

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF POLESWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE TITHE BARN, POLESWORTH,**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M.E. Stanley, in the Chair,  
Councillors Mrs Ball, Butcher, Critchley, Hipkiss, Meredith, Parsons, Mrs Pugh, Smitten, Mrs W. Smitten, and Mrs Y.K. Stanley.

**721. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on January 6, 2010, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**722. COUNTY HIGHWAYS WINTER ROAD-GRITTING PROGRAMME:**

**(709)** At its meeting on 6 January, 2010, the Council had asked members to make a list of roads meriting inclusion in future road gritting programmes. Councillor Smitten suggested that all of the roads within the Trensale Heights estate should be included on such a list, following several road accidents during the recent weeks on that estate arising from the exclusion of those roads from the County Council's road gritting programme.

Councillor Smitten's suggestion was noted and members were asked to provide further suggestions of roads within the Parish which should be considered by County Highways for future inclusion in the programme.

**723. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:**

**(a) Parks and Open Spaces Committee:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee, held on 19 January, 2010, were submitted and Councillor Meredith reported further on the item at minute 23, which was noted.

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee, held on 19 January, 2010, be approved and adopted.

**(b) Tithe Barn Management Committee:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Tithe Barn Management Committee, held on 19 January, 2010, were submitted.

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Tithe Barn Management Committee, held on 19 January, 2010, be approved and adopted.

**724. CHURCHYARD MATTERS:**

**(a) Annual Grants for Churchyard Maintenance**

(Councillors Butcher, Meredith, Parsons and Mrs Pugh declared personal interests under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council and did not participate nor vote on this item of business.)

Details of the finances of the Warton and Polesworth churchyards, having been circulated to all members with the agenda for the meeting, were received and the meeting discussed the grant to be made towards the maintenance of each churchyard.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following grants be made for churchyard maintenance:

Warton P.C.C. — £500.00; and  
Polesworth P.C.C. — £1,000.00.

(b) Polesworth Churchyard Extension:

(Councillors Butcher, Parsons and Mrs Pugh declared interests under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council and withdrew from the meeting while the following item of business was discussed.)

Details of a scheme for the new extension to the churchyard having been circulated with the agenda for the meeting and information given to the meeting regarding the proposed layout treatment, the Council discussed an application for grant aid towards the costs of the project.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That further consideration of the above item be deferred pending receipt of additional information; and
- (ii) That Fr. Philip Wells be invited to attend the March meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the financial aspects in more detail.

**725. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

(a) Polesworth Community Association:

Consideration was given to an application for a grant to meet the costs of mowing the community field during 2009, in respect of which copies of the relevant invoice and a draft of the Association's current accounts had been received.

**RESOLVED:**

That under the authority of Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976, a grant of £1,436.79 be made to Polesworth Community Association to meet the costs of mowing the community field during 2009.

**(704) (b) Polesworth Scout Group:**

Following receipt of responses to queries raised by Councillors at the January meeting, further consideration was given to the application for a grant to purchase two, 20-foot long containers for the storage of equipment pending the construction of a new headquarters.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That, in the first instance, Polesworth Scout Group should be advised to endeavour to borrow a container from one of the locally-based cargo shippers; and
- (ii) That, should the above suggestion be unsuccessful, and documentary evidence is produced to that effect, the Parish Council will consider making a grant to the cost of purchasing one, 20-foot long, container to be sited at the Scout Group's preferred location.

**726. GARDEN ALLOTMENTS:**

Councillor Butcher withdrew his request for the above matter to be discussed by the Parish Council.

**727. PRECEPT REQUIREMENT, 2010/11, AND MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on January 27, 2010, and the draft budget estimates for 2010/11, considered at that meeting, were submitted and discussed.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on January 27, 2010, and the recommendation contained therein regarding the Parish Council's precept for 2010/11, be approved and adopted; and
- (ii) That, for the financial year 2010/11, a precept of £66,115.00 be issued to North Warwickshire Borough Council.

**728. CHANGES TO SECONDARY SCHOOL PRIORITY AREAS IN NUNEATON AND HARTSHILL:**

A consultation document dealing with proposals for the above changes was received and noted.

**729. NOMINATIONS FROM LOCAL COUNCILS FOR ATTENDANCE AT A ROYAL GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE ON THURSDAY, 22 JULY, 2010:**

Nominations for the above had to be submitted to the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils not later than noon, on Monday, 8 March, 2010.

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor and Mrs Hipkiss be nominated for an invitation to attend the Royal Garden Party, at Buckingham Palace, on Thursday, 22 July, 2010.

**730. NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE OF PARISH COUNCILS:**

Copies of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Area Committee, held at No Man's Heath Village hall, on Monday, December 7, 2009, were circulated for the information of Councillors.

**731. PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:**

The following publications were received:

- N.A.L.C. Direct Information Service, issues 725 and 726;
- C.P.R.E. Outlook, winter, 2010; and
- N.W.B.C. North Talk, February, 2010.

**732. W.A.L.C. NEWSLETTER ADH/86:**

Copies of the above newsletter were circulated for the information of Councillors and the Clerk reported on the enclosures received with the original copy.

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

Copies of lists 52/2009 and 1 to 4, 2010, inclusive, were submitted, together with details 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 for Minor Amendments to a Planning Approval:**

Details of the minor amendments to planning approval PAP/2009/0221, were received and noted.

**(c) Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations, 2008: Warwickshire Core Strategy — Revised Spatial Options:**

Notice of the above revisions were received, by email dated 22 January, 2010, and noted.

**734. TRANSFER BETWEEN BANK ACCOUNTS:**

The Clerk reported on a transfer 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 Friday, 5 February, 2010.

**735. 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:

		£
E.On	– Un-metered supply to CCTV cameras (pd. 16/1/10)	6.07
British Gas	– Gas charges (pd. 21/1/10)	247.15
Siemens	– Photocopier rent./maint. (pd. 29/1/10)	134.30
E.On	– Electricity charges (pd. 29/1/10)	346.79
Globalwave	– Broadband connection (due 1/2/10)	29.32
N.W.B.C.	– Grounds maintenance	4,919.04
Poles. Comm. Assoc.	– Grant, mowing community field	1,436.79
Poles. Scout Grp.	– Litter picking, January	170.00
Poles. Air Cadets	– Litter picking, January	170.00
Poles. Swifts F.C.	– Litter picking, January	170.00
A. Craig	– Salary (January)	541.72
D. Craig	– Salary (January)	663.54
H.M. Rev. & Cstms.	– Income Tax & Nat. Ins.	232.27
D. Craig	– Postage, stationery and janitorial	71.40
I & A Crowhurst	– Rewire foyer light	23.50

**736. MATTERS FOR OTHER AUTHORITIES:**

The Clerk undertook to draw the attention of Area Highways North to a missing kerbstone by Hillcrest Farmhouse, in Maypole Road, Warton.

**737. MATTERS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL:**

Councillors reported on a number of matters, including: illegal activities in and around Warton, dealt with by the local police; the progress of the Polesworth 2050 Committee; confusing speed restriction signs on Grendon Road; and the monitoring of recycled materials by the Borough Council.

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Chairman