

Poslingford Parish Council



Minutes of Poslingford Parish Council Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

Date 12 June 2024 18:30

Meeting held at Stansfield Village Hall

Attendees: Parish Councillors Martin England, Marc Allison, June Mansfield, and Kathy Priestley.
District Councillor: Karen Richardson
Chris Turner (Clerk to the Council)
No parishioners

Apologies: Apologies from Annie Jones and Rachel Stebbing were received.

Annual General Meeting

Appointment of chair for the next 12 months. The clerk asked if anyone present would like to stand for Chair, Martin England was happy to continue and with no one else wishing to take over was duly re-elected. Marc Allison was re-appointed as vice chair.

Annual Parish Meeting

- 1. Report by Chair-**Councillor England read out his report for the last 12 months. The report is attached at the end of this document.
- 2. No questions from the public**
- 3. AOB:** Question raised about the posts for the new speed sign that we are to purchase. We now have identified the positioning of the posts one at the Stansfield end of the village, the other at the Clare end. Councillor England had costings for the machines which are in the region of £2800, and we are to e-mail both County Councillor and the three District Councillors for help with funding. We also need to advise CC Bobby Bennett re pole positioning.

Parish Council Meeting

Councillors confirmed that they had no pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

A report was received from our District Councillors, the main issue revolved around Waste Bins. We are to get additional bins starting in 2026 for “food waste”, and the Councils must increase their range of recyclable items by collecting other items. See report attached.

1. Minutes of our last meeting held on 20th March 2024. These were accepted as being in order. Copies were signed by Chairman.
2. Matters arising from minutes. Much of this is covered in later agenda items. Ditch erosion is causing concern – this needs reporting to Highways and Bobby Bennett. Poslingford

Farms recently employed contractors to fix the leaking field drains that caused water to run down Cemetery Lane. However, the under-road drainage from the bottom of Cemetery Lane (between Church Cottage and 1 Brookside) to the ditch/stream is still blocked and water will still accumulate on the bend in the road. Bobby Bennett is to be made aware of this ongoing problem.

3. Financial Report.

(a) Accounts to 12th June 2024 were presented and were in order. The current balance is £10994. Payments totalled £2205.87 in the period 1 April to 12 June 24. All were paid via BACS, with authority from Councillors Jones and Priestly and confirmed by Councillors England and Allison.

(b) Account for the year to 31 March 2024 was presented and agreed. This formed the basis for the AGAR 23-24 Accounting Statement (Page 6). This was signed by both the RFO (Clerk) and Chair. Minute details to be added. AGAR Page 3 was completed and signed as an exempt authority. We then went through Page 5 of the Annual Governance statement 2023/24. The website does require updating and Councillor Allison will do this when advised what is needed by the Clerk.

4. Grass Cutting. We have been in contact with Ecomow re a change to the grass cutting we are responsible for. So far, we are happy with the work being done. We are to pay him quarterly and the clerk will look to set up a Standing Order after 1st payment made on 1 July.

5. Parish Cemetery. The Parish Cemetery need attention and a general tidy. Councillor Allison is dealing with this and will get quotes. It is likely that funds will be requested from the locality budget to help with this.

6. Traffic Issues/Speedwatch- This was discussed in Any Other Business (above).

7. Asset of Community Value Allotments. This is still being progressed by Councillors Allison, England and Jones and is ongoing.

8. It was decided to put back a decision on a possible change of website and e mail address (to .gov.uk) pending consultation with One Suffolk.

9. Date of village BBQ yet to be decided but, after the meeting, the 17 August was thought to be suitable.

Meeting Closed at 8pm

Date of next meeting 3rd September 2024 at Stansfield village hall at 18:30. Further meetings are scheduled for 4th December 2024.

C Turner, Clerk to Poslingford Parish Council

Accounts of Poslingford Parish Council as of 12 June 2024

Lloyds Bank current account on 31 March 2024	£8800.81
Income for period 1 April 2024 to 12 June 2024-Precept 24/25	£4400.00
TOTAL Income in period	£4400.00
Payments for period 1 April 2024 to 12 th June 2024	
18 April 2024 TOPS Garden Services for 23/24	£1662.00
18 April 2024 Clerks Wages to 31 March 2024	£280.00
18 April 2024 CAS Website Hosting Cost	£39.00
18 April 2024 SALC Payroll Fee	£22.80
18 April 2024 SALC Annual Fee	£136.47
18 April 2024 HMRC for Clerk's PAYE to 31 March 2024	£65.60
TOTAL Payments in period	£2205.87
Lloyds Bank current account on 12th June 2024	£10994.94
Payments Due in current quarter	
New Account book	
ECOMOW 1 st Instalment	
HMRC Clerks Wages PAYE to 30 June 2024	
Clerks Wage to 30 June 2024	

Annual report for May 23- May 24

Well, what a change from May last year to May this year what happened to Spring!! We have also had a very mixed run of weather though out the year, with flooding in the village on a couple of occasions.

November. Thank you to all who organised and attended the Remembrance service. December. Once again, a very well attended gathering at St Mary's church for the Carol service, the congregation was so large that there was standing room only. January. We were hit with some awful weather with trees down blocking the road into the village -thank you to Warren, Glen and company who managed to clear an access route, then more flooding.

Back to a positive note, thanks to Marc and Annie for continuing the complex form filling etc. into obtaining our allotment area as a community asset. Also a big thank you to Annie and Heather for organising the monthly get together at the church with some wonderful games and projects for the residents to get involved in.

The Year Ahead: following numerous complaints of speeding through our village we hope to site a couple of posts for a speed indication device to be mounted, we are awaiting authorization for these from the County Council. Once in place we will then look to obtain funding for the purchase of two devices.

Thanks to all your help over the last year. And finally we continue to hope that Hillside will eventually be resurfaced this year!

Martin England Chair Poslingford Parish Council. June 2024