

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF POLESWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE TITHE BARN, POLESWORTH,
ON WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE, 2010

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Parsons and Mrs Smitten submitted apologies for absence.

822. POLESWORTH SCOUT GROUP PRESENTATION:

(797) Mr C. Cartwright, Group Scout Leader, and Mr S. Smith, Chairman, attended at the invitation of the Parish Council and gave a presentation broadly outlining the Scout Group's activities and plans for the future. At the conclusion, Mr Cartwright requested that the Council provide funding for the purchase of storage containers, a letter, to the district planning authority, in support of a planning application for the siting of the containers and, further, he asked that the Parish Council provide a letter of support for the Group's plans for erecting a permanent building.

The Chairman responded to the points raised by Mr Cartwright, taking the opportunity to restate the Council's continued support for all local community organisations. He also emphasised that the Parish Council could not support any planning applications without having seen the proposed submission. Councillors then took opportunity to discuss various aspects of the matter. At the conclusion, Mr Cartwright and Mr Smith withdrew from the meeting.

823. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May, 2010, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

824. REQUEST FOR GRIT BIN, PADDOCKS CLOSE, POLESWORTH:

(764) In response to the Parish Council's enquiry regarding the likelihood of regular supplies of grit being available, should the Parish Council agree to install a grit bin at the above location, Area Highways had replied that the Close was neither adopted nor maintained by Warwickshire County Council and they were, therefore, unable to supply or replenish grit.

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent explaining the situation to the people who made the initial enquiry.

825. THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ANNUAL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY:

The Clerk reported that the above would be held on Sunday, 20 June, 2010, at Pooley War Memorial, Polesworth, following an Act of Commemoration at 10.00 a.m., in Polesworth Abbey.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Smitten be appointed to represent the Parish Council at the above ceremonies and lay a wreath at the Pooley Lane War Memorial on Sunday, 20 June, 2010.

826. EXERCISE WATERMARK, 2011:

Details of the above national event, being held between 4 and 11 March, 2011, and Warwickshire County Council's proposed participation, were received and discussed.

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council indicates its interest in taking part in Exercise Watermark, between 4 and 11 March, 2011.

827. NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL – GARDEN PARTIES FOR VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS:

An invitation was received, from the Mayor of North Warwickshire, for Councillors to attend the above garden parties, being held at The Council House, Atherstone, on Thursday, 10 and 24 June, 2010, commencing at 6.00 p.m. on both occasions.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs Pugh is appointed to represent the Parish Council, accompanied by her husband, at the garden party taking place on Thursday, 10 June, 2010, and Councillors Mr and Mrs Smitten at the garden party taking place on Thursday, 24 June, 2010.

828. W.A.L.C. NEWSLETTER ADH/88:

Copies of the above, having been circulated previously to all members of the Council, were received and noted.

829. WARWICKSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – RESTRUCTURED MEMBERSHIP SCHEME:

Details of the above were received. The Parish Council qualified for full membership, although the annual subscription would now be £59.00, compared with the previous £45.00.

RESOLVED:

The Parish Council agrees to renew its full membership of the Warwickshire Rural Community Council at the new subscription fee of £59.00.

830. PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:

The following publications were received:

- N.A.L.C. Direct Information Service – issue 734;
- W.R.C.C. “Country Matters” – issue 43, Winter, 2009/10; and
- N.W.B.C. Minutes of Boards and Committee – 9/6/10.

831. W.C.C. “SPEEDING WASTES LIVES” ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN:

A letter was received announcing the above campaign, being launched by the County Council’s Road Safety Unit. Under the campaign, up to two free wheelie bin stickers would be provided, on request, to all households within the County. Copies of the stickers were also received for display in the Parish Council’s notice-board.

832. NORTH WARWICKSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE OF PARISH COUNCILS:

Notice was received that the next meeting of the above Committee would be held in the restaurant of the Rose Inn, Main Road, Baxterley, on Monday, 7 June, 2010, at 7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start,

Copies of the notice were passed to Councillors Critchley and Mrs Pugh, as the Parish Council’s appointed voting representatives.

833. PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) Weekly Lists:

Copies of lists 18 to 20, inclusive, were submitted, together with details of applications on those lists for development within the Parish.

RESOLVED:

That, with regard to application PAP/2010/0208, the Clerk writes to the District Planning Authority to express the Parish Council’s concerns regarding the restricted access to the application site, particularly disabled access, and the inadequate provision of customer parking.

(On the day following the meeting, it was found that the application had been withdrawn.)

834. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR-ENDED 31 MARCH 31, 2010:

Consideration was given to the completion of the relevant sections of the Annual Return, i.e. Section 1 (Statement of Accounts), Section 2 (Annual Governance Statement), and Section 4 (Annual Internal Audit Report).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the contents of the Annual Return for the year-ended 31 March, 2010, be approved and the relevant sections be signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Responsible Financial Officer; and
- (ii) That the Annual Internal Audit Report be received and noted.

835. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR-ENDED 31 MARCH, 2010:

The above statement, with supporting notes, was received and discussed.

RESOLVED:

That the statement of annual accounts for the year-ended 31 March, 2010, be formally adopted and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Responsible Financial Officer.

836. 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, 4 June, 2010.

837. 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:

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Globalwave	– Broadband connection (due 1.6.10)	29.32
Polesworth P.C.C.	– Grant, churchyard extension	2,000.00
Polesworth Patterns	– Slats to repair bench; notice-boards for Tithe Barn	549.90
Warks. Police Authy.	– PoliceSafe registration	17.62
W.R.C.C.	– Membership renewal	59.00
Poles. Scout Grp.	– Litter picks, May	170.00
Poles. Air Cadets	– Litter picks, May	170.00
Poles. Swifts F.C.	– Litter picks, May	170.00

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A. Craig	– Salary, May	542.05
D. Craig	– Salary, May	663.54
H.M. Rev. & Cstms.	– Income Tax & Nat. Ins.	231.69
D. Craig	– Postage and stationery	20.99

838. WOODLAND OF BIRCHMOOR ROAD:

Councillor Butcher reported complaints that the trees in the above woodland, owned by the Parish Council, were casting excessive shade on the properties alongside the woodland.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk be authorised to make the necessary arrangements to deal with the obstruction.

839. MATTERS FOR OTHER AUTHORITIES:

The Clerk undertook to raise the following matters with the appropriate authorities: a pothole in the gutter outside the Co-Op shop, High Street, Polesworth; overhanging trees obscuring traffic lights; and a bricked-up door to a building beside the Red Lion public house, Bridge Street.

840. OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO BE INFORMED OF:

Councillors reported on a variety of matters which they thought the Council should be made aware of, including: extra flower beds in Grendon Road; a series of car break-ins at Warton; and the short consultation period for proposals to re-locate the police station in Atherstone.

Chairman