**POULTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13TH MAY 2024**

**AT 7 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr. Simon Collyer-Bristow (Chairman)

 Cllr. Ed Hyslop (Vice Chairman)

 Cllr. Tom Gillibrand

 Mrs. Heather Harris (Clerk)

3 members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Davies and Cllr. Spivey and accepted by the Council.

1. **Appointment of Chairman.**

Cllr. Collyer-Bristow was proposed by Cllr. Hyslop and seconded by Cllr. Gillibrand.

1. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman.**

Cllr. Hyslop was proposed by Cllr. Collyer-Bristow and seconded by Cllr. Gillibrand.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

1. **Report from Internal Auditor.**

The Internal Auditor’s Report found the Council’s records were prepared on the correct accounting basis and complied with financial regulations.

1. **Signing of the Annual Accounts.**

The Chairman signed the Annual Accounts and the Cashbook as a true and complete record.

1. **Financial Report.**

Payments into the Current account as at 30/5/24:

CDC Precept £7500

Private donation £100

HMRC (VAT refund) £139.03

Payments made from the Current account:

Playsafety Limited (RoSPA Inspection) £122.40

GAPTC (Membership) £119.35

Zurich Insurance £534.00

SGD Accounting (Internal Audit) £ 75.00

The Clerk confirmed that a transfer of £5108.30 had been made from the Current account to the Long term deposit account representing £4869.27 from the previous year 2023/24, the private donation of £100, and the VAT refund of £139.03.

Following quotations from various insurance companies, the Clerk confirmed that a saving of £204.66 had been made for the forthcoming year.

Balances as at 30/5/24 were as follows:

Current account £ 7500.00

Deposit account £ 4838.79

Long term Deposit £21077.60

1. **Any Other Business.**

Playground Refurbishment – The Crowdfunding page is now in operation and time is of the essence. To gain the CDC grant, the village needs to show its support for the project. It is planned to spread the information in the following ways:

Leaflet drop to all households

Village Whatsapp group

Village Facebook page

PoultonEye article

Noticeboard posters

Word of mouth

A QR code has been generated to make it easy for villagers to access the Crowdfunding page.

Speeding & Traffic – The new ANPR camera is now operational on the London Road on the west entrance to the village. Cllr. Hyslop reported that the results had been spectacularly awful. Over 1000 vehicles travelling at over 40mph between 5.30am and 8pm. 80% over 35mph. 104 persistent offenders driving at over 50mph, one of whom was caught six times and had an MOT 4 months out of date. Police have been informed. Signage has been ordered and should be here in July. The Police will select ten offenders and send letters. The main types of vehicles offending are white vans and Range Rovers who have a disproportionate number of infringements and appear to have a sense of entitlement. ANPR is linked to DVLA information, and every car travelling over the speed limit is being verified. The additional three cameras will be installed shortly, and the Police and Crime Commissioner’s support will be sought if the situation continues. The Chairman suggested an article for the Wilts & Glos Standard should also be used to highlight the situation when the full set of cameras are installed.

The meeting ended at 7.30pm.