

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 06-NOVEMBER 2024

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 06-November 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Beach House, Widemouth Bay.

1. To note persons present and receive any apologies for absence with reason: 485/24

In attendance were Cllrs. Stephen Blake in the Chair and Cllrs. Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan, Graeme Swatton and John Worth.

RESOLVED to accept apologies with reasons for absence given by Cllrs. Steve Haynes and Eric Harris.

2. To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests: None received. 486/24

3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda. None received. 487/24

4. Public Open Session - Matters raised by members of the public on an agenda item: 488/24

A member of the public expressed interest in joining the community hall steering group and raised concerns about the planning application scheduled for later in the agenda, specifically regarding the locations of the recycling bins due to their proximity to the A39.

5. To resolve that the Minutes of the previous Full Council Meeting are an accurate record:

(a) Minutes of Full Council:

RESOLVED unanimously, that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16-October 2024 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair. 489/24

(b) No matters arising. 490/24

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action with any associated expenditure: 491/24

Correspondence schedule was reviewed and **NOTED**.

(a) 25/10/24 My Parish Council - Following discussion it was **unanimously RESOLVED to to proceed with a complete site audit of the website at a cost of £50.00 (plus vat); to rectify any faults at a cost of £25.00 (plus vat) and to switch to a left-hand version of the template at an additional cost of £25.00 (plus vat).** 492/24

7. Planning Matters:

(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment:

PA24/07603 Proposal: Erect 3 No detached dwellings with associated car parking and access. Location: Land North of Crowshire, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall EX23 ODW. 493/24

Following discussions it was **unanimously RESOLVED to object with the following comments and to write to the Agents to remind of them covenant on a section of the land, copied to the planning officer:**

1. Overdevelopment and Lack of Amenity Space - The scale and density of three dwellings in this area fail to respect the surrounding character and lack sufficient amenity space, resulting in compromised living conditions and an adverse effect on the well-being of residents. The development appears disproportionate to the plot size, with minimal space for essential community and recreational facilities.

2. Inadequate Storage and Waste Collection Facilities - There is concern that an area for storage and collection points for waste and recycling are inadequate given the number of dwellings. The volume of waste generated by three homes will require suitable, well-organised space for both storage and collection to prevent littering and environmental hazards, considered critical as the site is located along the A39 a busy road that experiences significant traffic. An improper waste solution could lead to obstructions or hazardous conditions along the access road and main highway.

3. Light and Noise Pollution - The proposed development of three houses in a compact area is out of character with the surrounding neighbourhood, where existing homes are typically single dwellings set apart with substantial space between them. This change in density could significantly increase light and noise pollution, impacting negatively on the character of the area.

4. Loss of Biodiversity - The development will inevitably result in habitat loss, impacting the biodiversity of the area, contravening efforts to maintain and support natural habitats in line with local and national biodiversity strategies.

5. Highways and Traffic Safety Concerns - It is noted with concern that Highways do not appear to have been consulted on the application. The proposed development would increase vehicular access onto the A39, a road known for high traffic volumes. Increased vehicular access could present safety risks, heighten congestion and lead to potential traffic accidents. Consultation with Highways is considered essential for the increased vehicle movement.

(b) To note any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting: **494/24**
PA24/08077 Proposal: Erection of a single-storey dwelling. Location: Land East of 1 The Mallows, Marine Drive, Widemouth Bay, Bude, Cornwall EX23 0AG.

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **495/24**

8. Finance to discuss and resolve a course of action with associated expenditure:

(a) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts as per schedule.

RESOLVED unanimously, to make payments as scheduled. **496/24**

9. Agenda items to discuss and resolve a course of action and associated expenditure:

(a) To consider next steps for a new hall for Poundstock:

The Chair provided an update on the distribution of leaflets to households, aimed at encouraging parishioners to join the Community Hall Steering Group, and mentioned that a draft Terms of Reference for the group would be circulated for consideration at the next meeting. **497/24**

(b) To consider next steps for the public toilets in Widemouth Bay:

The Chair provided an update, the new donation box has been installed, replacing the old rusty one, and the new notice boards for the cleaning charts will be put in place shortly. **498/24**

(c) Update PROW 28 Combe Lane (Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan):

Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan reported that there has still been no response from Cornwall Council; in view of this, he suggested preparing a draft follow-up letter for consideration at the next meeting. **499/24**

(d) To approve expenditure of between £408 and £612 (6-9 hours) for ‘Amendments, new detail and production of new maps’ by Kathryn Statham, Cornwall Environmental Consultants Ltd for the draft NDP.

Unanimously RESOLVED to authorised the expenditure. **500/24**

(e) Update FOI requests (Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan - Lead Councillor for Information Requests):

Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan provided an overview of the significant number of emails received, highlighting that many of the questions asked seek information that reflects thoughts rather than documents. The Chair reported that the decision on a Code of Conduct Complaint reference CCN076/24/25 made against himself is rejected. **501/24**

(f) To discuss the Hedgehog Highways:

Following discussions it was unanimously RESOLVED to promote the distribution of Hedgehog Highways in local shops on Social Media. **502/24**

(g) To finalise speed gateways along Marine Drive, Widemouth Bay:

Unanimously RESOLVED to support the speed gateways along Marine Drive and Leverlake Road Reference EDG1150-2024-048. **503/24**

(h) To review and agree new signatories for CCLA and the Call Account Facility:

It was unanimously RESOLVED the new signatories for the investment accounts will be Councillors Stephen

(i) To approve NALC Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25 for Clerk's salary and to further approve backdated pay to 01-April 2024:

It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the pay increase and backdated pay in accordance with NALC Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25.

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10. To receive written reports and authorise any action:

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(a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report: Cllr. Chopak presented her report to the Council, detailing her time in Truro where the topic of adding fluoride to the water supply was discussed extensively, along with the general options surrounding this proposal. She briefly mentioned the upcoming vote of no confidence in the leader of Cornwall Council. Additionally, she noted that she would be attending the Bude & Stratton Town Council meeting to discuss community banking in Bude, with the potential of establishing a banking hub.

(b) Chair's Report: The Chair reported on the 'Making Space for Sand' project, currently in its very early stages, has now been divided into three main sections; addressing flooding, re-establishing the dunes, and fostering engagement with Cornwall Council Car Parks. Discussions have been positive, with the potential for there top summer car park to be levelled and resurfaced with environmental matting to create additional parking.

(c) Clerk's Report: No report.

11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure:

507/24

NDP Chair, Matthew Blows provided an update on the progress of the draft plan, outlining the process, time constraints, and key targets. He explained that the plan, once approved by the Council, would proceed to Cornwall Council for pre-screening, followed by the Regulation 14 presentation and a six-week consultation period, culminating in a referendum for a formal public vote. He emphasised that, with the Cornwall Local Plan 2023 currently under review, it is particularly important to have the Neighbourhood Plan for Poundstock in place as soon as possible.

12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: No reports.

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13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure:

509/24

(a) Highways & PROW Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Pamela Idelson reiterated her previous report regarding the fallen signpost PROW22, noting that it has been reported to the Countryside Access Team. She informed the Council that she had been advised the matter would be attended to in due course. On other highway issues, Cllr. Swatton suggested it would be better practice to speak with the relevant landowner before formally reporting a matter.

14. Items for Information - None.

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15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda:

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Date of next meeting Wednesday 20-November 2024 at the Beach House, Widemouth Bay.

Future dates suggested were, 04-December 2024, 18-December 2024, 15-January 2025, 05-February 2025 and 19-February 2025.

16. Casual Vacancy - None.

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17. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) Act 1960

During the meeting it may arise that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public will be instructed to withdraw. When this arises, the Chair will recommend to consider passing the following resolution; "to resolve that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be discussed, the public are excluded and instructed to withdraw - None.

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18. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 20:40.

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FINANCE SCHEDULE 06-NOVEMBER 2024

EXPENDITURE

Starboard Systems Limited	Invoice 7641 (DD) 01-Nov 24	£50.40
Laurence Associates	Invoice 39225 Architects Services for New Hall 31-Oct 24 (BACS)	£957.84
Codes Solicitors	Balance Completion Statement - Public Toilets (BACS)	£24.00
John Slater Planning Ltd	Invoice 332 Preparation of Neighbourhood Plan (BACS)	£592.56
Redsmart	Invoice 6427 Leaflet for Community Hall SG (BACS)	£96.00
S.W. Furse	Invoice 18 Cemetery & Churchyard Maintenance (BACS)	£3,400.00
Cllr. Graeme Swatton	Expenses Claim (Min Ref 347/24)	£61.65
Clerk	expenses Claim (Min Ref 439/24 & 472/24)	£118.89

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 06/11/2024 £5,301.34