

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20-NOVEMBER 2024

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20-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: 515/24  
In attendance were Cllrs. Stephen Blake in the Chair and Cllrs. Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Steve Haynes, Pamela Idelson, Tom O’Sullivan and Graeme Swatton.  
**RESOLVED** to accept apologies with reasons for absence given by Cllr. John Worth.
  
2. To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests: None received. 516/24
  
3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda. None received. 517/24
  
4. Public Open Session - Matters raised by members of the public on an agenda item: 518/24  
A member of the public raised concerns about previously resolved highway matters.  
\* 19:07 Cllr. Pamela Idelson joined the meeting.
  
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 02-November 2024 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (2 abs).** 519/24  
(b) No matters arising. 520/24
  
6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action with any associated expenditure: 521/24  
Correspondence schedule was reviewed and **NOTED**.  
\* 19:11 Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan joined the meeting.  
(a) 12/11/2024 Let’s Save Newquay Airport from Closure? **Following discussions it was unanimously RESOLVED to write to Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak, expressing strong objection to the potential privatisation of Newquay Airport.**
  
7. Planning Matters:  
(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment:  
  
**PA24/08077** Proposal: Erection of a single storey dwelling. Location: Land East of 1 The Mallows, Widemouth Bay, Bude, Cornwall EX23 OAG.  
**Following discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED to object on the same grounds as the previous refusal (PA22/08082) as cannot identify any significant revisions to justify approval.** 522/24  
  
(b) To note any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting: 523/24  
PA24/08493 Proposal: Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling. Location: West Park Leverlake Road Widemouth Bay Bude Cornwall EX23 ONA.  
  
(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> 524/24
  
8. Finance to discuss and resolve a course of action with associated expenditure:  
(a) To note income, banking and investment statements - NOTED. 525/24  
  
(b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts as per schedule.  
**RESOLVED unanimously, to make payments as scheduled.** 526/24

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:

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that Wheal Grey be commissioned to conduct the Ecology Report.** 527/24

The Chair provided an update on the distribution of leaflets to households regarding the Community Hall Steering Group. **Following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED to defer the Terms of Reference for the Community Hall Steering Group.** 528/24

(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 during installation of the new sinks, significant underground drainage issues were identified, causing a complete blockage and contributing to the persistent odours. **Emergency repairs were carried out to address the issue, it was unanimously AGREED to ratify these emergency repairs.** 529/24

Additionally, two cabinets for cleaning schedule have been installed, and the new donation box has been fitted. However, the installation of the new urinal has been delayed as it arrived damaged and had to be returned.

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

The draft letter was reviewed, and following discussion **it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan would send the letter to Cornwall Council Countryside Access Team with the full support of the Council.** 530/24

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action:

531/24

(a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report: No report was received from the County Councillor Nicky Chopak, who had sent her apologies.

(b) Chair's Report: The Chair gave his report, noting that he attended an online Cornwall Council Budget Meeting, which highlighted significant challenges, with further service cuts anticipated. However, it remains unclear how Cornwall Council will achieve these reductions. He also attended a planning briefing update, which outlined potential changes pending any proposals from the new government. The Chair added that Councillors had a very proactive meeting with three Planning Officers from Cornwall Council. Cllrs. Michelle Carter and Tom O'Sullivan added their support, noting that the officers listened attentively and engaged with concerns raised. It was agreed that there would be improved engagement moving forward, fostering collaboration. Both sides demonstrated an understanding of the challenges associated with planning, making it a constructive and positive discussion. The Chair added to his report that the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial was well attended, reflecting the community's respect and support. Special thanks were extended to Cllr. Eric Harris for his efforts in clearing the area around the War Memorial, ensuring it was well-prepared for the occasion.

(c) Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported that the RBL Remembrance Day wreath, for which the Council previously gave a donation exceeding its cost, now requires payment upon collection. The Clerk confirmed payment of £27.50 was made for the wreath. It was noted that additional keys for the noticeboards are required at an approximate cost of £20.00 (plus vat), and that the magnetic pins need replacing at an approximate cost of £30.00 (plus vat). **It was RESOLVED to reimburse the Clerk for the cost of the wreath and to approve the purchase of the necessary items for the noticeboards.** 532/24

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

533/24

The Chair presented the NDP report, indicating the draft plan is progressing with remapping underway, and it is anticipated to move to the next stage pending the Council's approval.

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

534/24

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

535/24

(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 newsletter from Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez, which addressed national road safety initiatives, including the deployment of new unmarked camera vans. These vans are part of an effort to increase police presence on the roads, targeting offences such as drink driving, seatbelt violations, and mobile phone use while driving. Additionally, the Vision Zero South West road safety partnership aims to reduce fatal and serious collisions in Devon and Cornwall by 50% by 2030, with the ultimate goal of eliminating such incidents entirely by 2040. Commissioner Hernandez is also exploring the introduction of graduated driving licences, as well as roadside bans for drinking and driving offences, to enhance road safety and impose more immediate and effective penalties on offenders.

(c) Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan, the Lead Councillor for Requests for Information, reported that there have been no new requests for information. However, it is anticipated that ICO cases may arise from previous requests.

14. Items for Information - None. **536/24**

15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda: **537/24**  
Date of next meetings Wednesday 04-December 2024 and Wednesday 18-December 2024.

16. Casual Vacancy - None. **538/24**

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. **539/24**

18. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 20:18. **540/24**

## FINANCE SCHEDULE 20-NOVEMBER 2024

### BANKING AND INVESTMENT STATEMENTS

CCLA	Statement 31/10/2024	£88,535.84
Call Account	Statement 31/10/2024	£304,365.32
Current Account	Statement 21/10/2024	£254,886.69
Reserve Account	Statement 21/10/2024	£51,587.69

### INCOME

Denise Wellington Ltd	Interment Fee (Roberts)	£250.00	
		<b>TOTAL INCOME 20/11/2024</b>	<b>£250.00</b>

### EXPENDITURE

South West Hygiene	Inv-323244 02/11/2024 (BACS)	£364.03	
TEEC Limited	Inv-5100 - Annual Hosting Costs 2024 Pt 2 (BACS)	£187.20	
TEEC Limited	Inv-5101 - Annual Hosting Costs 2024 Pt 1 (BACS)	£259.20	
TEEC Limited	Inv. 5102 - WCAG Site Scan & Fault Repairs (BACS) Min Ref 492/24	£90.00	
Staff Costs	Mth 7 (BACS) Min Ref 505/24	£1,051.36	
HMRC/PAYE	PAYE/NIC Mth (BACS)	£313.60	
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE 20/11/2024</b>	<b>£2,265.39</b>