POULTON & PULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 27th July 2022

PRESENT : Cllr A Higgins (Chair) : Cllr Ewins : Cllr Board : Cllr Evans : Cllr Franklin : Cllr Tipping
3 members of the public attended the meeting

Items in RED added before Minutes were issued

1 – Apologies –Cllr Douglas and Cllr West were unable to attend the meeting

2 – Adoptions and Appointments
2.1 – Register of Interest – **Cllr Tipping** was reminded to submit his documents ASAP
2.2 – Cllr Lucy Higgins has resigned – recruitment of replacement Cllr to be considered – **Action Clerk**

3 – Suspension of Standing Orders
No comments

4 – Minutes of April 2022 meeting – approved

5 – Progress Reports
5.1.1 – Police –PCSO Cain Jones attended the meeting with a colleague. 3 criminal acts of a minor nature were reported – see attached report. Re the B5445 parking problem it is recommended to ring 101 and take photos when problem observed. It was agreed to forward any advance warning of a potential parking problem notice from the Hotel to the Police. It was felt that CJ was keen to get involved with Parish problems.
5.1.2 – Cllr Higgins attended the John Dwyer meeting. JD emphasised the use of 101 to report problems. The meeting was mainly concerned with speeding and parking issues. The average speed trials are being finalised. 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 The paving work at the Park entrance has completed – c/f
5.2.2 It was agreed that more signage is needed to direct visitors to the park. **Dave Roberts** to investigate and discuss the options with Stuart Bateman

6 - Planning
6.1 – Woodfield Farm transit van and 2 statics remain -. Enforcement action underway by CW&C – **c/f**
6.8 and 6.9 – The 2 new applications for 10 Old Lane were noted. Concern was expressed at the lack of clarity and the possible encroachment on boundary lines. **Dave Roberts and Clerk** to relay this information to CW&C Planning

7 – Finance and Audit
The following items were approved : -
7.1 – Internal audit report

	Paid In £	Paid Out £	ITEMS REF VH or CP are approved by the VH and CP Commitees
7.2		2689.74	Recurring Payments made 1 April to 18 July
7.3	44		VH internet contribution

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7.4	1347.22		Vat rebate 2021/22
7.5	44.92	53.92	Huws Gray Inv IC312475-CR404371 ref VH300
7.6		92.71	Huws Gray Inv IC401931 ref CP301
7.7		78.01	Huws Gray Inv IC502059 ref CP302
7.8		459	ROSPA Play Safety course inv 63031 ref 323
7.9		250	Transfer of Marathon funds to CP ref 324
7.10		26	Ink for XP345 ref 325
7.11		30	Plants for tubs ref 322
7.12		455	Parish Council PC Cleanup inv H225378 ref 326
7.13		(3955)	Max to pay over 2 years for 50 mph limit on B5445
7.14	On web site	On the way !	Detailed spreadsheet for 2022/23 showing RECEIPTS, PAYMENTS, ANNUAL RTN 2021/22, and ASSET REGISTER

Finance Status	Bank £ 20 July 22	Recurring payments £ to Mar 23	CIL Funds received but not allocated	CP Ringfenced £ to 26/27	Unallocated PC Funds £ exc FI >	Further Income £ est 22/23
7.15	**17,091.04**	3,152.66	6,846.30	4,935	2157.08	1786 vat refund 207 recurring + CP&VH

8 – Correspondence for Information – no comments

9 – Clerk's Reports & Queries

9.1 – 9.3 - Noted

9.4 – The contents of the letter to the Pulford resident were approved. The letter should be sent by the Chairperson on behalf of the Council – **Action Clerk**

9.5 – It was decided not to proceed with The Pink Poo tool kit but to acquire 4 pots of orange paint for use by Cllrs and volunteers – **Action Dave Roberts**

9.6 – It is unlikely a request for an additional Poulton Notice Board will be submitted

9.7 – The Parish Computer has been refurbished and several components have been replaced

9.8 – The owners of the hedges along the B5445 by the Church need to be contacted to tidy up the encroachment onto the footpath – **Action Clerk**

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

10.1 – Risk Assessment Reports – no problems reported

10.2 – Cllr Higgins gave an update on the meeting with the hotel re parking problems on the B5445.The hotel are considering various options to alleviate the parking problems. They have deferred the construction of a wedding reception area, and are investigating construction of more car parking facilities on their and nearby land. A bigger sign may be needed to alert Sunday lunch visitors about parking issues. The use of barriers and the painting of double yellow lines have been deemed impractical.

10.3 – Pulford woods track – no update available – a follow up letter to be sent by the Parish Council requesting a meeting with the Estate -**Action Clerk**

10.4 – SID monitors – Cllr Franklin gave a summary of the recent use of the SID on the B5445 – see attached summary. He is liaising with PCSO Cain who plans to book a speed gun. She is also keeping list of speed offenders – **Action Cllr Franklin**

10.5– VH report – Cllr Ewins gave an update. So far only one quote has been obtained for the toilet refurbishment. Dave Ewins is investigating other grant possibilities – Platinum Jubilee – CW Councillors – crowd funding. Lady Edna Room now has a commemorative plaque. A new fee structure has been introduced.

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10.6 –Platinum Jubilee celebrations - see Community Park report
10.7 – No comments re Plastic Posts
10.8 – Dave Roberts recommended replacing all the Church Bank posts and is getting estimate for the material. Cllr Tipping queried the need for the posts as we already have Planters on the Church Bank boundary. To be reviewed when post estimate obtained. It may be necessary to go out to tender for any ensuing work – **Action All**
10.9 – **Cllr Franklin** to check on the state of the Beauty Parlour parking area

11 – Date for Meetings in 2022 – agreed - from 7 pm. details to be notified.

Oct 12 th 2022 - note change of date

DATE	NAME	SIGNATURE
JULY 2022		
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Community Speed Watch – PPPC

5 sessions held between 7th – 13th June 2022

Councillors Tipping & Franklin performed the exercise.

Traffic using the B5445 in both directions was monitored at various times.

On Tuesday 7/6 from 1.45pm for an hour > Chester 11 vehicles equalled or exceeded the 35mph threshold.

On Tuesday 7/6 from 5.30pm for 45 mins > Wrexham 9 vehicles equalled or exceeded 35mph.

On Wednesday 8/6 from 10am for an hour > Chester 7 vehicles equalled or exceeded 35mph.

On Friday 10/6 from 9.30am for 45 mins > Wrexham 1 vehicle exceeded 35mph.

On Monday 13/6 from 5.00pm for 15 mins > Chester 0 vehicles exceeded 35mph.

On Monday 13/6 from 5.15pm for 45mins > Wrexham 19 vehicles equalled exceeded 35mph.

The highest speeds recorded throughout the sessions were 46 (1) 45 (1) 44 (3)

The intention is to continue the speed monitoring exercise & Ian Rutherford of CWaC has confirmed that the parish council are able to request loans of the device at any time in the future.

On this occasion none of the transgressors will receive a warning letter from the PCSO.

Due to her being new in role & not having any previous experience of the CSW operation the 14 day deadine to issue any letters was exceeded.

Stronger relationships are now being developed with our PCSO & there is a possibility that, once trained, she will be able to operate a speed gun in the locality which would generate a penalty charge notice directly from central ticketing.

In addition the parish council will hold further sessions periodically to create a collaborative effort & anyone wishing to volunteer their help would be welcomed.

PS since the exercise we have learnt that Cheshire Police's minimum speed to consider prosecution is 36mph.

Nick Franklin

Councillor

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

Since my last report a lot has happened within the park
(In a very positive way) between then and now

Captain Tom's trail

(1)The installation of the new equipment (We call Captain Tom's trail) Is starting to be used and we have received positive reports from several members of the community

Ground maintenance of the site

(2) It was brought to our attention there was excessive grass clippings left after the field had been mowed

It appears we have improved the situation by changing the regularity of when the field is mowed to once a week during the summer months

Summer Event within the park 19th June 2022

(3) The event was a great success

May I say the most successful event we have had so far

It involved 1000 man hours to stage, but after seeing the smiles not just on the children's faces but the parents as well, made it all worthwhile

Our overheads in running the event have gone up considerably this year, but the money donated by the Parish council (Money obtained by helping to run Chester Marathon) made a huge difference

We made a small profit

Onward going structural projects within the park

(4) Construction of paved access from the road to the front gate of the park
Finally after three and a half years in the waiting (And being let down by several contractors) we now have a paved area from the road to the front gate of the park

Prominent signage external to the park

(5) Several comments have been made by several members of the public that the park entrance does not have a distinct signage. Maybe with highways we look at the feasibility of signage on the road/verge approaching the entrance to the park.

Fund raising event

(6) We hope to reinstate the fund raising event that we used to hold at the back end of the year (October November)
This years charity will be
Help towards the refurbishment of the toilets within the Village Hall

Cheshire Constabulary

Pulford, Poulton and Eccleston Parish Council

May/June/July 2022

Pulford, Eccleston , Poulton

Crimes reported 01/05/2022 – 27/07/2022

Offence		Details
23/05/22	Criminal Damage	Damage to car outside property in Pulford
18/07/22	Theft	Theft of a bike outside a property in Eccleston
23/07/22	Theft	Theft of cooking oil from the Grosvenor Pulford
24/07/22	Highway Disruption	Regarding overspill of parking outside Grosvenor 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.