



## Poslingford Parish Council

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

**Date 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 7.15pm**

#### **Meeting was held at Stansfield Village Hall**

##### Attendees

Parish Councillors: Martin England, Marc Allison, Annie Jones, Kathy Priestley, June Mansfield, and Derek Nichols

District Councillors: Karen Richardson, Marion Rushbrook and Nick Clarke.  
Chris Turner (Clerk to the Council)

#### PARISH GENERAL MEETING

Cllr England was happy to continue as Chairman and was re-selected unanimously.  
Cllr Marc Allison will take over as Vice Chairman and was selected unanimously.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

There were no residents attending so no questions. There was no APM last year due to Covid19. The Chair, Cllr England gave a resume of the last 12 months thanking people for the help and support over a difficult 12 months. We have supported the majority of the vulnerable people in the village giving assistance with shopping, collecting medication etc and on occasions just someone to talk to.

No socialisation has been allowed but it is hoped that later this year we can get together with a summer BBQ and perhaps a gathering for bonfire night.

He thanked Derek Nichols for his work/jobs that he has undertaken in fixing the handrails and walkway around The Paddock, and erecting Dog signs which hopefully has reduced the dog fouling in the area.

He also passes on his thanks to Jim Rucklidge for his work on the Parish Council and for setting up our electronic banking system We wish him well on his retirement from the Council.

Hopefully we can look forward to a more eventful year once the Covid restrictions have been lifted.

Martin also gave information about the allotments following a meeting he had with the current church wardens. The allotment approx. 2 acres, part of 7, the remainder let to a local farmer, has always been under management by the church wardens, the rent going to the church. The church in 2010 registered the land as belonging to them. Our understanding is that this parcel of 7 acres was

gifted to the village in the 1800's and it wasn't until 2010 this came to our attention, and this is when the church registered the land. The value is approx. £70,000. A discussion ensued on this matter, but no final decision was taken.

## QUARTERLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A report was given by DC Marion Rushbrook on behalf of the 3 District Councillors present. The report is lodged with the minutes.

Cllr. Clarke introduced himself as our new district Councillor following the recent election following the sad death of Jim Meikle. He has been in contact with the local police and is hopeful that there will be quarterly police meetings for Councillors to attend.

1. Minutes of our last meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021- These were accepted as being in order. All in favour. Copies were signed by Chairman.

2. Outstanding Issues- We are still looking into costs for a defibrillator for the village. It could go into the phone box.

3. Financial Report-

a) The annual accounts had been circulated and were accepted as correct.

b) This forms the basis of the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) for 2020/21. As our income and outgoings are less than £25000, we complete the 2020/21 Part 2 Return exempting us from an external audit, although we need to have an internal audit, to be carried out by SALC. Income of £4125 was shown on page 3 of the return with outgoings of £3555. This page was signed by Cllr England and Clerk, as the RFO (Responsible Financial Officer).

c) Section 1c page 5 was also completed with all statements answered to the affirmative. Again, this was signed by the Chair.

d) Details of income/outgoings was completed on page 6 and signed by Chair and RFO who will fill in the relevant details requires re minutes. These can now be sent to SALC for their report.

e) The accounts for the period to 26<sup>th</sup> May were accepted. A list of payments now due was provided and this was signed off by Cllrs Priestley and Jones our scrutineers. They can now be input by the clerk and authorised by Cllrs England and Allison.

4. Councillor Vacancy- Following Cllr Rucklidge's retirement we have advertised the vacancy. If nobody applies, we can co-opt a Councillor.

5. Quiet Lanes Initiative- Cllr England has seen most of the residents where the lane is situated, they have no objection.

6. Website- Cllr Allison now looks after this and would like to include other topics other than Parish Council business. This would appear to be a good idea and perhaps more people would then visit the site. He is thinking of old photos etc as a start. Some of the current areas need updating clerk is to supply information re Internet Banking and other audit information.

Meeting finished at 7.40

Dates of next meeting 1st September provisionally as the earlier date of 15<sup>th</sup> September is no longer appropriate as there are a number of absent Councillors and we may not get a quorate.

C Turner-Clerk