

## Poslingford Parish Council



### Minutes of Poslingford Parish Council Meeting

**Date 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 18:30**

**Meeting held at Stansfield Village Hall**

Attendees: Parish Councillors Martin England, Marc Allison, Annie Jones, June Mansfield, Kathy Priestley and Rachel Stebbing.

District Councillors: Marion Rushbrook  
Chris Turner (Clerk to the Council)

The Chair, Martin England welcomed those present. Apologies received from County Councillor Bobby Bennett and District Councillors Nick Clarke and Karen Richardson.

Parishioners Comments. The Parishioners were present to discuss what could be done about speeding in "The Street" and general traffic problems throughout the village. Several options and ideas were discussed as follows:

1. Treat The Street as a "quiet lane", unfortunately the road is a main through road and does not qualify under the scheme.
2. Ask for police speed checks in the village. This is unlikely since there is insufficient traffic to warrant a visit. There is also nowhere to park a Police ANPR van to enable readings to be made.
3. Speedwatch and a team with a speedgun reporting to the police. This is a viable possibility, but we will need to obtain a gun and have sufficient residents to manage it on a regular basis. Those present were all willing to join a scheme if we could get one running.
4. More signs on the roadside with warnings for "Narrow Road", "Single Road" etc.
5. Install "Sleeping policeman", although these can be noisy for residents nearby.
6. Ensure we are signed up for the "20s plenty" scheme.
7. Ask the County Council to visit and see what can be done.

District Councillor Marion Rushbrook will advise her colleagues and they may be able to allocate us some funds for the speedgun.

County Councillor and District Councillors Reports- These have been received and circulated and are attached to these minutes. Meeting then closed and moved on to the PC meeting. The residents left the meeting at this point.

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

1. Minutes of our last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. These were unanimously accepted as being in order. Copies were signed by Chairman.

2. Outstanding Issues- See specific agenda items below re allotments and Community Assets.
3. Financial Reports
  - (a) There are a couple of payments which need to be made, one being the village insurance policy which is due for renewal. The Councillors would like to review the policy and the clerk will send it to them. The other payment is for West Suffolk District Council election expenses.
  - (b) The accounts for the period 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> September were presented and agreed. The balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 was £10378.32.
  - (c) The clerk has been able to source a laptop, printer etc. so, currently, there is no need to incur costs for another.
  - d) The annual AGAR has now been completed. We are exempt from an External Review, but the Internal audit needed reviewing. The clerk ran through the report pointing out the comments made by SALC. Section 2 re uplifting contract values is not applicable to us as the old limit of £25000 is well above anything we would need. Section 3, payment to CAB of £150 was made under LGA1972 s142. Section 4 re Insurance policy, see above. Section 5 re precept/budget noted. Section 11 noted. Section 12 noted. Section 14 re evidence, noted.
  - (e) As noted above, it was agreed that a gift will be made to CAB of £150 under LGA 1972 S 142.
4. Councillors' comments- None.
5. Allotments Latest- Cllr. Jones is in contact with John Eaton about the allotment becoming a Asset of Community Value. Progress has been made and the map delineating the allotment is now acceptable. Ideally the PC needs to obtain support from the landowner and provide as much supporting information for the application as possible.
6. Grass Cutting- The management of the church ground, of which the PC is responsible, are looking into re-wilding part which will mean less grass cutting by TOPS. We will be kept informed of developments. TOPS, our grass contractor is still loath to advise us in advance when they will be in the village. It is due every 2 weeks but the whole village isn't cut each time. We need to inform clerk when TOPS carries out cuts so we ensure that the bills are in order. We haven't received any invoices for quite some time.
7. Future meeting dates- Next meeting booked for 6<sup>th</sup> December, future meetings to be 13<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024, clerk to book Stansfield Village Hall.
8. Village speed limits- Dealt with under Parishioners issues as above.
9. Any other Business. The village notice board needs maintenance; the Chair will arrange for this to be repaired (NB this has now been completed by Derek Nicholls). We are still a Councillor short and can advertise the vacancy.

Date of next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December at Stansfield village hall at 18:30.

C Turner, Clerk to Poslingford Parish Council

**Accounts of Poslingford Parish Council as of 31 August 2023**

<b>Lloyds Bank current account on 23 May 2023</b>	<b>£11275.98</b>
Income for period 23 May 2023 to 31 August 2023	
<b>TOTAL Income in period</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
Payments for period 23 May 2023 to 31 August 2023	
12 June 23 Reimbursement of King's Coronation expenses	347.26
3 July 23 HMRC for Clerk's PAYE	65.40
3 July 23 Clerk's salary to 30 June	282.20
3 July 23 SALC Audit Fee	202.80
<b>TOTAL Payments in period</b>	<b>£897.66</b>
<b>Lloyds Bank current account on 1 September 2023</b>	<b>£10378.32</b>
Payments due	
West Suffolk District Council election expenses	£81.91
Zurich Municipal (PC Insurance)	£257.60
West Suffolk CAB	£150.00
HMRC for Clerk's PAYE	£65.60
DC Nicholls (repairs to notice board)	£195.00
Clerk's salary to 30 September	282.00