

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 04-DECEMBER 2024

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 04-December 2024 at 7.05 p.m. in the Beach House, Widemouth Bay.

1. To note persons present and receive any apologies for absence with reason: 541/24

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

RESOLVED to accept apologies with reasons for absence given by Cllr. Max Faulkner, Steve Haynes and Pamela Idelson.

2. To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests: None received. 542/24

3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda. None received. 543/24

4. Public Open Session - Matters raised by members of the public on an agenda item: 544/24

A member of the public raised concern about possible construction of chalet-type buildings on land in the Millook area, although this has not been confirmed, prompting Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak to suggest she look into the matter further.

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 20-November 2024 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (1 abs). 545/24

(b) No matters arising. 546/24

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action with any associated expenditure: 547/24
Correspondence schedule was reviewed and **NOTED**.

7. Planning Matters:

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

PA24/08493 Proposal: Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling. Location: West Park, Leverlake, Road, Widemouth Bay, Bude, Cornwall EX23 0NA.

Following discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED to make no objection. 548/24

PA24/08841 Proposal: Reserved Matters in respect of PA17/08655 - (Outline application, with ALL matters reserved, for two no. two storey residential dwellings with associated access from Vicarage Lane) without compliance with Condition PA19/05525 of decision notice 1 dated 02/10/2019. Location: Bangors Cross Land North Of Atlantic View Poundstock Bude EX23 0AU.

Following lengthy discussions, PPC objections on the grounds that it considers this application is no longer extant, and is insufficiently detailed regarding matters of access to and from the highway, both within the lane and onto the A39, reflecting the objections raised by this Council in PA17/08655. 549/24

(b) To note any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting: None. 550/24

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> 551/24

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. 552/24

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 that the architects are making good progress, with final details being added to the plans, and they hope to have them available by the next meeting. It was unanimously RESOLVED to defer the Steering Group's Terms of Reference to the next meeting for further discussion. **553/24**

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

The Chair provided an update on the progress of works in the public toilets, noting that the sinks in the ladies have been fitted and the electrician has installed the new hand dryer. **554/24**

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

A response has been received from Countryside Team, confirming that the site has been inspected. This matter has now been referred to Cornwall Council for further consideration. Cornwall Council will provide a further update on the issue once it has been reviewed. **555/24**

(d) To discuss and revisit maintenance of the closed churchyard.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Eric Harris will review the current cutting of the wildlife area to address the issue of small saplings growing on graves. **556/24**

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action:

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(a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report:

Cllr. Nicky Chopak gave a report detailing several key updates. A vote of no confidence in the leader of Cornwall Council failed, with the main point of contention being Newquay Airport. The Cabinet decided that the Newquay Airport deal, initially offered, is not suitable for public disclosure at this time. Cllr. Chopak also noted that up to 25 car parks are potentially being transferred, as discussed by the Strategic Economic Growth Committee, noting Widemouth Bay is not one of them.

Regarding banking services, the community banking hub will likely be temporarily located at the Parkhouse Centre in Bude in the new year, with Bodmin being the next closest banking hub. Although, not located in Poundstock, increased HGV traffic is directly affecting the Marine Drive, the coast road through Widemouth. Cllr. Chopak mentioned the ongoing work to widen and tarmac the temporary rear service entrance to Whalesborough, which is being made into a more permanent entrance. She also advised that a retrospective planning application is expected, but she has been assured that access is only temporary. Cllr. Chopak highlighted concerns about the pop-up catering business at the North Viewpoint car park, which is brightly lit and leaves trade banners up overnight.

Cllr. Chopak is actively following up with highways to have the road markings at the junction of Treskinnick Cross reinstated, and a new 'Treskinnick Cross' signpost is being made for installation on new posts. Additionally, she noted the potential for a reduction in road speed along the A39 at Treskinnick Cross, which may be considered in conjunction with the upcoming consultation on the 20mph speed limits across the county, potentially enabling the speed reduction through Treskinnick Cross under the same Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). However, this will not happen until April, and she encouraged the Council to make the request at the appropriate time.

Cllr. Chopak also mentioned that she had received complaints from residents about trees overhanging the highway at Treskinnick Cross. While the verges are being cut back, the trees have been allowed to grow tall, with branches falling onto the highway and causing damage to properties. PPC to report this matter to highways. She is also working towards the installation of a bin at Bude Meadows lay-by, although Cornwall Council has raised concerns about placing a bin in a lay-by, as it could encourage fly-tipping. It was agreed PPC to request a quote for a large rubbish bin. Lastly, Cllr. Chopak spoke about fly-tipping and explained that residents must now book a time slot in advance to take their recycling to the Tiscott Woods Recycling Centre. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming CAP meeting on Monday 9-December, the Clerk has circulated the link to all members.

(b) Chair's Report:

The Chair gave his report, noting the upcoming CAP meeting on Monday 09-December, encouraging members to attend.

(c) Clerk's Report:

The Clerk enquired if there are any financial considerations or potential expenditures that will need to be addressed when preparing the budget for the 2025/26 precept.

11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: **558/24**

The Chair presented the NDP report, highlighting that the draft plan, which had been previously circulated by NDP Chair Matthew Blows, is pending the completion of the new maps before it can be sent to Cornwall Council. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to submit the draft NDP to Cornwall Council as soon as the new Maps are received.**

12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: No reports. **559/24**

13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: **560/24**

(a) Cemetery & Churchyard Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Eric Harris reported that the wooden surround around the noticeboards in the closed churchyard is in need of repair. It was noted that an offer had been made to the Gildhouse Committee to fund the repairs, provided PPC has no objection. The Council confirmed it has no objections, although there is some uncertainty as to whether this falls under the responsibility of PPC. Furthermore, Cllr Harris reported that uncut saplings are growing amongst the graves, which could potentially cause issues. It was agreed to include this in the maintenance contract for the closed churchyard. Additionally, ivy was noted to be growing on the cemetery wall and around the trees, it was further agreed to add this to the cemetery maintenance contract.

(b) Police Advocate, Cllr. Graeme Swatton reported on the latest Police and Crime Commissioner's weekly column. Although the Chief Officer for Devon and Cornwall Police has been suspended for some time, the Acting Chief Constable is now also under investigation and has been suspended. Cllr. Swatton also reported that Alison Hernandez reassured the community that efforts to tackle crime continue as normal, stating that it is 'business as usual' when she met the newest Tri-Service Safety Officers (TSSO's). The TSSO's are currently completing their training in Truro, with one having been based in Bude. These officers work in collaboration with Devon and Cornwall Police, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, and Cornwall's Antisocial Behaviour Teams.

(c) Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan, Lead Councillor for Requests for Information, noted that a response had been made to the ICO, their reply was received and addressed to him as the Lead Councillor for Requests for Information, and to date, no new FOI requests have been received.

14. Items for Information - None. **561/24**

15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda: **562/24**

Date of next meetings Wednesday 18-December 2024 and 15-January 2025.

16. Casual Vacancy - None. **563/24**

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. **564/24**

18. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 20:29. **565/24**

FINANCE SCHEDULE 04-DECEMBER 2024

INCOME

F.J. Stevens & Son	Memorial Fee (Jacquett)	£60.00
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TOTAL INCOME 04/12/2024 £60.00

EXPENDITURE

Poundstock PCC	Inv-3012324 - Contribution to Car Park 15/10/2024 (BACS)	£73.33
Robin Beagle	Inv- 214 - Emergency Repairs to Public Toilets 21/11/2024	£101.00
Paul Libretto	Inv-26.11.2024 - Works Public Toilets - New Sinks & Hand Dryer	£4,300.00
T.J. Davies Ltd	Inv-65 - Cleaning Public Toilets - November 2024 (BACS)	£1,200.00
Starboard Systems	Inv-7808 - (DD) 01/12/2024	£50.40

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 04/12/2024 £5,724.73