

POULTON & PULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 6th August 2014 at the Village Hall Pulford

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

There were 6 members of the public present.

1 – Apologies – Cllr Moore

2 – Declaration of Interest – None

3 – Suspension of Standing Orders

The pothole repairs on Straight Mile were unsatisfactory and hardly better than previously.

Clerk to contact Highways to complain : **Action Clerk**

The Council were thanked for the provision of the Cuckoos nest Bus Shelters and the improvement to the travelling experience.

Disappointment was expressed at the lack of any commemoration in Pulford of the outbreak of WW1. It was suggested that the Local History Society takes the lead and an article prepared for the Web Site. Planning should take place in 2017 for a celebration in 2018 of the end of WW1.

4 – Minutes

Approved

5 – Progress Reports

5.1 – Much further work required on Straight Mile potholes– see Section 3 above

5.2 – Cllr Dryland stated that the Police did not consider speeding to be a sufficient enough problem for special action to be taken. Cllrs Dryland and West will attend the Sept 25th meeting with the Police Commissioner **Action : - Cllrs Dryland and West**

5.3 – The Clerk stated that no charges have been made so far for web site additions. All changes should be submitted via the Clerk who will notify the originator of any potential charging exposure.

6 – Planning

6.3 – ref 13/03712/FUL 5 St Mile Driveway – the planners and the Inspectorate have been contacted to support the position of Cheshire Highways. No decision to report.

6.7 – the unauthorised extension in Fairmeadow is under review by the Planning enforcement OFFICER

7 – Finance – following were approved : -

7.1	£330	Simon Winter Stone Carving
7.2	£113.40	JDH Business Services
7.3	£ 336.44	Zurich Municipal Insurance
7.4	£ 45	Grosvenor Estate re Land at Pulford Spinney
7.5	£ 79.76	Sodexo Grass Cutting Inv 9900114478
7.6	£ 732.80	Receipt of Jubilee fete money
7.7	£ 159.53	Sodexo Grass Cutting Inv 9900120071
7.8		Income and Expenditure Report April to July 2014
7.9		New HSBC Bank Mandate

8 – Correspondence for Information

The Council agreed that this summary table should continue

9 – Clerk’s Reports and Queries

9.1 – Asset Register amendments requested by BDO were approved

9.2 – Risk Assessment document approved plus change to check playing field structures prior to each Council meeting. Cllr Ewins to perform this check in Sept 2014. **Action Cllr Ewins**

9.3 – War memorial lettering should be good for at least 10 years

9.4 – Abbeygate College should be billed annually on Sept 1st for the Church Bank damage caused by the school bus – **Action Clerk**

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

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

10.1 - Cllr Dryland gave an update on the Rail link upgrade. The line is being doubled from Green Lane Saltney to Rosset to reduce journey time from Holyhead to Cardiff by 16 minutes.

10.2 – It was agreed to pursue the spend of S106 monies for play equipment. A proposal is to be requested from Cheshire West – **Action Cllr Board**

10.3 Cllr Dryland’s gave an update on a meeting of Cheshire West and Chester Community Governance Review Committee.

Proposals for merging the Parishes of Poulton and Pulford into one Parish was accepted. The new Parish would be known as Poulton and Pulford and would have nine Parish Councillors. Also a Boundary change putting all land to the west of the Straight Mile to the junction with the B5445 including Bell Meadow Business Park was accepted by the committee. A further consultation period is taking place up to August 31st with final approval in October 2014 by the full Cheshire West and Chester Council.

10.4 – The marathon is scheduled for October 5th – volunteers required by Cllr West !

10.5 – The state of the fencing between Old Lane and Pulford Approach on Poulton Green has been raised

10.6 – Various hedge problems were raised : - – **Action Clerk**

a) Dodleston Lane Corner Hawthorn hedge – letter to Mr Homer required

b) Glebe Land hedge – contact Denton Clerk

c) Spinney hedge – contact Highways

d) Hedge along Fairmeadow Old Lane – contact Highways

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

10.7 – Cllr Board proposed citations for Village Champions who have improved the village by eg litter picking. Article should go on web site and notice boards with nominations to Clerk – **Action All**

10.8 – Concern was expressed that the area was being targeted by the criminal fraternity. Sharon Beverly to be invited to next meeting to hear our concerns and report on Police initiatives – **Action Clerk**

11 – Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 1st October 2014 from 7 pm in Pulford Village Hall – **please note revised date**

Signed as Correct : -	Date : -
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