

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18-SEPTEMBER 2024

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18-September 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Gildhouse.

At the Chair's discretion Agenda Item 16. Casual Vacancy was moved up the agenda.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that John Worth be co-opted to the Council.** 394/24

**It was further RESOLVED to suspend the meeting whilst the Declaration of Acceptance of Office is duly signed, and to reconvene the meeting upon acceptance of office.** 395/24

1. To note persons present and receive any apologies for absence with reason: 396/24

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

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies with reasons for absence given by Cllr. Max Faulkner.

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. 397/24

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

None received. 398/24

4. Public Open Session - Matters raised by members of the public on an agenda item: None. 399/24

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 04-September 2024 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (2 abs).** 400/24

(b) No matters arising. 401/24

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: 402/24

Correspondence schedule was reviewed and **NOTED**.

7. Planning Matters:

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

PA24/06784 Proposal: Prior Approval for the conversion of a single-storey block building with a double-pitch gable roof to a single dwelling. Location: Barn Adjacent The Old Smithy, Treskinnick Cross, Bude EX23 ODX - NOTED. 403/24

(b) Any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting - NONE. 404/24

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> 405/24

It was noted PA24/02546 has been approved.

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

(a) To note income, banking and investment statements - **NOTED**. 406/24

(b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts.

**RESOLVED unanimously, to make payments as scheduled.** 407/24

(c) To agree monthly direct debit payments of £42.00 (plus VAT) to Starboard Systems Ltd.

**Unanimously RESOLVED to set up monthly direct debit payments of £42.00 (plus VAT) to Starboard Systems Ltd.** 408/24

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 expressed gratitude to all Councillors who attended the public event at the Beach House on 14-September. The event was well attended and successful. Feedback from the postcards indicated community support, making an important initial first step towards developing a medium-sized hall. Discussions also highlighted the importance of ongoing community engagement, including the potential formation of a Steering Group to encourage participation.

**Following the discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree in principle to the formation of a Steering Group.** 409/24

**It was further unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan would take the lead, along with Cllrs. Steve Haynes and John Worth in drafting the terms of reference for the Steering Group.** 410/24

**The next steps for the hall were also discussed, following which it was unanimously RESOLVED the medium-sized hall design will be sent back to the architect to develop more detailed drawings.** 411/24

(b) To consider next steps for the public toilets in Widemouth Bay. A site meeting is to be scheduled to review the upcoming improvement works and address any additional issues that may require attention. It was noted that the winter cleaning contract will soon be up for tender. A draft document will be circulated for feedback and suggestions. 412/24

(c) Update PROW 28 Combe Lane (Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan). Cllr. O’Sullivan reported that, to date, there has been no further correspondence from Cornwall Council on this matter. 413/24

(d) To consider Lead Councillor to address requests for information. **Following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan as the Lead Councillor to address requests for information.** 414/24

(e) To consider making a grant to the Poundstock Packet. **RESOLVED to approve a grant of £750.00 to the Poundstock Packet for ongoing costs.** 415/24

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action: 416/24

(a) Poundstock Ward Member’s Report: No report.

(b) Chair’s Report: The Chair reported that Cornwall Council has allocated a speed sign to Poundstock. The ongoing safety concerns regarding the public footpath which exits onto Marine Drive at the junction with Leverlake Road remains a matter of concern, and is to be re-examined by Cornwall Council for road safety improvements.

(c) Clerk’s Report: No report.

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

(a) To consider approval for the expenditure of £500 to £600 (plus vat) approximately for 5-7 hrs consultancy services to John Slater Planning Ltd.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £500 to £600 (plus vat).** 417/24

12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies - No reports. 418/24

13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: 419/24

**Police Liaison Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Graeme Swatton** reported attending the Police Advocate meeting held at Exeter Racecourse on Wednesday 11-September. A policing survey will soon be launched on the Commissioners’ website, gathering input from street-level and focusing on issues such as theft, burglaries, and anti-social behaviour disorders. The initiative includes an examination of hot spot policing, which aims to identify areas with known issues and enhance police presence in those locations. When communities face specific problems, the Community Safety Partnership Programme collaborates with residents to pinpoint concerns and develop practical solutions. Additionally, under the Government’s early release programme designed to alleviate

overcrowding, 40 additional prisoners have been released in the Devon and Cornwall area, raising concerns about increased pressure on probation services. Cllr. Swatton voiced apprehension regarding the insufficient community policing in the area, emphasising the importance of reporting every incident to enhance awareness of local issues. The contact resolution centres in Plymouth and Exeter handle all emergency 999 calls, non-emergency 101 calls, and 101 digital enquiries. It was noted callers need to be more aware of which number to call to prevent any delays.

14. Items for Information - None. **420/24**

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

Date of next meeting Wednesday 02-October 2024 at the Beach House, Widemouth Bay. **421/24**

16. Casual Vacancies - See minute reference 394/24.

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.

**422/24**

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

**423/24**

## FINANCE SCHEDULE 18-SEPTEMBER 2024

### BANKING & INVESTMENT STATEMENTS

CCLA	Statement 31/07/2024	£87,798.37
Call Account	Statement 31/07/2024	£93,273.66
Current Account	Statement 19/07/2024	£324,290.67
Reserve Account	Statement 20/06/2024	£61,358.23

### RECEIPTS

Cornwall Council	Precept Sept-2024 - Poundstock 02-Sep-2024	£20,586.09
Denise Wellington Ltd	Internment 05/09/2024	£220.00

**TOTAL INCOME 18/09/2024** **£20,806.09**

### EXPENDITURE

Starboard Systems Ltd	Invoice 6698 - Scribe Subscription	£50.40
British Gas Business	Invoice 862459677 Public Toilets Supply 02-Aug to 01-Sep 24	£123.01
Source for Business	Invoice 5087-1241-47 Cemetery Water 11-Jun to 03-Sep 24	£22.05
Source for Business	Invoice 5087-1229-32 Public Toilets Water 01-Jul to 03-Sep 24	£601.43
Gildhouse Management	Invoice Hall Hire 04-Sep and 18-Sep 24	£60.00
Staff Costs	Mth 6	£829.20
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 6	£219.67

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE 18/09/2024** **£1,905.76**