

POULTON & PULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 27th Jan 2021 using Microsoft TEAMS

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

0 members of the public joined the meeting

Items in RED added before Minutes were issued

1 – Apologies – Cllr L Higgins

2 – Adoptions and Appointments

2.1 – Register of Interest – none

2.2 – Cllr Pryce intends to resign at the April meeting and the Clerk suggested a replacement campaign should be organised – **Action Clerk**

3 – Suspension of Standing Orders

none

4 – Minutes of Oct 2020 meeting – approved

5 – Progress Reports

5.1 – Police – the report of Crimes Dec/Jan was received and noted. Police surgeries have gone virtual 4th/10th/19th/25th Feb all at 1500 to 1600. Access procedure to be determined – **Action Clerk**

5.2 – Community Park –

5.2.1 – #gardening contract agreed for 2021 with 15 visits paid by the Parish Council and any extras by the Community Park

5.2.2 – Remaining ditch clearance by Grosvenor Estate on hold till 2021 unless flooding occurs – c/f

5.2.3 – Tree and bulb planting activities were complimented

5.2.4 – s106 monies (£ 7345.45) likely to be spent on various pieces of playground equipment. Simon Pryce to produce draft proposal – c/f

5.2.5 – Simply Green visits agreed twice in 2021 @ £ 50 per visit

5.2.6 – Cllr Board suggested grants may be available for orchard trees. Discussion required with the Friends of the Park – **Action Cllr Evans**

5.2.7 – Problem of dogs loose on the Community Park. Dog warning notices required – **Action Clerk**

6 - Planning

6.2 – Woodfield Farm transit van and 2 statics remain. Enforcement action underway by CW&C – c/f

7 – Finance

The following items were approved : -

7.1 - £ 5632 – Precept request 2021/22

7.2-7.5 – noted

7.6 - £ 15x 75 #gardening visits to Community Park

7.7 – Finance Summary Jan 2021 – receipts and payments all approved

8 – Correspondence for Information – no comments

9 – Clerk's Reports & Queries

- 9.1 – Speed enforcement St Mile –Highways unable to provide SID training at present – **c/f**
9.2 – Parking on B5445 – highways to be asked about double yellow lines on B5445 near Dodleston Lane junction – **Action Clerk**
9.3 – The Council decided to accept Highways proposal to implement a 50 mph limit up to the A483/B5445 junction with a contribution of c £ 2500. As part of this route is in Eccleston Parish they should be approached for a contribution – **Action Clerk**
9.4 – Ivy Court road surface problem ref HW256724200 – **c/f**
9.5 – Defibrillators – regular visual checks have been organised– noted
9.6 – Footpath through Poulton woods – the Parish Council agreed enthusiastically to support the opening of the track through the woods and await confirmation from the Estate – **c/f**

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

- 10.1 – Risk Assessment Reports –
10.1.1 see also 10.9 - The Church Bank posts need replacing. Dave Roberts has offered to do this work. Cllr Higgins and Cllr West's husband will help. Agreed to supply 4 posts, preferably hardwood – **Action Cllr Ewins**
10.1.2 Some clean limestone gravel required for part of Church Bank. Bag to be ordered from Huws Gray – **Action Clerk**
10.1.3 Bus shelter needs painting in spring – **c/f**
10.2 – Cllr Fair updated the meeting on favourable contacts he'd had with the Estate on the proposed footpath through the woods. The Duke is in favour and Cllr Fair is awaiting confirmation from the Estate. If there is no news by the end of Feb he will contact them again – **Action Cllr Fair**
10.3– VH report – Cllr West updated the meeting : - main activities have been the refurbished Committee Room cupboards, window replacement and choosing of carpet tiles. Work has also taken place outside at the rear of the hall to resurface the yard before installing storage boxes for the chairs and the removal of asbestos. Further painting and replacement of stage curtains is planned. It was suggested there should be a review of charges when the hall has reopened. David Ewins and Dave Roberts are to be thanked for their efforts – **Action Cllr West**
10.4 – Tree Planting in the Parish- the PC are in favour. **Cllr Evans** to discuss options with Arthur Fearnall and consider other possible locations
10.5 – The Xmas Trees in both villages were deemed to be a great success by all the residents
10.6 – Community Planters – Another great success and thanks to Cllrs West, Ewins, and Mr West for their efforts. An excellent addition to Pulford and a 3rd unit is being considered for placement outside the VH – insurance liability to be checked – **Action Clerk**
10.7 – Pulford Spinney – Cllr Evans stated the area needed a revamp. Estate to be asked to sort out the hedges and trees – **Action Clerk**
10.8 – Cllr Board indicated funding may be available to replace the Interactive Speed limit signs on the B5445. TWM are supplying a list of options and costs. These should be considered alongside the option to acquire the Elan City Evolis Radar Speed Signs – **Action Cllrs Higgins and Franklin**
AOB – Cllr Evans described the work being done by the Estate on The Green in Poulton. Several days have been spent clearing growth from the verges, the ditch, and relayering the field boundary hedge. In the course of this work the contractor received complaints and serious abuse from a resident of The Green. The Council therefore decided to contact the Estate in support of their work and in particular the expertise shown in the layering of the hedge – **Action Clerk**

11 – Dates for next Meeting in 2021 – from 7 pm. details to be notified.

April 28th 2021

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