

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING OF POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JULY 2022

An Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Tuesday 26 July 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in The Gildhouse with Cllrs. Robert Gavin (Chair), Stephen Blake, Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Brian Furse, Eric Harris, Tom O’Sullivan, Gemma Watton (Vice-Chair) and the Clerk present.

Public Present: 16

1. To receive apologies for absence: **260/22**

RESOLVED that apology received from Cllr. Steve Haynes be accepted.

2. To receive Declaration of Interest and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and any Other Significant Interest (OSI). **261/22**

(a) Relating to any items appearing on the agenda – None received.

(b) Gifts over £50.00 – None received.

3. Council to consider requests for dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda.
None received. **262/22**

4. Casual Vacancy:

RESOLVED that Michelle Carter be co-opted to the Council unopposed. **263/22**

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the new Councillor to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office following which the meeting was reconvened.

5. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item: **264/22**

A member of the public spoke on PROW 533/31 to Wanson steps have been put in place but a handrail is still required and the route is now quite overgrown. PROW 533/8 Lower Penhalt and 533/15 are also overgrown. Cllr. Pamela Idelson advised trimming of the aforementioned routes will be undertaken this week and a handrail is scheduled to be installed by Cornwall Council, Cllr. Idelson to follow-up on timescale. Questions relating to the Crematorium to be taken at the appropriate agenda item 10(d). The Chair thanked the public for attending the meeting.

6. 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 28 June 2022-
RESOLVED that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meetings and were signed by the Chair, Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan abstained. **265/22**

(b) Minutes Community Hall Committee NOTE the draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2022 **RESOLVED** that the Committee Minutes were **NOTED**. **266/22**

(d) CHC Minutes Recommendations:

(i) To recommend to the full Council to be prepared in future to register a Poundstock Community Hall with the Charity Commission. After lengthy discussion this matter was deferred. **267/22**

7. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action:

a) CALC Training Schedule July & August 2022 – **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**. **268/22**

b) Rural Services Bulletin (12/07 & 19/07/2022) - **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**. **269/22**

- c) Correspondence from Cornwall Councillor Chopak. (28/06/2022) - **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**. **270/22**
- d) Town & Parish Council Newsletter (01/07/2022) - **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan abstained. **271/22**
- e) Letter from resident regarding provision of a passing place for vehicles on the access road connecting the A39 to the hamlets of Tregole and Trewint. **RESOLVED** that Highways Lead Member Cllr. Brian Furse meets with Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopack and Area Manager Oliver Jones to investigate. **272/22**
- f) Letter from resident regarding provision of a dropped curb to access Widemouth Bay Beach opposite Trelawney, Cllr. Chopack advised Area Manager Oliver Jones is aware of the request and will follow-up. **273/22**
- g) Letter from resident regarding 2021/22 AGAR – **RESOLVED** to make a formal response to the External Auditor when requested. **274/22**

8. Planning Matters:

- a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment on the following applications: -
PA22/04424 - Change of use, conversion and extension of disused agricultural barn to family dwelling at Land East of Nettlefox Farm, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall.
RESOLVED to **OBJECT** to this application considering it to be an inappropriate development in an isolated rural location contrary to Policies 12 and 27 of the Cornwall Local Plan in respect of design and appearance; transport and accessibility. **275/22**

PA22/06162 - Use of land for the siting of 149 holiday lodges (technically static caravans as defined under the 1960 Caravan Act) and associated infrastructure, in place of permanently-sited touring caravans at Widemouth Bay Caravan Park Poundstock Bude Cornwall.

RESOLVED to **OBJECT** for the following reasons; No Landscape and Visual Impact Report; No planting plan; No evidence to support the comment that SWW are content with the proposal in terms of the sewage system and its capacity.

It is within an AONB, AGLV and Heritage Coast and the PC are concerned regarding the impact of the development. The PC does not feel that this development is of an appropriate scale, mass and design that recognises and respects these landscape characters.

The PC does not feel that such a large-scale development is of a scale appropriate to its location nor has an overriding business need been demonstrated.

This site will no longer provide a mix of camping, touring caravans and permanent static homes and instead it will become a wholly permanent static caravan park.

The PC has concluded that the design and layout and density of the static lodges is overdevelopment of the site and risks creating a precedent. The PC does not form the view that this development takes into account and respects the sensitivity of the area and considers there to be cumulative impact on the area if this development proceeds.

It is therefore contrary to Policies 1, 2, 5, 12 and 23 of the CLP for the above reasons. **276/22**

- b) Planning Decisions – View at <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **277/22**

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

- a) To receive and approve the Income and Bank Balances as per finance schedule.
RESOLVED to agree income and bank balances. **278/22**

b) To resolve to authorise payments totalling £6,290.79 as per finance schedule and to consider payment of urgent accounts presented by the date of the meeting.

RESOLVED to make the payments to include accounts presented by the date of the meeting. **279/22**

c) Quarterly Budget Analysis – **RESOLVED** to Defer. **280/22**

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

a) Update on Child Poverty in the area (Cllr. Steve Haynes) – A detailed report was circulated. **281/22**

b) Update on Methodist Hall – **NOTED** that a response had been received from the Superintendent Minister of Bude & Holsworthy Circuit acknowledging receipt of the correspondence from the Council and that a response may take some time. **282/22**

c) Update on Public Toilets in Widemouth Bay – The Chair Cllr. Gavin reported that Cornwall Council in discussions with Cllr. Chopak has agreed to remove, under section 2.1 Terms for Freehold Transfer for the Public Toilets, ‘The Vendor reserves the right to charge the Purchaser a reasonable proportion of the costs for maintenance of the access route’. The poor condition of the showers is also a concern, Cornwall Council is to provide costs to replace and/or to relocate the showers within the building. To assist with future revenue, Cornwall Council will consider providing costings for coin operated entry doors on the public toilets. Cost for a CCTV Drainage Survey is to be considered at the next meeting. The Chair thanked Cllrs. Max Faulkner and Eric Harris for carrying out emergency repairs to the showers, securing the disabled door, fitting the new donation box; and the cleaners for dealing with some difficult and unpleasant situations. Overall, progress is being made on many fronts. **283/22**

d) Discuss and consider approach to planning application PA21/01480: Construction of a crematorium with associated access, landscaping and infrastructure (Land West of The A39 Poundstock Bude Cornwall EX23 0DE) in light of committee date on the planning portal and resolve any further action needed and authorise any associated expenditure (Cllr. Gemma Watton; Cllr Tom O’Sullivan; Cllr Stephen Blake; Cllr Steve Haynes; Cllr Max Faulkner – Crematorium Working Group).

Cllr. Watton reported on the Technical Briefing held on Thursday 21 July 2022 attended by the Ward Member Cllr. Chopak, several Parish Councillors and the Council’s Consultant Kris Mitra which was not open to members of the public. The briefing was disappointing, key questions put by Kris Mitra were unanswered, statistics did not apply locally and the Councillors were generally left frustrated. It was noted that both the business plan and the planning officers report are still not available. The date for the Strategic Planning Committee is still pending. The website is active, the Chair thanked the Crematorium Working Group for the hours of work they have done for this. Members of the public were invited to make comments and ask questions spoke passionately imploring the Council to act swiftly to prevent the crematorium. Parishioners requested that the Council look into instructing a solicitor in this matter to write to Cornwall Council threatening Judicial Review, unanimously supported by parishioners present.

RESOLVED to instruct Kris Mitra to revert to Cornwall Council on the Parish Councils behalf on the points raised at the Technical Briefing and to provide a response to the Parish Council. **284/22**

RESOLVED to instruct Kris Mitra to represent the Parish Council at the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting at a cost of £650.00 plus travelling cost of £100.00 plus vat. **285/22**

RESOLVED that Cllr. Watton liaise with Kris Mitra to obtain costs to engage a Solicitor to write a strong letter to Cornwall Council threatening a Judicial Review. **286/22**

e) To consider the Parish Hall be included in the list of Assets of Community Value (Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan). Following discussions this matter was withdrawn. **287/22**

11. To receive written reports and authorise any action: **288/22**
(a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report – Cllr. Chopak asked to be kept informed when the Council will be next meeting to discuss the crematorium as she would like to attend. There is an increase in the number of motorhomes and caravans parking overnight in the car parks, most recently including the viewpoint in the Marhamchurch parish. Parking enforcement have agreed to visit more frequently, yesterday 16 tickets were issued. She asked if the Council would consider reviewing parking arrangements in the future. Speaking of the Cross Border Health Stratton MIU is opening overnight from 8pm until 8am everyday by contacting the NHS111 Service. At the next Bude Community Network Meeting on 5 September 2022 Cornwall Council Emergency Planning Officer will be attending, at the Methodist Church Hall, Pinch Hill, Marhamchurch. EX23 0ER from 7-9pm. NHS Dental Services and the issues in North Cornwall will also be discussed.
(b) Chair's Report – Report was circulated thanking the Crematorium Working Group for all its hard work.
(c) Clerk's Report – None received.
12. Crematorium Working Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: **289/22**
See Minute Ref: 284/22.
13. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: **290/22**
NOTED that the NDP Grant of £7,308.00 has been received. The survey is expected to be completed by the end of next week and will be available online and paper copies.
14. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: None received. **291/22**
15. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure. **292/22**
Cemetery: The gate by the Gildhouse into the Churchyard is difficult to open.
Highways: Cllr. Furse reported the verge at Treskinnick Cross is obstructing visibility for motorists coming from Week St Mary.
16. Items for Information: **293/22**
a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic – A39 between the junction of B3254 and A3072 Bude 23 August 2022 to 24 August 2022 (19:00 to 06:00 hours) NOTED.
17. Items for the next Agenda: None received. **294/22**
18. Date of the next Ordinary Council Meeting: Extraordinary Meeting date to be confirmed.
Next Ordinary Meeting 27 September 2022. **295/22**
19. Close the Meeting: The Chair closed the meeting Closed at 21:13. **296/22**

Appendix A: SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE

British Gas Business	Electricity Supply	£245.29
Martin Group Services	Printing	£134.20
T.J. Davies	Cleaning Public Toilets 01/07-31/07/2022	£1,350.00
Wallgate	Service Plan	£2,186.57
Cornwall ALC Ltd	Chairmanship Training (x2)	£48.00
Cornwall ALC Ltd	Freedom of Information for Local Councils	£36.00
Staffing Cost	Total Expenditure July 2022	£817.78
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Contributions	£18.00
Gemma Watton	Reimburse CWG Costs (JAG&123REG)	£692.85
Gildhouse Committee	CHC Hall Hire 12/07/2022	£25.00
Matthew Blows	NDP – Cornwall Council ELE001	£21.50
Matthew Blows	NDP – Postage Expenses (PO)	£350.88
Matthew Blows	NDP – Martin Group Services Stationery	£39.72
JRD Plumbing & Heating	Public Toilets Emergency Repairs	£325.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 26/07/2022		£6,290.79
RECEIPTS		
Groundwork	NDP-12891 Grant 2022/23	£7,308.00
Stephen Blake	Reimburse Cornwall Council Pre-Plan App	£333.00
TOTAL INCOME 26/07/2022		£7,641.00