

POULTON & PULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2023

PRESENT: - Cllr Evans (Chair) : Cllr West : Cllr Board : Cllr Franklin

1 member of the public joined the meeting

1 – Apologies and Appointments

1.1 - The following submitted their apologies :-

Ashley Murray, Jean Ewins, David Ewins, Andrew Douglas

1.2 - The following have all been elected unopposed: -

Ashley Murray , Jean Ewins, Keith Board, Nick Franklin, Jan West, Glenys Evans, David Ewins.

It was agreed to co-opt Andrew Douglas onto the Council – ref item 2. He will be asked to supply suitable photograph for the website – **Action Clerk**

1.3 – Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chair – Cllr Jean Ewins – proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr West

Vice Chair – Cllr Board – proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Evans

1.4 – Register of Interest forms have been submitted to the Democracy Officer. Cllr Board is to deliver any Expense Returns and Acceptance of Office forms

2 – Vacancy on Parish Council – residents of Belgrave Garden Mews to be considered – **Action Clerk**

3 – Risk Assessment May 2023 – approved

4 – Zurich Insurance – current cover approved

5 – Cllr Evans summarised the work of the Parish Council since April 2022

See attached report for details

6 – Parish Affairs/ AOB

6.1 – Dog fouling still a problem in Poulton – consideration what further measures could be taken – **Action All**

6.2 – Speeding on Straight Mile and Old Lane – Highways and Police to be contacted for help and speed monitoring – **Action Clerk**

6.3 – Defibrillator Training – it was agreed to defer till after holiday season in Sept – c/f

6.4 – Hanging Baskets – Dave Roberts to be invited to supply and submit any expenses – **Action Cllr West**

6.5 – Regret expressed by Cllr Franklin re a disabled resident's complaint about access to the Village Hall and the Coronation party in the hall

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 2023

Chairperson Report April 2022 - March 2023

Summary – a lively and eventful year viz : -

- 1 - Resignation of Tony Higgins , Lucy Higgins , Howard Tipping - our thanks to them for their effort and support
- 2 - Appointment of Ashley Murray - a welcome addition from Brookside Farm complex
- 3 - Ongoing problems continuing during the year include , hedge cutting, dog fouling and parking on the B5445 in Pulford
- 4 - Lighting on Old Lane has been improved with the installation of 2 battery powered lights – but a 3rd one needed
- 5 - Repairs to Church Bank in hand, new posts have been obtained, a new planter has been bought and resurfacing will take place after logs have been removed from Pulford woods
- 6 - Approval for the track through Pulford Woods indicated by Estate Officer Arran - but probably established in autumn 2023
- 7 - VH toilets refurbishment going ahead after Spacehive, grants and donations have been obtained - work to commence in June 2023 – cost c £ 21K
- 8 - Village events very successful and well attended - Platinum Jubilee in Park, charity event for Hospice of Good Shepherd in Nov 2022 c £ 1800 collected, and Xmas tree lighting in Poulton and Pulford
- 9 - Capt Tom trail established in the Park courtesy of work done by Simon Pryce – cost £ 7960
- 10 - Construction of paved access from Old Lane into the Park. Thanks to both Simon Pryce (Capt Tom trail) and Dave Roberts (Park Paved Access) for their efforts in getting these projects implemented

Additional comments - Poulton not well represented on the Parish Council and most of the events above have been instigated by Friends of the Park.

Thanks to all who have made the events so successful this past year