



# Poslingford Parish Council

## **Minutes of Poslingford Parish Council Meeting**

**Date 7th September 2022, 18:30**

**Meeting held at Stansfield Village Hall**

Attendees: Parish Councillors Martin England, Marc Allison, Annie Jones, Derek Nicholls, June Mansfield and Rachel Stebbing.  
County Councillor: Bobby Bennett  
District Councillor: Marion Rushbrook  
Chris Turner (Clerk to the Council)

Chairman, Martin England, welcomed those present. Apologies have been received from Parish Councillor Kathy Priestley and District Councillors Karen Richardson and Nick Clarke. Apologies accepted and approved for Kathy Priestley

### County Councillor report

Ukrainian refugees have now been with us for 6 months. The County Council is still looking for hosts. With the increase in the cost of living it is going to be a difficult winter for some, but the County Council is there if help is required.

There were several questions for Bobby from the Councillors: The road surfaces in Hillside were very bad. Following a report someone from the Council had driven down and then up the road, without leaving their car and reported the holes weren't big enough to warrant fixing. Some of the highways are in a mess and Bobby was asked whether we could have a meeting with Matthew Fox from Highways and Bobby. This needs to be arranged (the Clerk will contact Highways). Marc will be reporting problems on the 'Suffolk Highways' website'. Bobby says she will find out whether there are any plans to boost the mobile phone signal in Poslingford

### District Councillors report

A joint report had been circulated to each Councillor and is attached to these minutes. Marion mentioned that there are funds available if required. A new gazebo is required for the annual barbeque and village get together, cost approx. £300.

Meeting closed for Parish Council meeting:

1. Minutes of our last meeting held on 25 May and any outstanding matters. The minutes were accepted as in order and signed by the Chair. Still awaiting a "minuteman" to quantify speeding in village, hopeful this will happen sometime soon.

## 2. Financial Report

- a) The Annual Audit has been completed. We have received an internal audit report from SALC which has been circulated via e mail. No comments from Councillors. Clerk will review matters that need attention and report back to Council. Because we are an exempt authority, we don't get a report from the external auditor just an acknowledgement.
- b) The accounts to 1st September were presented and agreed by all. Clerk confirmed the Council's expenses and income are in line with budgetary expectations.
- c) A statement on the Bank account had been brought to the meeting with the balance of £9068.48 agreeing with our accounts as of 31/8/2022. The bank statement was signed by 2 councillors.

3. Councillor comments. Only issue being the grass cutting. If there is a problem with areas not being cut the clerk needs to be informed so he can deal with this with the contractor. The costs of the contractor are as agreed earlier.

4. Quiet Lane update. We now have the signs but are still awaiting the posts to put them on. The Chair has this in hand.

5. Defibrillator. The case has now been received and we need to complete the installation. We have an electrician who is able to do this, however it could be that London Hearts may instal it without charge and also provide training. Clerk will look investigate and report back. We also need someone to check the machine every 2 weeks, chair agreed he would do it.

## 6. Future Meetings.

These were agreed as follows: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

As the next meeting is not due until late November, Councillor Mansfield was authorised to obtain a wreath for Remembrance Day.

Date of next Meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 18:30 at Stansfield Village Hall.

Accounts of Poslingford Parish Council as at 1st September 2022

<b>Lloyds Bank current account on 25 May 2022</b>	<b>£10250.91</b>
Income for period 25 May 2022to 1September 2022	
Donation from District Councillor for Jubilee celebrations	£300.00
<b>TOTAL Income in period</b>	<b>£300.00</b>
Payments for period 25 May 2022to 1September 2022	
22 Jun 22. Reimbursement of BBQ expenses	£364.63
22 Jun 22. Grass cutting by TOPS	£477.00
22 Jun 22. HMRC (Clerk's PAYE)	£65.40
22 Jun 22. Clerk's salary	£282.20
22 Jun 22. Donation to West Suffolk CAB	£100.00
18 Jul 22. SALC Audit Fee	193.20
<b>TOTAL Payments in period</b>	<b>£1482.43</b>
<b>Lloyds Bank current account on 1 September 2022</b>	<b>£9068.48</b>