

# POULTON & PULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 1st October 2014 at the Village Hall Pulford

PRESENT : Cllr K Board(Chair); Cllr Dryland ; Cllr Moore ; Cllr Fay ;  
Cllr G Pridding; Cllr N Clark : Cllr Ewins : Cllr West

There were 9 members of the public present.

## 1 – Apologies – Cllr Fair

## 2 – Declaration of Interest – None

## 3 – Suspension of Standing Orders

3.1 The Parish Council, and in particular Cllr Moore, were thanked for their comments on the Fairmeadow Retrospective Planning application (ref 14/03640/FUL)

3.2 The pothole repairs on Straight Mile are deemed complete by Highways. The road surface is still considered unsatisfactory. The Clerk has asked for an inspection from Highways with a request that the whole of the Straight Mile is resurfaced - **Action Clerk**

3.3 Great concern was expressed about the speed of vehicles on the Straight Mile, Old Lane, and The Green. It was decided to ask Highways and the Police for monitoring and advice on ways to slow down traffic on these roads – **Action Clerk**

## 4 – Minutes

Approved

## 5 – Progress Reports

5.1 –Straight Mile potholes– see Section 3.2 above

5.2 – Cllr Dryland summarised the Traffic Reports for Jan – Sept 2014. 551925 vehicles passed through Pulford with 42% exceeding the speed limit. He attended the Community Safety event and was advised to address his concerns on speeding in rural areas to the Police Inspector – **Action Cllr Dryland**

5.3 – Cllr Fay has volunteered to be the “Post Box” for Website entries – Action **Cllr Fay and Clerk**

## 6 – Planning

6.5 – ref 14/03640/FUL 6 Fairmeadow – see 3.1 above.

## 7 – Finance – following were approved : -

7.1	<b>£ 159.53</b>	Sodexo Grass Cutting Invoice 124815
7.2	<b>£ 42</b>	BDO External Auditors Invoice 1310522

7.3	<b>£ 50</b>	Abbeygate College contribution to resurfacing at Pulford St Mary's
7.4	<b>£ 79.76</b>	Sodexo Grass cutting invoice 9900130709
7.5	<b>£ 151.71</b>	Clerk's salary July to Sept 2014
7.6	<b>£ 19.14</b>	Clerk's travel expenses to Auditors – 2 return journeys to Pontybodkin
7.7	<b>£ 15</b>	Autela Payroll Services invoice 5389
7.8		Income and Expenditure Report April to Sept 2014

## 8 – Correspondence for Information

No comments

## 9 – Clerk's Reports and Queries

9.1 – Acknowledgement to be sent to Abbeygate College – **Action Clerk**

9.2 – No Ball Games problem on Wrexham Road – c/f

9.3 – Still Outstanding hedge problems : – **Action Clerk**

a) Dodleston Lane Corner Hawthorn hedge – deemed a serious hazard and needs cutting. Another letter to Mr Homer required to include a deadline for action by him or Street Scene with Mr Homer responsible for any charges.

e) Hedge alongside the wood on the B5445 opposite garage requires cutting– contact Arthur Fearnell

f) Hedge alongside the wood on the West Side of the B5445 at Cuckoos Nest is obstructing the pavement and requires cutting – contact Grosvenor Estate

9.4 – Highways Agency contact for A483/A55 roadworks is 0300-123-5000. Updated information is on the Highways Website and the compound at Rough Hill is open from 10am to noon. It is hoped to also add details to the Parish Website.

## 10 – Councillors Reports, Future Agenda Items, Any Other Business

10.1 – Cllr Board circulated a draft layout for the proposed Playing Field Play Area. We await further information from CW&C Council before a questionnaire is sent out to residents and a public consultation is organised - **Action Cllr Board**

10.2 – Governance Review – full Council meeting scheduled for Oct 2014

10.3 Cllr West informed the meeting that 3500 runners will be taking part in the Chester Marathon on October 5<sup>th</sup> with the first runner expected past the Grosvenor Drinks station at 9.15. Volunteers need to be at the drinks station by 8.15 .

10.4 – There is still concern at the state of the fencing between Old Lane and Pulford Approach on Poulton Green – c/f

10.5 – The locked gate between Pulford Court and the Playing Field was discussed. Reference was made to previous Parish Council meetings when it was decided to install a locked gate. This decision followed complaints from residents and the grass cutting contractor about dog fouling and the subsequent hazards to young children. Cllr Dryland also pointed out that Pulford Court is private land with no right of way across it. The traffic hazards to children going to the proposed Play Area was discussed but a majority of Councillors agreed that the gate should remain locked – Cllr Moore abstained.

It was agreed to reconsider access to the field as part of the proposal for the Play Area and also the possibility of fencing all round the field to deter wildlife.

10.6 – The Spinney paths and trees have been reported for investigation by Street Scene and Green Spaces – case Refs 3214668 (path) and 3214669 (trees)- c/f

10.7 – Cllr Fay informed the meeting that ducting problems had been experienced with the fibre installation to Pulford but he expected that fibre broadband will be operational in Pulford by Xmas 2014 – c/f

10.8 – Cllr Board proposal for Village Champions c/f – **Action All**

#### **11 – Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 from 7 pm in Pulford Village Hall

Signed as Correct : -	Date : -
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