

POULTON & PULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 24th March 2015 at the Village Hall Pulford

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

There were 4 members of the public present.

1 – Apologies & Resignations – none

2 – Declaration of Interest – None

3 – Review of Pulford Play Area Project

Chairman welcomed Elaine Grant, John Seiler, Calvin Stockton from CW&C Council.

JS summarised the landscape master plan and made the following points : -

- * The site was assessed in the wider village context to provide a 7 a side football pitch, play equipment for all age groups and seating and picnic area for residents
- * The siting of the play equipment near the entrance provided good surveillance. The play equipment must provide for all ages otherwise teenagers would misuse infants equipment
- * Trees recommended to soften the transition from playing field to woods and could be of interesting varieties together with bulbs and wildflower areas
- * The play equipment proposed would be wooden and should last at least 20 years
- * Particular attention is required to the selection of path and play area material to minimise ongoing maintenance and replacement costs
- * The overall design would provide a community park as a centre point for the village
- * **It is for the PC to now review the design and decide whether they want the Play Area and if so what facilities within it – Action Cllr Ewins**

3.1 Cllr Dryland queried the size of the football pitch for 7 a side games – **JS to check this**

3.2 Cllr Dryland queried whether the proposal was acceptable to Fields in Trust – CS stated that FIT were supportive but would want to review the final proposal – **Action CS**

3.3 Cllr Dryland was concerned that the proposal was out of proportion to the village size and would have a significant impact on the Precept charge if implemented in full

3.4 Cllr Moore commented that the scheme as proposed is commendable but his concern is that initially it was envisaged a children's play area would be created on a part of the field However the play area has now expanded to cover development of the whole of the field.

3.5 Cllr Fay queried whether fencing in of the Infants Play Area should be considered. JS explained this would be undesirable. Cllr Fay suggested setting up a “Friends of Play Area” group to look after the field

3.6 Cllr Pridding asked whether there would be an increase in grass cutting charges. Sodexo to be contacted when final plans agreed – **Action Clerk**

3.7 Following the review Cllr Ewins proposed and Cllr Fay seconded that the Master Plan Concept should be accepted in principal. This was passed by a majority of 7 votes to 1. Cllr Dryland proposed an amendment but this was not seconded.

3.8 The following actions were then agreed in addition to those stated above : -

* contact and visits to similar schemes – viz Huntington (Ann Wright) and Ince – **Action Cllr Ewins**

* details of surfacing options/comparative costs – **Action John Seiler**

* revised ongoing cost estimates – **Action John Seiler**

* checklist of information required by CW&C from the Parish Council – **Action Elaine Grant**

* target submission of WREN Grant Application by July 8th – **Action Clerk & Calvin Stockton**

4– Suspension of Standing Orders – no issues raised

5 – Minutes - Approved

6 – Progress Reports

6.1 –The Parish Council should only be concerned that a mud problem exists on Old Lane. It is Farmer Jones’ responsibility to solve the problem and adhere to the law in relation to this. The Thrings Solicitors Document which outlines a Farmer’s responsibilities should be sent to Farmer Jones – **Action Clerk**

6.2 – Highways have now prepared the leaflet on mud problems but it has not been issued

6.3 – The PC is disappointed that no-one from the Police has attended the meeting

7 – Planning

7.1 to 7.4 and 7.6 to 7.7 – no comments

7.5 – The original letter from the PC re Fairmeadow should be sent to the Appeals Inspector with the reference to building material deleted **Action Clerk before 2nd April 2015**

8 – Finance – following were approved : -

8.1	£ 50	Village Hall Committee receipt
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8.2	£ 99	Village Hall Hire Feb 2014 to Jan 2015
8.3	£ 15	Autela Payroll Services Jan to Mar 2015
8.4	£ 151.71	Clerk's Salary Jan to Mar 2015
8.5	£ 200	Donation to Eccleston and Pulford Church Funds
8.6	£ 20	Cheshire Community Action subscription year ending Mar 2016
8.8		Income and Expenditure report April 2014 to Mar 2015

8.7 – Autela Payroll Services Fees 2015/16 – not approved. Clerk to negotiate with Autela

9 – Correspondence for Information

172 documents circulated to Councillors since Jan meeting

10 – Clerk's Reports and Queries

10.1 The Risk Assessment Checklist was reviewed. A formal procedure for inspecting and alerting needs to be set up - **Action Clerk**

10.2 – On Dodleston Lane the 85th percentile speed was recorded in both directions at 39 mph. The 85th percentile speed is the speed which 85% of the vehicles are NOT exceeding.

Refer to <http://www.safespeed.org.uk/speedlimits.html> for further details.

Carol Carter (The Spinney) to be advised of results – **Action Cllr Dryland**

10.3 – Traffic Calming measures – c/f

10.4 – Level Crossing closures - Pulford crossing deferred after complaints– c/f

10.5 – Streetscene vegetation and moss clearance ref 101002809962 – c/f

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

11.1 – Disappearing Chimney on Grosvenor Pulford Hotel – Planning are investigating – c/f

11.2 – Old Lane Gully cleaning – Highways have inspected and Gully cleaner requested – c/f

11.3 – Traffic issues on B5445 – c/f

11.4 – Pulford Village Bus shelter - Anfields mirror quote accepted (£149) – competitive with other prices. Placement issues need resolving – **Action Cllr Moore**

11.5 – Citations – c/f

11.6 – Cllr West indicated next Village Hall Committee meeting is April 8th. It was agreed Cllr West should be a Trustee. Cllr West will raise issue of a Defibrillator with the Committee. It may be possible to obtain funding via NHS or Sanctuary Housing. – **Action Cllr West**

11.7 – Quiz Team Subscription – need to find out who on the team is from Pulford – **Action Clerk**

11.8 – Green Energy Brochure – no interest expressed

11.9 – It was agreed that Cllr Fay should attend the meeting at Eaton Hall to discuss the Draft Document on Local Service Centres – date ?? – **Action Cllr Fay**

11.10 – The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Cllr Dryland for all his efforts over many years in support of the Parish Council and residents of Poulton and Pulford. The PC also expressed its anticipation in having Mr Jim Dryland as a member of the public at future PC meetings

12 – Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 13thth May 2015 from 7 pm in Pulford Village Hall

Signed as Correct : -	Date : -
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