

## MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 05-FEBRUARY 2025

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 05-February 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the Beach House, Widemouth Bay.

1. To note persons present and receive any apologies for absence with reason: **031/25**

In attendance were Cllrs. Stephen Blake in the Chair and Cllrs. Michelle Carter, Steve Haynes, Tom O’Sullivan **RESOLVED** to accept apologies with reasons for absence given by Cllr. Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Graeme Swatton and John Worth.

The Chair informed the Council that Cllr. Max Faulkner had resigned from his position, as he no longer resides in the parish. He expressed his gratitude to Cllr. Faulkner for his commitment and valuable contributions to the Council over the years.

2. To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests: None received. **032/25**

3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda: None received. **033/25**

4. Public Open Session - Matters raised by members of the public on an agenda item: **034/25**  
Members of the public enquired about the partially erected barn at the junction of Coppathorne. Cllr. Nicky Chopak responded that the matter has been reported to Planning Enforcement.

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 15-January 2025 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (2 abs).** **035/25**

(b) Cllr. O’Sullivan thanked the Chair for acknowledging his role in securing the grant for Marhamchurch to purchase the Hele Bridge Trail for the benefit of parishioners and the wider community. **036/25**

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action with any associated expenditure: **037/25**  
Correspondence schedule was reviewed and **NOTED.**

(a) Danger to Combe Lane Users. A complaint was received regarding the fence at Little Foxes, located at the entrance to Combe Lane, which is causing an obstruction to visibility for motorists exiting the lane; the matter was discussed at length, and the installation of a large mirror was considered as a potential solution.

(b) PROW 28 Combe Lane. Cllr O’Sullivan reported that Countryside Access Team have been contacted for an update; the matter is being chased-up, and they will advise once they receive a response.

(c) Notice of Road Closure A39 between Treskinnick Cross and Wainhouse Closure from 03-March to 22-March 2025 from 19:00hrs to 06:00hrs.

7. Planning Matters:

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

**PA25/00281** Proposal: Permission in principle for proposed construction of up to 5 dwellings (Min. Of 3 Max of 5)  
Location: Contractors Yard Coppathorne Poundstock Bude Cornwall EX23 ODD.

**Following discussion a motion was put forward to make an objection on the grounds that the site is unrelated to any settlement and does not constitute infill development; it is neither accessible nor sustainable, being entirely car-dependent; the elevated position of the ridge line will result in a highly prominent and intrusive feature within the surrounding countryside; its proximity to the AONB raises concerns about the impact on the protected landscape; and there are serious concerns regarding the long-term use of the site, as the land could be significantly contaminated. A vote was taken on the motion, which resulted in a tie, the Chair’s casting vote carried the motion.** **038/25**

**PA25/00429** Proposal: Change of Use of land for the siting of 2 no Shepherds Huts for holiday accommodation and associated works. Location: Land South of west of Mount Pleasant Cottage Poundstock Bude Cornwall EX23 ODD.

**Following discussions it was unanimously RESOLVED to make no objections.** **039/25**

**PA25/00430** Proposal: Change of Use of land for the sitting of 2 no Shepherds Huts for holiday accommodation and associated works. Location: Land North of Coppathorne Popundstock Bude Cornwall EX23 ODD.

**Following discussions it was unanimously RESOLVED to make no objections.** **040/25**

(b) To note any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting: PA25/00764 Proposal: Retrospective provision of a stone faced wall, together with associated works. Location: The Old Tearoom Millook Coast Road Bude Cornwall. **041/25**

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **042/25**

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

(a) To note income, banking and investment statements **NOTED.** **043/25**

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

**RESOLVED unanimously, to make payments as scheduled.** **044/25**

(c) To receive and accept the quarterly budget reports and procedural reviews - Agreed to defer. **045/25**

(d) To agree the appointment of internal auditors for the 2024/25 accounts - **RESOLVED to APPOINT All Points Accountancy Ltd.**

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

(a) To receive an update and consider next steps for a new hall for Poundstock:

The Chair reported the planning application for the new hall has been submitted to Cornwall Council, making a positive step forward in providing a much-needed facility for the parish. **046/25**

(b) To receive an update and consider next steps for the public toilets in Widemouth Bay:

**The tender for the electrical work required for the public toilets was reviewed, and it was unanimously RESOLVED to invite tenders for the project.** **047/25**

**The tender for the annual cleaning of the public toilets for the public toilets were reviewed, and it was unanimously RESOLVED to invite tenders for the contract.** **048/25**

The wording for the CCTV notices was approved, and it was agreed to proceed with the signage. It was also noted the CCTV cameras are on order (Min. Ref. 580/24).

It was also discussed that the newly fitted windows of the public toilets should be cleaned regularly to protect them from the coastal elements and sand. This should include the two perspex bus shelters and the three notice boards as required. **It was RESOLVED to prepare a tender document.** **049/25**

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action: **050/25**

(a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report:

Cllr. Nicky Chopak reported that the Leader of Cornwall Council will be stepping down in May following a vote of no confidence. The Council's budget is expected to be £6 million short. This deficit includes a shortfall in local government grants, which cover pay. Additionally the rise in National Insurance contributions will not be covered by the government, further impacting the budget. Disappointingly, the Community Chest for County Councillors' grant is being discontinued.

The Adult Education Centre in Launceston has been granted a reprieve for the time being. The selection of car parks suitable for ANPR remains under review. A group of Councillors are advocating for government approval to allow Cornwall Council to implement ANPR in these car parks. There are no further updates regarding Newquay Airport, as it remains subject to upcoming elections. Cllr. Chopak spoke about some of the difficulties faced in the role of a Councillor, acknowledging that PPC Councillors are working well together and

making significant progress in their roles. She encouraged all Councillors to continue in their demanding roles and stand for re-election.

**(b) Chair's Report:**

The Chair reported attending a recent Planning Conference, which was disappointing for Neighbourhood Development Plans, now being replaced by a Neighbourhood Priority Statement. He also attended a conference on procurement regulations.

**(c) Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk attended a virtual training session to enhance skills with the accounting software in preparation for the upcoming financial year-end, ensuring efficient and accurate account management. The Clerk made a request to the Council to consider a year-end house check of the accounts by Scribe, cost to be confirmed.

The Local Maintenance Partnership documents for the 2025-26 Public Rights of Way and South West Coast Path maintenance will be available soon. Cornwall Council has been informed of the resignation of Cllr. Max Faulkner, and a Notice of Vacancy is to be posted.

**11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: 051/25**

The Chair gave the NPD report, stating that it is currently at the first assessment stage. Due to the changes in planning policy instigated by the national government it is uncertain whether it will be completed in time, leaving the future of the NDP unclear.

**12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: No reports. 052/25**

**13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: 053/25**

Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan, Lead Councillor for Requests for Information. **Following discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED for Cllr. O'Sullivan to attend FOI Training Sessions.**

**14. Items for Information - None. 054/25**

**15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda: 055/25**

Date of next meeting Wednesday 19-February 2025.

**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.

**056/25**

**17. Close the Meeting - Meeting Closed at 20:54. 057/25**

**FINANCE SCHEDULE 05-FEBRUARY 2025**

**BANKING AND INVESTMENT STATEMENTS**

CCLA	Statement 31/12/2024	£89,258.23
Call Account	Statement 31/12/2024	£306,885.26
Current Account	Statement 21/01/2025	£95,371.72
Reserve Account	Statement 21/01/2025	£51,797.88

**INCOME - NONE**

**EXPENDITURE**

Robin Beagle	Invoice 230 Emergency Work Public Toilets (BACS)	£75.00
Cornwall Env Consult.	Invoice 11918 LLCA Amendments NDP (BACS)	£495.00
Paul Libretto	Invoice 28/01/2205 Emergency Work Public Toilets (BACS)	£45.00
Portal Plan Quest Ltd	Invoice 31/01/2025 Planning Application Fee (Min: 021/25)(BACS)	£1,515.00
Laurence Associates	Invoice 39566 Architects Services for New Hall (BACS)	£12,382.80
Wheal Grey Ecology Ltd	Invoice 31/01/2025 Ecology Appraisal	£1,735.31
Starboard Systems	Invoice 8968 (DD) 01/02/2025)	£50.40

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE 05/02/2025    £16,298.51**