

POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2009 in the Village Hall Polstead.

Present: Mr Nick Brandt (in the Chair), Mr Michael Hackford (Vice Chair), Mr John Baxter, Mr Richard Kilshaw, Mrs Anne Macwilson, Mrs Trish Ravensdale & Amanda Flather

In attendance: Mr David Yorke-Edwards (County Councillor).
Mrs Sue Wigglesworth (District Councillor)

- 1) **Apologies for Absence:** None
- 2) **Declarations of Interests:** None.
- 3) **Minutes of the Meeting 16th July 2009:** The Minutes were previously circulated. & agreed & signed.
- 4) **Minutes of the Planning Meeting 13th. August 2009:** The minutes were read, agreed & signed by the Chairman as being accurate
- 5) **Reports:**

A) County Councillor

David Yorke-Edwards reported that the District Councils Hearing was to be held on the 6th/7th October. He also reported on the National Grid proposals for the power lines across the county.

B) District Councillor.

Sue Wigglesworth thanked the council for its support in the planning objection. Also she reported that the Babergh Core Strategy had reached its final consultation period. Sue also reported cuts in government funding

- 6) **Suffolk Constabulary:** Nick Brandt reported that following the report of damage at or concerned with the Polstice he had not had any success in getting information from Suffolk Constabulary as to what or who was concerned. There was no Police Report, but David Yorke-Edwards reported that a police inspector had reported to him that a police presence at a Parish Council meeting could only be expected about twice a year. The Chairman responded that twice a year would be a n improvement on the current track record!
- 7) **Reports from Councillors:** Richard Kilshaw reported that the wall at the bottom of the hill on the bridge had been repaired and that the drain at the bottom of the hill / pond was once again blocked. Also that the drainage generally about the village needed clearing. (Sue Wigglesworth is to take the drain at the pond up with Babergh). Richard also reported that the playing field insurance is due soon.

- 8) **Planning:** It was reported that the planning applications for:

- B/09/00567/FUL - D'Arcy Cottage, had been refused
- B/09/00779/FHA - Charlotte Bungalow, had been approved
- B/09/00556/FHA - 19 Rockalls Road, had been approved

9) Financial Matters:

The attached sheet was circulated before the meeting,
The Chairman reported that Babergh had paid the Council £200 compensation for the problems that had occurred with the precept payments.

10) Highways & Footpaths:

The Chairman reported on the proposed footpath Rockalls Road to FP35, that he had had a letter regarding it but there was still no mention as to who was to pay for the clearance of it or the proposed gateway. Michael reported a water leak in Stackwood Road. The Chairman is to ring Anglian Water about it.

11) Hog Roast:

Ck Brant reported that he has the white wine and soft drinks.
Dylan Pymm has the beer on order. The bill has to be paid by the Council

The marquee to be collected by Richard Kilshaw and Michael Hackford and be erected on Friday night All volunteers required. The bar to be set up on Friday night . Staff to be available as early as possible on Saturday morning. Bar prices to be displayed on a sign. Wheely bins to be used for rubbish bins Richard & Nick to supply them with bin bags.

The generator, diesel and portable toilets all confirmed by Michael.

Music / bands booked, less raucous than last year as requested.

The question of a BBQ for later was raised& agreed. Michael to supply the BBQ itself Nick to supply sausages & charcoal. Ketchup & mustard to be supplied by Mandy?

12)Carse Pond:

Richard Kilshaw reported that he had a letter from the Pond Society who need to know what it is current used for. Richard has dug some sample pits & found no liner. John Baxter stated that he believes that Highways probably removed it years ago. Sue Wigglesworth suggested The Dedham vale Society for funding. Nick Brandt to write to Mr John Boucher inviting him to a site meeting to access what we can do.

13) Bus Shelter

Nick Brandt reported that there had been no response to his letter to County on any topic.

14) National Grid Proposals:

The Council was advised about the proposals of the National Grid, But decided to save response until the consultation documents arrive.

15) Correspondence:

The list of correspondence was supplied.

The topic was raised on Babergh's Affordable Housing meeting, But it was decided that it was not applicable to the Parish Council and not to attend.

The Community Achievement Awards was mentioned and a suitable candidate was proposed by Michael Hackford, seconded by Mandy Flathers.

16) Finance:

A cheque to P&H Landscapes from the Council had been bounced by the bank as not signed in accordance to mandate.

The Chairman was trying to contact P&H to try to explain that it was not our fault, and to contact the bank to get an explanation.

The Chairman Closed The Meeting.

17) Parish Clerk:

The Chairman explained to the Council that He & the Vice Chair had looked at the applications & found that although none of the applicants was unsuitable, that they had selected the three best qualified applicants & interviewed them. If the Council wished to further interview them or any of the other applicants to please declare it.

it was agreed that the decision of the Chair & Vice Chair was sufficient.

The Chairman proposed that Mr David Crimmin be invited to become the new clerk, seconded Michael Hackford, and the councillors voted unanimously in favour.

The Chairman Reopened the Meeting:

18) Future Agenda Items:

The Hog Roast

Pylons

Carse Pond

Bus Shelter

Carols on The Green.

Community Achievement Awards.

Next Meeting 15th. October 2009

The Meeting Closed 10.15pm