10 (g) Numismatic Society

There was no report from the Numismatic Club. The Parish Council chairman said that the club meets on the third Wednesday of the month and holds 3 auctions a year.

AVM19/20/11 (h) Wessex Model Aircraft Flying Club

No report.

AVM19/20/12 (i) Community Police

Written report posted to the website.

AVM19/20/13 PUBLIC FORUM.

Cllr Adrian Baber recorded thanks for Cllr Collet's service and praised his work for the council.

A member of the audience regretted his departure and criticised other Councillors. Cllr Collet replied he had had 5 good years and took nothing to heart.

The meeting concluded at 7.42 pm.

These minutes are accepted as a true and accurate record: -

Signed _____

Date _____