

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19-FEBRUARY 2025

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19-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: 058/25
In attendance were Cllrs. Stephen Blake in the Chair and Cllrs. Michelle Carter, Eric Harris, Steve Haynes, Pamela Idelson, Tom O’Sullivan and Graeme Swatton.
RESOLVED to accept apology with reason 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. 059/25
3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda: None received. 060/25
4. Public Open Session - Matters raised by members of the public on an agenda item: None received. 061/25
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 05-February 2025 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (3 abs). 062/25
(b) Note any matters arising - None. 063/25
6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action with any associated expenditure: 064/25
Correspondence schedule was reviewed and **NOTED**.
(a) 05/02/2025 - CALC Response to Standards Consultation - Councillors were encouraged to consider submitting a response to the Standards Consultation on their own behalf.
7. Planning Matters:
(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment:
PA25/00764 Proposal: Retrospective provision of a stone faced wall, together with associated works Location: The Old Tearoom, Millook Coast Road, Bude, Cornwall EX23 0DQ.
Following discussions, **it was RESOLVED to OBJECT to this retrospective planning application on the grounds that the existing structure is an artificial construction in a natural location within a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) compromising the natural character and ecological integrity of the area (1 abs).** 065/25
PA25/00881 Proposal: Construction of Parish Hall location: Land South of Bangors, Poundstock, Bude Cornwall EX23 0DP. **Following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED, no objection.** 066/25
(b) To note any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting: PA25/00837. 067/25
(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> 068/25
8. Finance to discuss and resolve a course of action with associated expenditure:
(a) To note income, banking and investment statements **NOTED.** 069/25
(b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts as per schedule.
RESOLVED unanimously, to make payments as scheduled. 070/25
(c) To resolve to approve Scribe Year-end House Check for £59.00 (plus vat).
RESOLVED unanimously to approve Scribe Year-end House Check for £59.00 (plus vat). 071/25
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 that the planning application for the new hall has since been validated PA25/00881, awaiting decision 072/25
- (b) To receive an update and consider next steps for the public toilets in Widemouth Bay - CCTV Cameras, along with appropriate signage, are soon be installed at the public toilets in Widemouth Bay. 073/25
- (c) To discuss and consider the response to the HELAA Local Council Consultation.
A technical brief in response to the HELLA Local Council Consultation had been circulated, and following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Chair would submit the response. 074/25

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action: 075/25

(a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report:

Cllr. Nicky Chopak reported the Full Council meeting next week to discuss the budget. Certain car parks are being transferred for ANPR implementation. Suggested closures of Household Waste and recycling Centres for two days a week raised concerns about fly tipping.

(b) Chair's Report: The Chair had no further reports beyond the items listed on the agenda.

(c) Clerk's Report:

Tender documents for the annual cleaning of the public toilets in Widemouth Bay have been sent to contractors. The deadline for submission of tenders in 18-March 2025. The Clerk has enrolled in further training sessions to ensure compliance and efficiency in preparing for the financial year-end. CCTV cameras and accessories have been purchased. **It was agreed to reimburse the Clerk's expenditure under Clerks expenses.** 076/25

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

The Chair delivered the report on behalf of the NDP Chair. It was noted that the new housing allocation must now be incorporated into the NDP, if approved, the updated NDP will remain in effect until 2030. **Following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED to instruct John Slater to consult on the necessary work to align the draft NDP with the new housing allocation, at an estimated cost of £493.80 plus vat.** 077/25

12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: No reports. 078/25

13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: 079/25

- (a) Police Advocate, Cllr. Graeme Swatton presented the report form the Police and Crime Commissioner. Chief Constable James Vaughan announced plans to reduce the number of senior ranks within the force to increase the number of constables in the community. Windfall funding from second homes council tax, additional contributions through the precept, and central government investment in neighbourhood policing will be sought to support the creation of a more visible and responsive police force. To date, 17 police station front desks have been reopened, bringing the total across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to 26.
- (b) Lead Councillor for Requests for Information, Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan provided an update regarding the current situation with FOI's and it was agreed at Cllr. O'Sullivan's suggestion that a six-month review is conducted to assess progress and identify any issues encountered within this role at a future meeting.

(c) PROW's Cllrs. Pamela Idelson reported that the footbridges in the Millook Valley are in need of repair. Cllr. Chopak will follow up on this matter.

14. Items for Information - None. 080/25

15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda: 081/25

Date of next meeting Wednesday 05-March 2025 and 19-March 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.

082/25

17. Close the Meeting - Meeting Closed at 20:46.

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FINANCE SCHEDULE 19-FEBRUARY 2025

BANKING AND INVESTMENT STATEMENTS

CCLA	Statement 31/01/2025	£89,618.34
Call Account	Statement 31/01/2025	£308,162.58
Current Account	Statement 21/01/2025	£95,371.72
Reserve Account	Statement 21/01/2025	£51,797.88

INCOME - NONE

EXPENDITURE

Tree Fella Southwest	Invoice 1454 LMP PROW and SWCP 2024/25 (BACS)	£4,560.00
British Gas	Invoice 814786685 Public Toilets 02-Jan to 01-Feb 25 (BACS)	£157.72
T.J. Davies Cleaning	Invoice Cleaning Public Toilets February 2025 (BACS)	£1,200.00
Staff Costs	Mth 11 (BACS)	£856.92
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 11 (BACS)	£231.46

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 19/02/2025 £7,006.10