

POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th July 2008 in the Village Hall Polstead.

Present: Mr Nick Brandt (in the Chair), Mr Michael Hackford (Vice-Chair),
Mr Richard Kilshaw, & Mrs Trish Ravensdale.

In attendance: Mr David Yorke-Edwards (County Councillor) & Mrs Sandra Gray
(Clerk)

1) Apologies for Absence: Mrs Sue Wigglesworth, (District Councillor), Mr John
Baxter, Mrs Mandy Flather, Mrs Anne Macwilson
Melissa Gaylean (Suffolk Constabulary). The
Councillors consented to these absences.

2) Declarations of Interests:

There were none.

3) Minutes of the meetings of 19th June 2008

The Minutes of the 19th June 2008 were approved by the Council and signed by the
Chairman.

4) Matters Arising:

There were none

5) Reports:

A) County Councillor

Councillor David Yorke-Edwards reported to the Council the details of the Boundary
Committee's draft proposals for Unitary Local Government in Suffolk. The favoured
proposal is for two Unitary Authorities, one of which is based in on Ipswich and the
surrounding area, including both the Felixstowe and Shotley peninsulas and the other
is the rest of Suffolk excluding Lowestoft, which is proposed to be under Norfolk.
Councillor David Yorke-Edwards in his role of Vice-Chair of the Health Scrutiny
Committee explained his present involvement with the Primary Care Trusts' plan to
move neck and head cancer patients to Norwich and Norfolk Hospital. Therefore, no
treatment for this type of condition would be available in Suffolk.

B) District Councillor

In the absence of Sue Wigglesworth, the Clerk reported that Polstead Parish Council
had been asked if they would be interested in being a "pilot" for the Samba Soccer
rural delivery programme. The sessions would be run in village hall locations in
September. At present the sessions are run weekly at four sports centres. Samba
Soccer is Brazilian football skills played with size 2 balls.

C) Suffolk Constabulary

No report was given

6) Reports & Questions from Councillors:

Councillor Trish Ravensdale reported that a Parishioner, whose fence backed onto the
allotments, wished to have a cherry tree removed. The tree had grown such that it
was causing the fence to become damaged and the Parishioner wished to replace the
damaged fence. The Council agreed that the Parishioner should apply to Babergh for
the removal of the tree and if the Council were consulted the issue would be
discussed.

Vice-Chair, Michael Hackford, reported how successful the 'The Polstice' had been.
However, concerns were raised that despite notices on the Playing Field and in the
Terms and Conditions of hire, dogs were seen at the event. Councillor Richard
Kilshaw also reported that fires had taken place but that no long term damage was

done. It was agreed by the Council that the Clerk should write to the organisers thanking them for a successful event but to consider the matters of fires on the field when planning the event next year.

7) Reports & Questions from Parishioners

There were none.

8) Highways & Footpaths

The Chairman, Nicholas Brandt, reported that he had arranged for the clearance of Footpaths 4, 12 & 13. The new Footpath Warden, James Ward, now had possession of the equipment and some footpaths needed maintenance. Also, a tree across Footpath 30 needed clearing.

Councillor Richard Kilshaw raised the problem of Footpath 15 where the small bridge across the stream was collapsing. This would be repaired as part of the winter programme.

Vice-Chair, Michael Hackford, reported concerns regarding the junction of Flaggy Pond View and Rockalls Road. There were no road markings and no right of way indications which caused confusion with vehicles coming up the hill. Also, parishioners had contacted Vice-Chair, Michael Hackford, about the condition of Martens Lane. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Suffolk Highways about both of the issues raised.

9) Boundary Review

Councillor John Baxter was attending the Local Government Review Meeting and would be reporting to the Council. In the meantime, it was agreed that the favoured Unitary Authority for Polstead would be the two authorities not the one Suffolk Authority. It was agreed that a meeting to discuss the implications of the Review for Local Councils and for Councillor John Baxter to report to the Council may need to take place.

10) Planning Matters:

A) Pre-Agenda Applications:

Planning Application B/08/01005/FHA Christobel, White Street Green, Polstead Colchester CO10 5JN. Erection of single-storey extension to front elevation. Insertion of 1 No. window into front elevation.

The Councillors discussed the above application and had no objection in relation to CNO1 Babergh Local Plan.

B) Any Urgent Planning Matters:

The following were received after the Agenda had been issued:

Planning Application: B/08/00483/FHA The Kennels Rockalls Road, Polstead, Colchester CO6 5AS. Erection of a garden pavilion

The Councillors discussed the above application and had no objections in relation to CNO1 of the Babergh Local Plan No 2.

Planning Application No: B/08/00648/FUL Scotland Place Scotland Street Stoke by Nayland. Erection of single-storey extensions to agricultural store. The Council is being consulted as an adjoining Parish Council.

The Councillors discussed the above application and had no objections in relation to CNO1.

Planning Application No: B/08/00933/FHA White House Farm Straight Road Polstead Colchester CO6 5DL. Erection of two-storey garden building to provide 2 (no.) garage spaces, office, 2(no.) bedrooms, bathroom and storage space.

The Councillors discussed the above application and objected to the application in that the proposed building did not relate to the main property, particularly in the setting of the Listed Building, contrary to CNO6 of the Babergh Local Plan "be of an

appropriate scale, form, siting and detailed design to harmonize with the existing building and its setting.”

Planning Application No: B/08/00867/FHA/AS Rosita White Street Green Polstead Colchester. Erection of single-storey rear extension, bay window and porch.

The Clerk reported that Planning Permission had been granted.

Planning Application No: B/08/00788FHA/LM Hillside Polstead Hill Polstead Colchester CO6 5AH. Erection of shed (demolition of existing shed)

The Clerk reported that Planning Permission had been granted.

Planning Application No: B/08/00518/FHA Nussteads Boxford Road Polstead Colchester CO6 5DN. Erection of detached outbuilding to provide garage and additional living accommodation.

The Clerk reported that this application had been withdrawn and will now not be determined by the Council.

11) Summer Hog Roast

The Council discussed the poster that the Clerk had produced and it was agreed for Councillor Trish Ravensdale to distribute them to prominent locations. Vice-Chair, Michael Hackford, confirmed that he was organising the bands/music. Chairman, Nicholas Brandt, would organise drinks and condiments as well as the crockery.

12) Future Agenda Items

Christmas on the Green

Precept 2009/10

Article for Magazine detailing the role of a Parish Council

13) Dates of next meetings

18th September 2008

16th October 2008

20th November 2008

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.