

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 02-OCTOBER 2024

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 02-October 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: **424/24**

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

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies with reasons for absence given by Cllrs. Steve Haynes and Pamela Idelson.

2. To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests.

Relating to any items appearing on the agenda: None. **425/24**

3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda.

None received. **426/24**

4. Public Open Session - Matters raised by members of the public on an agenda item: **427/24**

A member of the public raised concerns about overgrown vegetation along Marine Drive, opposite the Widemouth Manor. Also the overgrown road hedges on the highway at Millook, Cllr. Nicky Chopak will address these matters with highways.

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

(a) Minutes of Full Council:

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18-September 2024 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.** **428/24**

(b) No matters arising. **429/24**

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: **430/24**

Correspondence schedule was reviewed and **NOTED**.

7. Planning Matters:

(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment: None received. **431/24**

(b) Any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting: **432/24**

**PA24/07101** Proposal: Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale and details relating to the discharge of Conditions 4 and 6 (Plots 2 and 3) following outline approval PA21/06354 dated 14.09.21 for residential development of up to four dwellings and associated access and landscaping. Location Bingera Cottage, Madeira Drive, Widemouth Bay, Bude, Cornwall EX23 0AJ.

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **433/24**

It was noted **PA24/05210** has been approved.

**PA24/06327 5-day Protocol - Following discussions it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree with the recommendations of the Planning Officer.** **434/24**

Poundstock Tour - A tour of Poundstock with Planning Officers has been arranged for 08-November at 12 pm. Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Michelle Carter, Tom O'Sullivan, John Worth and Cornwall Cllr. Nicky Chopak are to attend.

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

(a) **RESOLVED unanimously, to make payments as scheduled.** **435/24**

(b) Approve the transfer of some funds to higher-interest accounts.

**Unanimously RESOLVED to transfer funds to higher interest accounts.**

**436/24**

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 reported that the architects are currently developing detailed drawings of the medium-sized hall for formal presentation. He stated that more voting postcards have been received in support of a new hall for Poundstock, with encouraging comments thanking the Council for its hard work in making this a reality. Draft Terms of Reference are currently being prepared for a Community Hall Steering Group.

**Following discussions, a budget of £100 maximum was unanimously RESOLVED for leaflets to be printed inviting parishioners to join the Community Hall Steering Group.**

**437/24**

(b) To consider next steps for the public toilets in Widemouth Bay. The draft Winter Cleaning Tender for the Public Toilets previously circulated was discussed at length, **following which it was unanimously RESOLVED to proceed with the tender process, and once agreed it will be sent to the contractors without requiring further approval.**

**438/24**

The new stainless steel flushing urinals have been successfully fitted at a reduced cost, and a smaller urinal was considered for the remaining space, an estimate to be requested. Additionally, the new PVC windows are currently being installed, and it was noted that the donation box requires replacement, agreed Clerk to purchase the same type to replace the damaged box.

**439/24**

(c) Update PROW 28 Combe Lane (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan). Cllr. O'Sullivan provided an update on PROW 28, having contacted the Countryside Access Team for an update, no response has been received. Cllr. Nicky Chopak will now follow up on this matter.

**440/24**

(d) To agree response to ICO Case Reference IC-331809-T1V3 (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan - Lead Councillor for Information Requests). On the basis of follow-up correspondence from the ICO Cllr. O'Sullivan reported that he had given a response. The Chair thanked Cllr. O'Sullivan for the significant amount of work he has put into responding to FOI requests. Cllr. O'Sullivan reported that there have been challenges to the Council's decision to appoint a lead councillor for this new role, but the decision has been supported by both the ICO and SLCC.

**441/24**

(e) Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were received from the Parochial Church Council. A regular Sunday Service will be held at 9:30 am, incorporating the Act of Remembrance, including the reading of the Roll of Honour and the laying of a wreath in the Lady Chapel. They also confirmed that there will not be a second service held at the War Memorial. This was discussed at length, a desire was expressed for there to be more attention or a service at the War Memorial to mark the occasion properly in future. This year, it was agreed that following the Church Service, the most appropriate way to proceed would be for the Council to lead a brief Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. This would include the laying of the wreath, observing the 2 minute silence, and concluding with a bugle call. Additionally, it was thought the Council could engage with the Parochial Church Council to discuss future events, ensuring a more co-ordinated approach with a significant presence at the War Memorial in the coming years.

**442/24**

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action:

**443/24**

(a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report:

Cllr. Chopak is to attend the Remembrance Service in Poundstock this year. Newquay Airport remains under scrutiny, concerns previously voiced by Cornwall Councillors have not been resolved. The Cabinet is currently in the process of signing the contract before the end of October, which has triggered a vote of no confidence in the leader. Cllr. Chopak reiterated the Council's interest in Widemouth Bay car park should it become available.

Cornwall Council is facing a £60 million overspend and is seeking ways to make savings, with Adult Social Care being the most significant expenditure in the budget. School transport costs were also discussed, it has been suggested that parents could be asked to contribute towards the cost of transporting their children to

school. Changes in waste and recycling services are underway, with the second information leaflet set to be distributed shortly. The start date for these changes in this area is 04-November, and routes are being added. Residents are advised to check their collection day, as it may change.

(b) Chair's Report:

The Chair reported that he attended the final formal meeting for the 'Making Space for Sand' project. Cornwall Council has agreed to engage with residents in Widemouth to discuss the car parking areas within the car park.

(c) Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported that the external auditors's interim report for the 2023/24 has been received and posted on the notice boards and Council website. An interim report was provided, as the 2023/24 AGAR remains incomplete due to the 2022/23 AGAR report being outstanding. Additionally, the notice of a Councillor vacancy has been posted.

11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: **444/24**  
John Slater Planning Ltd is working on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: **445/24**  
Gildhouse Management Committee - Cllr. Eric Harris enquired whether a grant would be made to the Gildhouse Management Committee. This matter will be considered at a later date. **446/24**

13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: **447/24**  
**Police Liaison Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Graeme Swatton** reported on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Weekly Report circulated to all.

14. Items for Information - None. **448/24**

15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda: **449/24**  
Date of next meeting Wednesday 16-October 2024 at the Beach House, Widemouth Bay.

16. 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. **450/24**

17. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 21:16. **451/24**

**FINANCE SCHEDULE 02-OCTOBER 2024**

**EXPENDITURE**

T.J. Davies Cleaning	Invoice 47 Cleaning of Public Toilets - September	£1,800.00
The Poundstock Packet	Approved Grant Payment Min Ref: 415/24	£750.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE 02/10/2024</b>		<b>£2,550.00</b>