

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF POLESWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE TITHE BARN, POLESWORTH,
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor M.E. Stanley, in the Chair,
Councillors Mrs Ball, Butcher, Hipkiss, Meredith, Parson, Mrs Pugh, Smitten, Mrs Smitten, and
Mrs Stanley.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Critchley submitted an apology for absence.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Mrs May, ward member for Newton Regis and Warton.

247. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on March 12, 2008, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

248. LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY:

(223) The Clerk reported that Mr Phil Ward, Rural Housing Enabler, W.R.C.C., was unable to attend the June meeting of the Parish Council, but would be attending the July meeting.

249. BUS INFORMATION POINT:

(231) Further to Minute 249, the site meeting to determine the most appropriate location for the Bus Information Point would be taking place on Monday, April 14, 2008, with the parties assembling at The Tithe Barn at 10.00 a.m.

250. DOG EXCREMENT, WARTON:

(243) In response to the Parish Council's complaint, an email had been received, from the Borough Council's Environmental Health Manager, confirming that the Dog Warden was active in the area and asking for specific details of offences, where possible. A small supply of free "poop scoop" bags could be made available for local distribution if required.

251. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

(243) A fax had been received, from the Area Surveyor, Northern Division, to the effect that the matters raised at items 3 to 6, inclusive of Minute 243, were receiving attention.

252. NEW SITE FOR PUBLIC TOILETS:

(245) North Warwickshire Borough Council had been notified of the location of the Parish Council's preferred site for the new public convenience and a response was awaited.

253. CONSENTS UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT, 1980 AND RELATED MATTERS:

(246) The Chairman reported on his discussion with County Council officers on the above. The officers had assured him that the Parish Council would not be affected by the proposals, which were aimed at Councils undertaking agency work and public utility companies. A letter, confirming the situation, had been requested.

254. RENEWAL OF INSURANCE POLICY:

It was noted that renewal of the Parish Council's insurance cover was due on June 1, 2008, and would be included in the business for the May meeting of the Council. At a premium of £2,907.41, the renewal sum represented an increase of 3.97% and the meeting discussed specific changes to the policy, relating to play equipment, being imposed by the insurers and the actions required by the Parish Council to meet them.

255. PLAY-EQUIPMENT MONTHLY INSPECTION REPORTS:

Written reports on play-equipment inspections, carried out by North Warwickshire Borough Council on behalf of the Parish Council, and dated March 3, 2008, were received and discussed.

It was noted that quotations for painting the equipment at all three play areas had been requested from the Borough Council.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That two replacement seats for the swings, and new steps to the slide at Birchmoor recreation ground be purchased; and
- (ii) That four new seats be purchased from, and fitted by, Wickstead Leisure for the roundabout at Station Road recreation ground, and a report be obtained from the company on the condition of the “bouncy” units.

256. CHANGE OF NAMES OF PROPERTIES – 1, 2 & 3 LAMPHOUSE COTTAGES, DARK LANE, BIRCHMOOR:

Notice was received, from the Borough Council, that the name of the above cottages had been changed from “Lamphouse Cottages” to “Dark Lane Cottages.” The street numbers had not been altered.

257. POLESWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION’S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008:

A written report, by Councillor Mrs Ball, on the above meeting having been circulated with the agenda for the Parish Council meeting was discussed.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That, with regard to the work of mowing the Community Association’s sports field, currently being paid for by the Parish Council, the Trustees be asked to make direct arrangements for this work to be carried out and paid for; and
- (ii) That, should the Trustees encounter difficulty in meeting the costs of the work, they submit an application to the Parish Council for grant aid towards those costs in the customary manner.

258. PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:

The following publications were received:

N.A.L.C. Direct Information Service, issues 678 & 679;
 “Town & Parish Standard,” March, 2008; and
 C.P.R.E. “Countryside Voice,” Spring, 2008.

259. PLANNING MATTERS:**(a) Weekly Lists:**

Copies of lists 9 and 10, were submitted, together with copies of applications on those lists for development within the Parish, but there were no comments which the Council wished to be formally submitted to the district planning authority.

(b) Applications Received, Not on the Above Lists:

Details of applications 0112, 0121, 0132 and 0157, not appearing on either list 9 or 10, were received and made available for inspection.

(c) Applications Determined, Not on the Above Lists:

Notice of decisions made in respect of applications 0794, 0792, 0735, 0734 and 0072, which did not appear on lists 9 and 10, were received and made available for inspection. The Chairman pointed out that applications 0735 and 0734, for demolition of buildings and the erection of flats on a site in Bridge Street, Polesworth, had been refused.

260. TRANSFER BETWEEN BANK ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk reported on two transfers of funds from the Parish Council's Business Money Manager Account (1) to its Treasurer Account which he had arranged, under his delegated powers, for Monday, March 31 and Friday, April 4, 2008.

261. ACCOUNTS PAID AND FOR PAYMENT:

Invoices and details of accounts paid and due for payment were submitted by the Clerk.

RESOLVED:

That the following accounts be passed for payment:

		£
N.W.B.C.	– Grounds maintenance, 2007/08 (pd. 27/3/08)	4,460.11
A. Harper	– Repairs to public bench (pd. 27/3/08)	393.45
Brownlow Carpets	– Carpet, Tithe Barn Function Room (pd. 31/3/08)	1,410.00
Globalwave	– Broadband connection (due 1/4/08)	29.32
N.W.B.C.	– N.N.D.R., 2008/09	3,310.37
C.I.N.	– Public notice	172.02
Info. Commiss.	– Registration fee, 2008/09	35.00
Poles. Scout Grp.	– Litter picks, March	170.00
Poles. Air Cadets	– Litter picks, March	170.00
Poles. Swifts F.C.	– Litter picks, March	170.00
A. Craig	– Salary (March)	445.80
D. Craig	– Salary (March) and telephone	728.17
H.M. Rev. & Cstms.	– Income Tax & Nat. Ins.	273.64
R.M. Meredith	– Dyson cleaner	165.00
D. Craig	– Catering items	5.50
N.A.L.C.	– Direct Information Service	105.00
Hi-Lite Electrical	– Remove/reinstate camera	117.50
B.T.	– Telephone charges, Q/E 26/3/08 (due 9/4/08)	213.75

262. THE TITHE BARN – VAX VACUUM CLEANER:

The Clerk sought the instructions of the Council on the above.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the VAX cleaner be scrapped and written-off in the Assets Register; and
- (ii) That the new Dyson DC 14 cleaner be added to the Assets Register.

263. RAILWAY BRIDGE, STATION ROAD, POLESWORTH:

- (137) In reply to a question by Councillor Hipkiss, the Chairman reported that plans for the works at the above bridge had been revised, following consultation with local farmers and the Parish Council, the revisions having been announced at the recent Area Forum meeting.

264. MATTERS FOR OTHER AUTHORITIES:

It was agreed that the following matters be raised with the relevant authorities:

- 1) Condition of footway surfaces in and around Warton; and
- 2) Progress made, by the Borough Council, in arranging for the ornamental streams within Abbey Green Park to be cleared of weed and litter, and when the Council might expect the work to be undertaken.

Chairman