

## Poslingford Parish Council



### Minutes of Poslingford Parish Council Meeting

**Date 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 18:30**

**Meeting held at Stansfield Village Hall**

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

County Councillor: Bobby Bennett

District Councillors: Nick Clarke

Chris Turner (Clerk to the Council)

The Chair, Martin England welcomed those present. Apologies received from Parish Councillor Annie Jones.

Parishioners Comments. No parishioners present.

County Councillor and District Councillors Reports.

County Councillor Bobby Bennett. Report received and can be accessed via web-site (<https://poslingford.onesuffolk.net/>). Difficult financial decisions need to be made. However, Highways budget will be protected since roads need pothole repairs throughout the county. It was confirmed that all archiving has now been transferred to Ipswich. Was advised of bank erosion on the roadside and water problems on the bend. Fallen trees on the roads are the Highways and landowners' responsibility. Thanks to Phillip and Glen for their help in keeping road open in floods clearing trees. Marc Allison flagged up the issues with Anglian Water destroying the Roadside Nature Reserve every time they work on the mains.

Nick Clarke- Small report received via e mail, attached. They have no agreed budget figures yet.

Meeting then closed and moved on to the PC meeting.

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

1. Minutes of our last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023. These were unanimously accepted as being in order. Copies were signed by Chairman.
2. Matters arising from minutes. Require a team to run Speedwatch. A minimum of 7 people are required – typically 3 at any one time. Volunteers to be recruited via Facebook or Parish Pump magazine for interested parishioners. Martin to coordinate.  
The 20s plenty initiative. We are linked in with Stansfield. Asset of Community Value (ACV) for Allotments. The application is to be re-written and submitted. This will be led by Annie

Jones with support from Martin England and Marc Allison.

Grass cutting around village. We need an alternative quote. No recent communication from TOPS and they have not submitted any invoices for work done in 2023/24.

3. Financial Reports

(a). Accounts to 31st December prepared. All in order. Current balance is £8915.81, and this compares favourably with previous year (however no payment made to TOPS).

(b). Agreed to donate to SARS of £50 and to reimburse June for £25 (wreath cost for Remembrance Sunday).

(c). A budget had been prepared which had been circulated, showing our position to date and estimate costs to 31 March 2024. At year end we should have approx. £6463 in our coffers. If we increase our share of the precept marginally (5.33 %) the cost for a Band D property would increase by £2.36 a year. Since there was no increase in the precept last year, it was felt this was acceptable and was signed off by chair and clerk. The completed form submitted to West Suffolk District Council 17 January 2024.

4. Grass Cutting-as above. TOPS to clear brambles from graves in the LHS of Parish Cemetery.

5. Query about a purchasing a security certificate for our website. This expenditure was approved and a one-off cost of £39 to be paid to OneSuffolk.

6. Councillors' Comments. Gravel on highway caused by rain. It is the District Council responsibility to clear storm drains. However, highways are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council. There is a problem with an overflowing ditch between Wentford Cottages and Long Acre. Martin England and Annie Jones to ascertain ownership since the landowner needs to clear ditch.

Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Stansfield village hall at 18:30.

C Turner, Clerk to Poslingford Parish Council

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

<b>Lloyds Bank current account on 1 September 2023</b>	<b>£10296.41</b>
Income for period 1 September 2023 to 31 December August	
<b>TOTAL Income in period</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
Payments for period 1 September 2023 to 31 December 2023	
29 September 2023 CAB Bury St Edmunds	£150.00
29 September 2023 Zurich Insurance Services	£247.60
29 September 2023 Clerks wages to 30 September	£282.00
29 September 2023 HMRC (Clerks PAYE)	£65.60
29 September 2023 SALC Payroll Fee	£22.80
29 September 2023 D Nicholls materials for repair of noticeboard	£195.00
3 October 2023 CAS Website hosting fee	£60.00
21 December 2023 Clerks wages to 31 December	£282.20
21 December 2023 HMRC (Clerks PAYE)	£65.40
<b>TOTAL Payments in period</b>	<b>£1380.60</b>
<b>Lloyds Bank current account on 31 December 2023</b>	<b>£8915.81</b>
Payments Due in current quarter	
SARS Donation	£50.00
Reimbursement of cost of wreath to June Mansfield	£25.00
OneSuffolk website security certificate	£39.00
Information Commissioner	£40.00