

## **Friends of Poulton and Pulford Community Park**

### **Minutes of meeting held in Pulford Village Hall on Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 2021**

1. Those attending – Dave, Kate, Nick, Jane, Peter, Glenys, Pat, Jan, Jean
2. Apologies – Simon
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, proposed by Peter, seconded by Jane.
4. Chairman's report. This was contained in the agenda to be discussed in the meeting.
4. Financial report. Peter circulated the Account Statement which was the same as the October statement. After the recent purchase of an outdoor, powerful bluetooth speaker system costing £339 (VAT inclusive), £292.50 (VAT exclusive) the balance in the account is approx £3,100

The problem at the bank has now been resolved with the 3 signatories being Daid Roberts, Peter Gosmore and Simon Pryce.

6. Secretary's report. There was nothing to report.
7. Village Christmas Tree. Although the planned date for erecting the tree was Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, it was delivered earlier than expected and so the date was rearranged, at short notice, to Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. Councillor Higgins daughter switched on the lights at 6.30.

8 Key to the gate at the far end of the park. Jan has secured 2 keys for the gate, one to be held by the Parish Council and the other to be placed in a key safe which has been fixed to the leg of the circular picnic table.

9 . Onward going structural projects in the Park. John Ramsey has visited the site three times with Dave and promised a swift return to start the work, all to no avail. A new contractor needs to be identified, and the work delayed until the Captain Tom Trail (which will probably involve heavy vehicles coming in and out) has been completed.

9. (I) Captain Tom Trail. Simon as project manager has selected the best contractor and details of the reasons for his choice have already been circulated.

9. (ii) Glenys has organised professional contractors to undertake remedial work in the Park ie weedkilling behind the fence along the wood, removal of rubbish and the cutting

of the hedge along Mr Greatbanks' side of the Park. Glenys was formally thanked for her prompt action in attending to these matters.

**9.iii)** The frequency of grass cutting in the Park was again discussed. The Clerk to the Parish Council says that there are sufficient funds for the grass to be cut on a weekly basis during the growing season. The committee voted to adopt this, proposed by Kate, seconded by Glenys.

**10.** Transfer of the safety officer. Dave decided that Simon was the best person to approach John McKinnie of Pulford Court (on a personal basis), to ask if he would informally take over as safety officer. Simon has agreed to do this.

**11.** Events in the Park. Suggestions for next year were invited but detail should be left until the first meeting in new year. Eg 1950s village fete activities.

**12.** AOB Kate suggested that we could consider raising money at one of our fundraising events for the upgrade of the toilets in the Village Hall. Some on the committee thought that money for this kind of project could be obtained through grants. This way forward would need to be researched.

Jan said that a willow tree in the car park in Pulford Court was going to be reduced at a cost of £580. Most of the residents were going to pay for this but as the tree was also overhanging the Park she wondered if we could make a contribution to this work. It was agreed.

We thought reinstating the Boules Evening would be a good way of bringing the village together. Access to boules might present a problem. It was suggested that a locked wooden box containing a boules set(s) be screwed into place near to the court. It would need to have a number painted on it for anyone who doesn't have their own set to ring to borrow a set with which to play.

**13.** The next meeting will take place on JAN 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall