

## MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 01-MAY 2024

An Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 01-May 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Gildhouse, with Cllr. Stephen Blake in the Chair and Cllrs. Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan and the Clerk present.

1. To receive apologies for absence: 175/24  
Apologies with reason for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Steve Haynes. Cllr. Graeme Swatton was absent.

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 received. 176/24

3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda.  
None received. 177/24

4. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item: 178/24  
A member of the public expressed concern regarding the unsightly signage alongside the A39 at Bude Meadows, which obstructs the visibility of motorists leaving the lay-by, which poses a significant safety hazard, an issue already reported to the County Councillor for action.

5. To resolve that the Minutes of the previous Full Council Meeting are an accurate record:  
(a) Minutes of Full Council:  
**RESOLVED unanimously that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17-April 2024 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.** 179/24  
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17-April 2024 were deferred to the next meeting.  
(b) No matters arising.

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: 180/24  
Correspondence schedule received was reviewed and **NOTED**.  
(a) Weekly Decision List 14/04/24 to 23/04/24 5-Day Protocol PA24/09427 - Approved - **NOTED**.  
(b) Weekly Planning Decisions PA24/00829 - **NOTED**.  
(c) CALC Training Courses Reminder - Code of Conduct.

*\* At the Chairman's discretion, the report from Cllr. Nicky Chopak was prioritised on the agenda, but for convenience the minutes remain ordered according to the agenda.*

7. Planning Matters:  
(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment: -  
**PA24/02546** Change of use from holiday let to unfettered dwelling (C3 use including holiday let) Salthouse Cottage Kennacott Court Holiday Cottages Bude Cornwall - PA24/02546.  
**RESOLVED - No objections, supporting the applicant's suggestion that the property would be available to local people, addressing local demand, unanimous.** 181/24

**PA24/00403**-PREAPP Land West Of Woolstone Farmhouse Poundstock Bude Cornwall EX23 0NB  
Pre-application advice for a temporary agricultural workers' dwelling (for a period of five years) and associated works for a market garden including an agricultural pack shed PA24/00403/PREAPP - **NOTED.** 182/24

**PA24/02786** Extension of general purpose agricultural shed Highway Poundstock Bude Cornwall - PA24/02786.  
**RESOLVED - No objections, unanimous.** 183/24

(b) Any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only. 184/24  
**PA24/03020** Proposal - Change of use of dwelling from managers dwelling, as approved on Decision

2002/0892 and as modified by 2004/00631, to unrestricted residential use dwelling Location - Higher Widemouth Farm Widemouth Bay Bude Cornwall - PA24/03020.

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **185/24**

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 to make payments as per schedule, unanimous.** **186/24**

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

(a) To consider the next steps for a new hall for Poundstock - Awaiting communication from the architects regarding the designs for the new hall. **187/24**

(b) To consider next steps for the public toilets in Widemouth Bay - Cllr. Max Faulkner reported the public toilets are operating efficiently. Two new complete sets of keys have been distributed to the portfolio holder and the Chair, ensuring easy access for administrative tasks. Cllr. Max Faulkner and the Clerk are sourcing new coin-operated mechanisms for the showers. Cllr. Michelle Carter and the Clerk are requesting revised quotes for the windows to be non-opening double glazed units. Finally, the donation box has been damaged by the salt air and is currently unable to open, Cllr. Faulkner is working on solutions to repair. **188/24**

(c) In light of recent planning decision, to discuss inconsistencies in Cornwall Planning and consider what if any actions PPC considers appropriate (Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan) - The Councillors collectively and individually addressed the extensive inconsistencies in planning decisions with the parish made by Cornwall Council, citing numerous cases as examples during their discussions. **Following lengthy discussions, it was RESOLVED that Planning Portfolio Holder Cllr. Michelle Carter and Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan would collaborate on drafting a letter to Davina Pritchard, Group Leader Teams 7 & 8, outlining the concerns regarding the inconsistencies in planning decisions with the parish made by Cornwall Council, unanimous.** **189/24**

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action: **190/24**

(a) Poundstock Ward Member’s Report:

Cllr. Nicky Chopak advised the B3254 in Whitstone will be closed from 09-May for one week by South West Water for essential repairs. Voting for the Police and Crime Commission will be open on Thursday 09-May from 7am to 10pm, reminding residents to bring identification to participate in the voting process. Residents were encouraged to attend a meeting with the Leader of Cornwall Council, Linda Taylor in Bude on 13-May to discuss various community issues and initiatives.

Cllr. Chopak has £3,000 available to spend in the Community Chest Fund for projects, she encouraged the Council to submit a request for funding, maybe in considering the new gateway signage into Widemouth Bay.

The next Community Area Partnership meeting will be on 10-June 2024, starting earlier at 5:15pm to focus on suicide awareness workshops and can also be accessed online for those unable to attend in person. As part of the Community Area Partnership, Cllr. Chopak is now charing the Cross-Border work related to health initiatives, linking health services across borders between North Devon, Barnstable and Derriford.

Finally, Cllr. Chopak raised questions to the event organisers of the ‘Funk up the Farm’ event, who have responded by addressing the concerns raised by residents at the meeting, this information is available on their website.

(b) Chair’s Report:

The Chairman addressed several important matters concerning Sand Road. Firstly, he highlighted that Cornwall Council has issued instructions to the landowners adjacent to Sand Road. They are directed to remove the signage and speed ramps they have installed along the road. Additionally, they have emphasised that these landowners are not to obstruct or prevent people from utilising this highway.

Furthermore, he mentioned a promising development in resolving this issue. Historical photographs of Sand Road are currently being reviewed to provide assistance in addressing the matter in hand.

(c) Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the upcoming Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) meeting schedule for 09-May in the Gildhouse. Additionally, the Listening Event with the Leader of Cornwall Council Linda Taylor, set to take place open 13-May at the Falcon, Bude.

The Clerk initiated an enquiry into the management of defibrillators with other Parish and Town Councils for advice and insights on best practices. **Furthermore, the Clerk sought Council's advice on whether to continue with the Zoom subscription, it was unanimously RESOLVED to discontinue the service and reimburse the Clerk's expenses to date.** **191/24**

The Clerk extended heartfelt gratitude to the Councillors for the beautiful bouquet of flowers bestowed at the Annual Parish Meeting, commemorating 30 years of service.

11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: - No report. **192/24**

12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: - No reports. **193/24**

13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: - No reports. **194/24**

14. Items for Information: It was reported that the Poundstock Packet will continue publication. **195/24**

15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda:  
Date of next meeting Wednesday 15-May 2024, to be confirmed. **196/24**

16. Casual Vacancies – None received. **197/24**

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.

18. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 20:50. **198/24**

**FINANCE SCHEDULE 01-MAY 2024**

EXPENDITURE

Zurich Municipal                      10/04/2024 Insurance Renewal 532451457                      £576.60

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE 01/05/2024                      £576.60**