

## **POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Polstead Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Nick Brandt (Chairman), Michael Hackford and Anne MacWilson.

**Attending:** Sue Wigglesworth (Babergh District Councillor), David Yorke-Edwards (Suffolk County Councillor, Dave Crimmin (Clerk) and 35 residents.

#### **10/132 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Baxter, Flather, Kilshaw and Ravensdale.

#### **10/133 Declaration of Interests**

None were declared.

#### **10/134 Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**In light of the public interest in the new Bus Timetable on the Agenda, the councillors resolved in accordance with Standing Order 15 to vary the order of business for this item to be discussed next.**

#### **10/135 New Bus Timetable**

The introduction of the new bus timetable on the 31<sup>st</sup> August had meant that the only option for travel to Colchester was before 8am and returning late in the day and a trip to Hadleigh meant arriving there early evening and return next day. PPC considered that these services were totally inappropriate for Polstead residents and the Chairman outlined the actions taken by PPC after being notified of the changes by disgruntled residents:

- On the 6<sup>th</sup> September the Chairman hand delivered PPC's letter outlining its concerns with the bus service to the Chief Executive of Suffolk County Council, Jeremy Pembroke, Leader of SCC and Polstead's Suffolk County Councillor David Yorke-Edwards
- On the 7<sup>th</sup> September Philip Magill, SCC's Transport and Procurement Transport Manager, invited PPC to attend a meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> September
- The Chairman, Rita Gillham and the Clerk met Philip Magill at Endeavour House and after agreeing that the service provided to Polstead was inadequate, they reviewed the Community Transport options that were now to be made available to Polstead residents
- It was agreed that SCC would send Derek Cocker, its Demand Responsive Transport Manager, to attend this meeting to review with residents the options available under the Community Transport scheme
- The meeting notice placed on the notice boards and website invited residents to attend this meeting if they used the bus services.

With 25 residents attending the meeting to discuss the options available with Derek Cocker it was agreed that they should go to Mrs Jill Lowe's house to discuss the options outside the constraints of the Parish Council meeting. The councillors were very grateful for Mrs Lowe's offer.

#### **10/136 Reports from County and District Councillors and Suffolk Constabulary**

The reports are contained in Appendix A.

#### **10/137 Reports and Question from Councillors**

There were no reports or questions raised.

#### **10/138 Reports and Questions from Parishioners**

The reports are contained in Appendix A.

#### **10/139 Report from Bus Shelter working group**

Cllr Hackford reported that good progress is being made by the working group and a proposed site and structure have been identified. A detailed report to the council is planned for the next meeting.

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**10/140 Planning**

- a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application **B/10/00935 Polstead Green Cottage, Polstead Green** for the erection of single-storey rear extension and resolved that they positively supported the application.
- b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application **B/10/01027 Woodfield, Stackwood Road, Hadleigh Heath** for the erection of detached double garage and resolved that they had no objections
- c. The councillors reviewed Planning Application **B/10/01026 Land between The Oaks and Millfield Wood, Heath Road** for the erection of grain store with construction of hard standing and vehicular access to Heath Rod and resolved to object strongly to the application and expressed the following concerns:
  - The proposed field is not part of an adjoining farm and is in the middle of a residential area
  - The access road to the site is poor in terms of its ability to accommodate large vehicles
  - The volume and type of traffic identified by the application is considered to be totally unsuitable for the access road and nearby dwellings
  - The development will increase the severe drainage problems that already exist along the access road
  - Noise pollution will be generated from the site by both the extra vehicular movements and machinery in the grain store.
  - Should the application be approved driers could be subsequently be requested to be installed in the grain store
  - The site will produce light pollution in the neighbourhood
  - The proposal is for storage of grain that is not grown locally and will be transported to and from the location with no extra employment being generated locally
  - The field is an important open space in the area
  - Appendix 2 of the Design & Access Statement does not identify the application site as the one being given approval by Mrs Hall.

The councillors asked Sue Wigglesworth to request a site meeting of BDC's Development Committee so that the residents and councillors concerns can be reviewed.

- d. The councillors reviewed Planning Application **B/10/00921The Cottage, Mill Street - LBC** for alterations to west-facing window (serving the kitchen); erection of replacement window to north elevation; erection of replacement front door; and erection of replacement flue exit pipe with a condensing boiler and resolved that they had no objections.
- e. The councillors reviewed Planning Application **B/10/0/1086 Charlotte Bungalow, Bower House Tye** for the erection of a single-storey side extension.and resolved that they had no objections.
- f. No further planning application had been received by the council since the agenda was posted.
- g. The status of previous applications reviewed by PPC, is as follows:

Application Reference	Address	Planning Details	PPC Minute	Parish Council Comments	Babergh DC Comments
	Sprott's Farm Holt Road Polstead	Proposed diversion of sections of Footpath 8 and 32.	10/049 a 10/109 c	Agreed with second proposal	
APP/D3505/A/10/2 124559/WF	Brendacot Heath Road Polstead	Appeal against refusal of B/09/01506/FUL	10/067 a	No further comments but requested copy of decision.	
B/10/00563/FUL	Hollingside Stackwood Road Hadleigh Heath Polstead	Erection of one-and-a-half storey detached dwelling and detached double garage (following demolition of existing detached bungalow)	10/124 a	Objected to application.	Permission Granted 19/07/2010
B/10/00593/FUL	Boxford (Suffolk) Farms Hill Farm Brick Kiln Hill Boxford	Permanent erection of poly tunnels for horticultural use up to 9 hectares.	10/124 b	Objected to application.	
B/10/00652/FUL	Mallards Martens Lane Polstead	Erection of dwelling (to replace existing)	10/124 c	No objections	Permission Granted 09/08/2010
B/10/00798/FHA	Woodfield Stackwood Road Hadleigh Heath	Insertion of 2 No. roof lights to side elevation (to facilitate conversion of loft into additional living accommodation).	10/124 d	No objections	Permission Granted 05/08/2010

The councillors requested that the Clerk check if the recent building work at The Thatch, Mill Lane required planning permission.

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**In light of the importance of the Babergh Development Framework consultation on the Agenda, the councillors resolved in accordance with Standing Order 15 to vary the order of business for this item to be discussed next.**

### **10/141 Babergh Development Framework**

Sue Wigglesworth had updated the councillors that at this draft consultation stage of the BDF, Polstead has been identified as being "semi-sustainable" and that it would be earmarked for additional housing in the future if this was verified at the approval stage.

The Chairman and Cllr Hackford will represent PPC at the BDC's workshop at Bildeston on 13<sup>th</sup> October and report back to the next meeting. There is space for one more councillor at the workshop if required.

### **10/142 Finance**

- a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix B, were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget and the Bank Statements against the reconciliation. The councillors resolved that the £1,316.80 received from the Polstead Playground Group should be placed in the earmarked reserves for maintenance of the playground equipment.
- b. The councillors resolved to make a further donation of £72 to Hadleigh Fishing Club (HFC) with regard to junior members' membership in 2010.

### **10/143 Highways and Footpaths**

The councillors would like to record their appreciation for the quality of work undertaken by Ian Stewart and Ben Patrick around the village.

### **10/144 Request for a Water Supply to Allotments**

After reviewing the options available to the council in order to supply water to the allotment holders the councillors were unable to agree to the request.

### **10/145 Hog Roast**

With only 3 councillors present it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

### **10/146 Carols on the Green 2010**

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### **10/147 Correspondence Received (Appendix C)**

Following a review of the correspondence the councillors resolved that:

- a. The Clerk to complete the SALC survey on PPC's behalf
- b. The Clerk to send details of the existing and planned grit bins to SCC in response to the consultation on winter grit requirements.

### **10/148 Chairman and Clerk's Reports (Appendix D)**

There were no items reported by the Chairman. Following a review of the Clerk's Report the councillors resolved that:

- a. The Chairman would give Clerk a map with the precise location of the stile on FP18 to send to SCC which they have been unable to locate.
- b. The councillors were happy with the revisions made to the grass cutting schedule.

### **10/149 Future Agenda Items**

- Babergh Development Framework
- Hog Roast until further notice

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- Carols on the Green
- Update from the working group looking at options for the bus shelter on the Village Hall site
- Bus services in Polstead
- New Grit Bins.

**10/150 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on the Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 in Polstead Village Hall starting at 7.45pm.

**The meeting closed at 9.55pm.**

**Appendix A County, District and Suffolk Constabulary reports and Public Forum**

PCSO Amanda Coleman reported that there have been 2 reported crimes since the last meeting on the 15th July. "Sometime during the late evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> July a mobile phone was taken from the bar area of the public house. A male person was suspected however there was not enough evidence and there has been no further action. During the hours of darkness on the 9<sup>th</sup> September at Bower House Tye a person has pointed a laser light at the police and RAF helicopters. There is a male suspected of this crime and we are awaiting the outcome of any arrests. PC Chris Garrod has now been posted to Sudbury and we will be getting another PCSO Mel Cohen (nee Galyean) but at this stage I do not have her starting date." David Yorke-Edwards updated the meeting that everyone at SCC is busy with the financial targets being set by the new government. He also updated councillors on the Locality Budget currently available to PPC Sue Wigglesworth outlined the process surrounding the Babergh Development Framework consultation that BDC were about to undertake. She feels that the BDC / Mid Suffolk merger was proceeding at a pace which was not sustainable. She feels that one district council will be achieved but this could be completed in a timescale ranging from 1 to 5 years. She highlighted the merger of the Revenue and Benefits system by BDC, MSDC and Ipswich Borough Council as a sign of things to come. Resident issues relating to the grain store planning application were also discussed.