POULTON & PULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 12th October 2022

PRESENT : Cllr A Higgins (Chair) : Cllr Ewins : Cllr West : Cllr Evans : Cllr Franklin

3 members of the public attended the meeting

Items in RED added before Minutes were issued

1 – Apologies –Cllr Douglas, Cllr Board, Cllr Tipping, PCSO Cain Jones were unable to attend the meeting

2 – Adoptions and Appointments
2.1 – Mr Ashley Murray was welcomed by the Chair and appointed Cllr – Register of Interest, photo and Citation to be provided – **Action Clerk & Cllr Murray**

3 – Suspension of Standing Orders
Complaints about speeding through the village and pavement parking on the B5445 near the hotel were noted. Action to be coordinated with the PCSO and Speed warning notices to be placed on the Parish Website and Notice Boards. It was agreed that speeding on the B5445 will not be curbed until average speed limits are implemented – **Action Cllr Franklin & Clerk**

4 – Minutes of July 2022 meeting – approved

5 – Progress Reports
5.1.1 – Police –Minor offences listed on latest report - attached
5.1.2 –A security App is under development to help persons out on their own or concerned with their safety – c/f
5.2 – Community Park – Dave Roberts provided an update(attached).
5.2.1 Cllr Ewins alerted the Council that the current contingency of c £ 5000 expires in 2026 and the Council needs to review the ongoing requirements 2027+ - **Action All**
5.2.2 Direction signage to the Park – c/f – **Action Cllr Franklin**

6 - Planning
6.1 – Woodfield Farm transit van and 2 statics remain -. c/f – an update on CW&C actions is needed – **Action Clerk**

7 – Finance and Audit
The following items were approved : -

	Paid In £	Paid Out £	ITEMS REF VH or CP are approved by the VH and CP Committees
7.1		4173.16	Recurring Payments made 1 April to 11 Oct Recurring Payments 12 Oct to 31 Mar (1310.52)
7.2	33 250		VH internet contributions (x3) Marathon contribution received
7.3		99.50	PC VH meetings ref 317
7.4		10.47	4 Ring binders ref 327
7.5		194.40	Defib shop ref 328
7.6		16.05	Tool Station paint ref 329

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7.7		19.20	Linemarker Spray cans ref 330
7.8		216	Ivor Owen inv 1286 ref CP303
7.9		830.72	Huws Gray inv IC697925 ref CP304
7.10		402.84	Griffiths Hireshop inv 43904945 ref CP305
7.11		19.32	Huws Gray inv IC655021 ref VH301
7.12	To pay >	1020	3rd Planter for Church Bank
7.13	To pay >	c 50	6 wooden posts for Church Bank
7.14	To pay >	(3955)	Max to pay over 2 years for 50 mph limit on B5445
7.15	To pay >	c 300	Refurbishing Community Park benches etc
7.16	On web site		Detailed spreadsheet for 2022/23 showing RECEIPTS, PAYMENTS, ANNUAL RTN 2021/22, and ASSET REGISTER

Finance Status	Bank £ 11 Oct 22	Recurring payments £ to Mar 23 to pay	CIL Funds received but not allocated	CP Ringfenced £ to 26/27	Unallocated PC Funds £ exc FI >	Further Income £ est 22/23
7.17	**13,993**	1,310.52	6,846.30	3584.76	2251.42	3960 vat refund to date + 75 recurring

7.18 – Before a third planter is installed a visibility Risk Assessment should be done re exit from Church Bank onto B5445 in conjunction with PCSO Cain. Advice to be sought from Highways and/or web if PCSO Cain unable to help **– Action Cllr Franklin**

8 – Correspondence for Information – no comments

9 – Clerk's Reports & Queries

9.1 **–** CW&C Council need reminding of the hedge/shrubbery problem on Dodleston Lane corner – ref SS417628763 – **Action Clerk**

9.2 –Letter to the Pulford resident sent and reply now received.

9.3 – Dog Fouling –need to buy smaller paint cans – **Action Cllr Ewins**

9.4 – No response from the Estate to request for a meeting. **Cllr Murray** offered to contact the Recorder re an alternative route into the system but has advised this route will not be successful. The **Clerk** also to contact the Estate.

9.5 – Jeanette Haye has accepted the invitation to conduct the Remembrance Service at the Pulford War memorial on Nov 11th.. – **Action Clerk. Cllrs Ewins and Evans** to sort out light refreshments

9.6 – Transfer of Marathon receipt (£ 250) to Community Park - agreed

10 - Councillors Reports, Future Agenda Items, Any Other Business

10.1 – Risk Assessment Reports – no problems reported

10.2 – VH update – David Ewins presented a summary. The toilets refurbishment will cost c £ 20K . Publicity material will be supplied at the Nov 12th Charity event re Spacehive crowdfunding. See report on web site (LATEST NEWS) for details

10.3 – Church Bank refurbishment – agreed to order 6 new posts **– Action Clerk. Cllr Murray** to chase up preservative for posts. **Cllr Higgins** to progress surface refurbishment.

10.4 – Old Post Office unkempt frontage – letter to be sent to tenants – **Action Clerk**

10.5 – Charity Function Nov 12th at VH – Good response so far with items for auction. Notices to be placed on Website, Notice Boards and leaflets at the Hotel – **Action Clerk and Cllr Ewins**

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10.6 – Agreed to purchase compost for Planters. Xmas trees to be discussed at next Friends meeting – c/f – **Action Cllr Ewins**

11 – Date for Meetings in 2023 – agreed - from 7 pm. details to be notified.

Next meeting – Jan 25th 2023

DATE	NAME	SIGNATURE
OCTOBER 2022		
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Pulford, Poulton and Eccleston

Cheshire Constabulary

Aug/Sep 2022

Pulford, Eccleston , Poulton

Crimes reported 01/08/2022 – 30/09/2022

Date	Offence	Details
01/08/22	Unauthorised Encampment	Unauthorised encampment on Wrexham Road Park and Ride
01/08/22	Fraud	Fail to pay for fuel at Wrexham Road Service Station/BP garage
14/08/22	Shoplifting	Theft of goods from Grosvenor Garden Centre
18/08/22	Suspicious activity	Suspicious activity in Grosvenor Garden Centre
22/08/22	Suspicious activity	Males went to restaurant in Grosvenor Garden Centre in attempt to collect kitchen oil
25/09/22	Theft	Personal belongings of a guest stolen from Grosvenor Hotel Spa, Pulford

If you see something suspicious or that you think the Police might need to know about, please report it!

Dial 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency

MUD ON THE ROADS

- Farmers and contractors who deposit mud on the road open themselves up to a range of offences under the Highway Act 1980, the Road Traffic Act 1988 and to civil prosecution.
- Section 137 of the Highways Act states if a person wilfully obstructs the free passage along a highway they are guilty of an offence. Section 148 adds: “If without lawful authority or excuse a person deposits anything whatsoever on a highway to the interruption of any user of the highway he is guilty of an offence.”
- Section 149 says if anything is deposited on the highway which constitutes a nuisance or danger the Highway Authority can require the person who put it there to remove it.
- The Act goes on to say if anyone is injured as a result of a deposit on the highway then the person who left it is guilty of an offence.
- The Road Traffic Act 1988 also covers situations where a mechanically propelled vehicle is driven dangerously on a road. Driving dangerously can include moving a vehicle in a state that could cause danger to others because it deposits mud on the road.
- It is therefore recommended that farmers put out “slippery road” signs with a secondary “mud on road” message to alert other road users. However, the signs do not eliminate the farmer’s obligation to do something about the mud, including cleaning as much mud as possible from the vehicle before leaving the field gate.
- The road should also be cleaned as necessary through the working day and always at the end of the working day.
- If a contractor is engaged, there should be a clear discussion about who is taking responsibility for putting out signs and taking on the clear-up, with a written record kept of the conclusions.

Friends of Poulton and Pulford Community Park
Chairman's report
David Roberts

Ground maintenance of the site

A couple of trees may need to be replaced. This will be assessed in the spring next year. Overall the site is in good condition

Painting of the notice board and benches

Notice board and benches are in need of a bit of TLC. Arranged for a outside contractor to undertake painting of said items. At a cost of approximately £300. Work has been completed

Prominent signage external to the park

Engage in a dialogue with Chester and Cheshire County Council regarding this matter

Fund raising charity event

It was unanimously decided that this years charity would be The Hospice of the Good Shepherd. The event will be held in Pulford Village Hall Saturday the 12th of November 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM There will be a mixture of tea and cakes, and various stalls within the hall

Financial position

If you combine the money held by parish council and the Friends Of The Park. The contingency funds stands at roughly £5,000