

## MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2022

An Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Thursday 24 November 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in The Gildhouse with Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Steve Haynes, Tom O’Sullivan and the Clerk present.

Public Present: 16 & County Councillor N Chopak.

Due to the resignations of the Chair Cllr. Robert Gavin and Vice-Chair Cllr. Gemma Watton Cllr. Stephen Blake opened the meeting with the first order of business being to elect a new Chair.

**RESOLVED** Cllr. Stephen Blake be elected Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

Proposed Cllr. Steve Haynes      Seconded Cllr. Eric Harris      (5-0) (1 abs)      **609/22**

### 1. To receive apologies for absence:

**RESOLVED** apologies received from Cllr. Pamela Ideslon be accepted.

Proposed Cllr. Steve Haynes      Seconded Cllr. Michelle Carter      (6-0)      **610/22**

### 2. To appoint a Vice-Chair:

**RESOLVED** Cllr. Steve Haynes be appointed Vice-Chair.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake      Seconded Cllr. Michelle Carter      (5-0) (1 abs)      **611/22**

### 3. To appoint Councillors to the following portfolio’s

a) Highways (x2) – Deferred.

b) Planning (x1) – Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan stood down as Planning Portfolio.

**RESOLVED** Cllr. Michelle Carter be appointed to Planning Portfolio.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake      Seconded Cllr. Steve Haynes      (5-0) (1 abs)      **612/22**

c) Widemouth Bay Toilets, Car Park and Beach (x1)

**RESOLVED** Cllr. Max Faulkner is reappointed to Widemouth Bay Toilets Portfolio.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake      Seconded Cllr. Michelle Carter      (5-0) (1 abs)      **613/22**

### 4. To receive Declaration of Interest and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and any Other Significant Interest (OSI).

(a) Relating to any items appearing on the agenda: -

Cllr. Steve Haynes      Old Parish Hall      Pecuniary to leave the room      **614/22**

(b) Gifts over £50.00 – None received.

### 5. Council to consider requests for dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda.

None received.      **615/22**

### 6. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item:      **616/22**

Members of the public spoke at length on the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 regarding the decision to approve planning application PA21/01480: Construction of a crematorium with associated access, landscaping and infrastructure (Land West of the A39 Poundstock

Bude Cornwall EX23 0DE).

The Chair used his discretion to bring forward item 12(a) next on the agenda for ease, the minutes will be written in agenda order.

7. To resolve that the Minutes of previous Full Council Meeting are an accurate record:

a) Minutes Full Council **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

**RESOLVED** that an amendment be made to Min 579/22 that Cllrs. Max Faulkner and Eric Harris left the meeting before PA22/08537 was discussed. The Minutes were then confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meetings and signed by the Chair.

Proposed Cllr. Steve Haynes      Seconded Cllr. Michelle Carter      (6-0)      **617/22**

b) Minutes Community Hall Committee

(i) NOTE the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2022 – NOTED.      **618/22**

(ii) NOTE the draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2022 – NOTED.      **619/22**

c) CHC Minutes Recommendations:

\* Cllr. Steve Haynes left the meeting before the following agenda item was discussed.

(i) To recommend to full Council to apply for outline planning permission to demolish the old parish hall and replace with up to 2 houses.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan with the Clerk make the application as given.

Proposed Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan      Seconded Cllr. Stephen Blake      (6-0)      **620/22**

8. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: NOTED.      **621/22**

9. Planning Matters:

a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment on the following applications: -

**PA22/08082** Proposed new one storey, 2-bedroom residential property with associated exterior landscaping at Land East Of 1 The Mallows, Marine Drive, Widemouth Bay, Bude.

Following lengthy discussions, it was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** for the following reasons: -

Overdevelopment of the site, inappropriate location, inadequate parking and continuing concerns about the infrastructure notably the overladed sewage system in Widemouth Bay.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake      Seconded Cllr. Steve Haynes      (5-1)      **622/22**

**PA22/09795** Alterations and extensions to Bingera Cottage, further to extant approval PA21/06472.

Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED NO OBJECTIONS**.

Proposed Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan      Seconded Cllr. Michelle Carter      (6-0)      **623/22**

b) Planning Decisions – NOTED <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications>      **624/22**

c) Planning correspondence: -

PA21/12761 - Committee Notification.

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**AGREED** Cllr. Stephen Blake to attend the meeting and to represent the Council.      **625/22**

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

a) To note balances as at 24 November 2022 – **NOTED.** **626/22**

b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts and note income as per schedule: -  
**RESOLVED** to make the payments to include accounts presented by the date of the meeting. **627/22**

c) To discuss and agree staff new pay awards and additional back-pay remuneration: -  
**AGREED** to move item 10(c) to the end of the meeting.

11. Agenda Items to discuss and resolve a course of action and associated expenditure: -

a) Widemouth Bay Toilets – Update on repairs under licence and agree additional works and costs.

**RESOLVED** that Drainology carry out additional works at the cost quoted of £1,540.00.

Proposed Cllr. Max Faulkner      Seconded Cllr. Eric Harris      (unanimous) **628/22**

b) Quote for rubbish and dog bins in Bude Meadows and Wanson lay-bys: -

Location sites to be identified for accurate costs to empty the bins can be given. Clerk to ask Cllr. Pamela Idelson for assistance in this matter. **629/22**

c) Update on PA21/01480 planning decision to approve the crematorium and to discuss and resolve a course of action and associated expenditure: -

Members of the public were invited to participate, following lengthy discussion with a clear mandate and the democratic support from members of the public the following resolutions were made: -

(i) **RESOLVED** to find a solicitor and ask for an estimate of the various stages and costs of a judicial review to be considered by the Council at the next meeting.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake      Seconded Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan      (unanimous) **630/22**

(ii) **RESOLVED** the Chair with the Clerk write to Planning Officer Helen Blacklock to ask when the decision will be published.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake      Seconded Cllr. Michelle Carter      (unanimous) **631/22**

(iii) **RESOLVED** a letter of thanks be sent to Marhamchurch Parish Council for the support given.

Proposed Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan      Seconded Cllr. Stephen Blake      (unanimous) **632/22**

(iv) **RESOLVED** that this Council explores how to produce a letter of no confidence in the planning processes of Cornwall Council with respect to the crematorium decision and explore through Code of Conduct legislation how to pursue some form of complain against officers and any other representatives of Cornwall Council who were involved.

Proposed Cllr. Steve Haynes      Seconded Cllr. Michelle Carter      (unanimous) **633/22**

(v) **RESOLVED** to write to the legal department of Cornwall Council for the justification under the Code of Conduct for allowing Cornwall Councillor Peter Labroy to speak on behalf of Bude and Stratton Town Council without the authorisation from Bude and Stratton Town Council.

Proposed Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan      Seconded Cllr. Steve Haynes      (unanimous) **634/22**

d) Consultation – Dogs on Beaches Questionnaire (28/11/2022): -

**RESOLVED** Cllr. Michelle Carter completes the survey.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake      Seconded Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan      (unanimous) **635/22**

e) Bude Community Network Highways Scheme (30/11/2022): -

Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED** re-submit an Expression of Interest for a speed limit reduction to 20 mph through Bangors Green.

Proposed Cllr. Steve Haynes      Seconded Cllr. Stephen Blake      (unanimous)      **636/22**

Further **RESOLVED** to submit a second application for a public footpath from Poundstock to the lay-by alongside Swelle Cottages.

Proposed Cllr. Max Faulkner      Seconded Cllr. Stephen Blake      (unanimous)      **637/22**

12. To receive written reports and authorise any action: -      **638/22**

a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report – Cllr. Nicky Chopak gave a public thank you to everyone for attending the Strategic Planning Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. She confirmed the annual grant from Cornwall Council towards the running of the public toilets of £15,000 has been confirmed for the next three years, pending written confirmation. The Dogs on Beaches survey is underway which she encouraged the Council to participate in. Having attended the last Community Hall Committee meeting she is hopeful of giving some feedback to matters discussed at a later date.

b) Chair's Report – The Chairman thanked fellow councillors for their support and is looking forward to working alongside everyone with the challenges ahead.

c) Clerk's Report – No report.

13. Crematorium Working Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: -

**RESOLVED** that the Crematorium Working Group be dissolved.

Proposed Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan      Seconded Cllr. Stephen Blake      (unanimous)      **639/22**

14. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: -      **640/22**

NDP Chair Matthew Blows gave the report – A public event is to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00 pm in the Gildhouse to present the results of the recent survey and discuss the draft Local Landscape Character Assessment.

**RESOLVED** a payment of £50.00 for advertising be made to the Poundstock Packet.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake      Seconded Cllr. Michelle Carter      (unanimous)      **641/22**

15. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: -

Gildhouse Management Committee – Cllr. Eric Harris spoke of the concerns about the roots of a large tree to the north potentially causing damage to the Gildhouse.

**RESOLVED** to investigate for Tree Preservation Order and get quote.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake      Seconded Cllr. Eric Harris      (unanimous)      **642/22**

16. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: -      **643/22**

No reports.

15. Items for Information: -      **644/22**

16. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda: - To be confirmed.      **645/22**

17. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) Act 1960

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be discussed, the public are excluded and instructed to withdraw for agenda item 10(c) to discuss and agree staff new pay awards and additional back-pay remuneration.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake    Seconded Cllr. Steve Haynes    (unanimous)    **646/22**

**RESOLVED** to increase hourly wage in line with recommendations backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

Proposed Cllr. Stephen Blake    Seconded: Cllr. Eric Harris    Unanimous    **647/22**

18. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 20:52.    **648/22**

## Appendix A: SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE

### EXPENDITURE

Cornwall Environmental Consultants	NDP Landscape Character Assessment	£3,096.00
T.J. Davies Cleaning	Public Toilets – Widemouth Bay 01-30/11	£702.00
Drainology (Wales Environmental Ltd)	Drainage Survey Widemouth Bay Toilets	£300.00
Cornwall Council	Contested Election 13/01/2022	£4,626.95
Cllr. Eric Harris	Expenses Claim	£103.80
Staff	Costs	£817.78
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£8.25
Drainology (Wales Environmental Ltd)	Invoice 367149	£8,766.00
Poundstock Packet	NDP Advertising	£50.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE 24/11/2022</b>		<b>£18,470.78</b>

### RECEIPTS

Public Toilets	Donations>Showers – 100217	£40.00
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<b>TOTAL INCOME 24/11/2022</b>		<b>£155.36</b>