

POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th July 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.

In attendance: Mr David Yorke-Edwards (County Councillor).

- 1) Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Sandra Gray (Clerk), Mrs Mandy Flather (Councillor), Mrs Sue Wigglesworth (District Councillor) & Amanda Coleman (Suffolk Constabulary)
- 2) Declarations of Interests:** None.
- 3) Minutes of the Meeting 18th June 2009:** The Minutes were read & amended Item 9 A , removed the 'added to the confusion at Suffolk County Council' . Also item 9E. Amended to read 'John Love ' instead of Bob Derbyshire.
- 4) Reports:**
 - A) County Councillor**

David Yorke-Edwards started by thanking the people of Polstead for their support in the recent elections. He reported that he is now the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee & has retained his position on the Audit Committee, He reported briefly on the workings of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

A vote of congratulations was recorded on him being re-elected
- 5) Suffolk Constabulary:** Nick Brandt reported: We have received an E-mail from Mathew Paisley regarding The Polstice & complaints of anti-social behaviour related to it. The Chairman is to write to Mathew Paisley to try to ascertain the nature of the complaints.

The Council briefly discussed the event. There were no reports of Councillors seeing anything untoward.

- 6) Reports from Councillors:** Richard Kilshaw reported that the playing field had been cleaned up nicely after the Polstice.

Trish Ravensdale reported that the tree in the allotments had been felled & the logs piled up.

- 7) Planning:** It was reported that another planning application is intended to go in for D'arcy Cottage, with an amended plan.

Chase Side House: The Council had no objections

Willow Farm: The Council had no objections

8) Highways & Footpaths: The Chairman reported that footpath15 was now clear, thanks to Nick & Benedict.

Nick Brandt reported a meeting with Roberta Meadows regarding the footpath through the allotments. It was suggested that there is another meeting on site to decide what was been agreed, as there still seems to be confusion on the County Council side!

There was a discussion about if we should go ahead & clear the allotment side of the path, but it was decided to leave it until something is decided with County or until autumn. John Baxter proposed that if it is not decided by the October meeting that the Council forms its own working party to clear the footpath. Seconded Richard Kilshaw. All in favour.

There was a discussion on the new by-way sign that had appeared on the Green by the hall back entrance. A site visit during the meeting was convened. Nick Brandt is to write to Kevin Verlander as to why we were not consulted on it. Nobody at the meeting was happy about the sign or the positioning of it.

9) Fabric of the Village:

There was some discussion about the 'Fabric of The Village'. Nick Brandt is to write to Babergh Council to see if they are prepared to pay for a new metal kissing gate at the entrance to the Playing Field, in lieu of their mistake over the precept payments that had caused the Parish Council so many problems.

Nick Brandt is going to contact County Highways about the railings around the pond, from a safety point of view, with regard to the bent railings & a repaint.

Proposed Nick Brandt, Seconded Michael Hackford.

10) Hog Roast:

Michael Hackford reported: That the generator, diesel, toilets, marquee, & music / bands are all arranged. Although there will be cheques required for the marquee & toilets nearer the day.

He will try to organise with Dylan Pym To book the barrels of beer from Mauldons in Sudbury. Also to find out about the barrel stands & taps etc.

It was agreed that the beer price this year to be £2.50 per pint.

Nick Brandt is volunteering to organise the bottled beer, wine & soft drinks.

Michael Hackford agreed to print the notices & Anne Macwilson agreed to distribute them to the notice boards, shop pub etc, around the village.

It was suggested that a meeting be held on the 10th. September at 7pm to discuss the Hog Roast preparations. The Chairman offered to hold it a his house as last year. All in agreement.

12)Carse Pond:

Nick Brandt reported that; The pond had been strimmed & cleared.

John Baxter reported that: He had found a pond charity that might fund the restoration of Carse Pond.

The Chairman went around the Council asking each Councillor in turn their views on whether the pond should be restored & if so to what.

Councillor Richard Kilshaw believed that it is part of the drainage system of the road & should be a soak-away, but the rest of the Council believed that it is a much older stock pond & should be restored as a wet pond.

It was further resolved that John Baxter should extend an invitation to Pondlife To discuss this with the Council.

Proposed Nick Brandt Seconded Michael Hackford.

13)Correspondence Recieved:

The attached list was read out, but received no comments.

14)Chairman's & Clerk's Reports:

In the absence of Mrs Sandra Grey there was no Clerks report but the members of the Council wished her a speedy recovery.

The Chairman had already raised all of the items that he had to report elsewhere on the agenda.

15) Future Agenda Items:

The following were requested as agenda items for the next meeting:

Hog Roast

Bus Shelter

Carse Pond

Allotments Footpath.

16)Next Meeting:

17th. September 2009. There being no meeting in August.

The Meeting closed at 21.40pm