

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING OF POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2022

An Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Tuesday 28 June 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in The Gildhouse with Cllrs. Robert Gavin (Chair), Tom O’Sullivan, Stephen Blake, Brian Furse, Eric Harris, Steve Haynes, Gemma Watton (Vice-Chair) and the Clerk present.

Public Present: 10

1. To receive apologies for absence: **229/22**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Max Faulkner.

2. To receive Declaration of Interest and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and any Other Significant Interest (OSI). **230/22**

(a) Relating to any items appearing on the agenda – Cllr. Steve Haynes - Old Parish Hall.

(b) Gifts over £50.00 – None received.

19:04 Cllr. Pamela Idelson arrived.

3. Council to consider requests for dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda. **231/22**

None received.

5. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item: **232/22**

Members of the public present were invited firstly to comment on items included on the agenda.

Members of the public spoke on planning matters.

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 meeting held on 31 May 2022 - **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Full Council Meeting were an accurate record. **233/22**

(b) Minutes Community Hall Committee NOTE the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2022 – **RESOLVED** that the Committee Minutes were **NOTED**. **234/22**

(d) CHC Minutes Recommendations:

(i) To consider and approve quote for leaflets – **RESOLVED** to approve the quote of £88.00 (inc vat) for the leaflets. **235/22**

(ii) Update planning matters relating to Treskinnick Cross site – **RESOLVED** to write to Cornwall Council to say the Parish Council will engage constructively with any offer to transfer land at Treskinnick Cross to the Poundstock community. The offer must be in writing and be accompanied by credible details of the process and a reasonable timetable and be received by 1st September 2022. **236/22**

7. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: **237/22**

a) CALC – News Round-up.

b) Rural Services Network (RSN) Newsletter.

c) The RURAL Bulletin Newsletter.

d) Town & Parish Council Newsletter (09/06/2022).

e) Letter from resident regarding Shore Line Management Plan.

8. Planning Matters:

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

PA21/11233 Proposal: Reserved matters application for a new dwelling house and garage at Plot 4 (details following outline consent PA21/03047 dated 27.07.2021) Location: The Cottage Leverlake Road Widemouth Bay Bude EX23 0AF.

RESOLVED to maintain the original objection and make no further comments. **238/22**

PA21/12286 Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval PA21/03047 dated 27.07.2021: Three Dwellings (plots 1-3) Location: The Cottage Leverlake Road Widemouth Bay Bude EX23 0AF.

RESOLVED to maintain the original objection and make no further comments. **239/22**

PA22/05504 Proposal: Outline application for the erection of a dwelling with all matters reserved other than access, following demolition of the existing annex building. Location: Land North of Swelle Cottages Poundstock Bude Cornwall.

RESOLVED to object for the following reasons; the application site is located outside of the established and definable limits of any settlement, and does not represent infill or rounding off as defined in Policy 3 of the CLP. The proposed building is not previously developed land. The proposal would represent a residential unit of accommodation in the countryside where no special justification has been satisfactorily demonstrated.

By reason of its location, not adjacent to any defined settlement, the application site is not considered to be sustainably located and would not accord with Policy 21 of the CLP. No special justification has been adequately demonstrated to outweigh the harm of this proposal to the character of the open countryside.

The three planning applications mentioned by the applicant being PA16/09205, PA17/00203 and PA17/08655 are all applications for dwellings within the development boundary of the village of Bangors which is classed as a settlement. As such they do not set a precedent for development in this case.

The development is therefore contrary to Policies 1, 2, 3 and 21 of the CLP. The Parish Council has referred to PA20/00228 in reaching its conclusion to **OBJECT** to this application. **240/22**

b) Planning Decisions – View at <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **241/22**

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. **242/22**

b) To resolve to authorise payments totalling £2,750.23 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. **243/22**

c) Scouts Cornwall - Bude Troop.

After discussions it was AGREED to write with an explanation to the Scouts Cornwall why funding could not be approved. **244/22**

d) Quote to remove fallen tree, prune overhanging branches and clear the area surrounding the enclosed grave in the closed churchyard.

RESOLVED to accept the quote of £295.00 to clear the overhanging branches plus £95.00 to clear the enclosed grave. NOTED Cllr. Brian Furse abstained. **245/22**

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).
Cllr. Steve Haynes reported a government supported programme went live, supporting families with activities and food throughout the summer holidays, primarily with primary schools. **246/22**

b) Agree Draft Terms of Reference for Planning Portfolio Holders.
RESOLVED to **ADOPT** the Terms of Reference for Planning Portfolio Holders. **247/22**

c) Wallgate Care Hand Wash Dryer 1–3-year maintenance service agreement.
RESOLVED to take out a contract for a one-year WallgateCare+ Plan. **248/22**

d) Motion to re-open negotiations with the Methodist Circuit about purchasing the Methodist Hall (Cllr. Eric Harris).
Following lengthy discussion an amendment was proposed by Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan seconded by Cllr. Eric Harris whereby it was **RESOLVED** to write to the Methodist Circuit to inform them the Parish Council is interested in engaging with them in relation to a possible sale/purchase of Bangors Hall, assuming it remains unsold. As a precondition Poundstock Parish Council expects an acknowledgment on the part of the Methodist Circuit of the financial contributions of Poundstock parishioners to the original costs of establishing the site as a community facility and for credible recognition of this in any sale/purchase price (4-3). **249/21**

11. To receive written reports and authorise any action: **250/22**

(a) Poundstock Ward Member’s Report - None received.

(b) Chair’s Report – None received.

(c) Clerk’s Report – None received.

20:40 Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan left the meeting.

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

Cllr. Gemma Watton gave the report for the Crematorium Working group. A reminder was given of the Technical Briefing to be on 21 July 2022 at 11:00 am via video conferencing, Kris Mitre of Genesis Town Planning will be representing the Parish Council. The following Councillors verbally confirmed their attendance; Robert Gavin, Gemma Watton, Pamela Idelson and Tom O’Sullivan. The group is currently working on public engagement using public notices, signs and a website at a cost of up to £1,000.00.

RESOLVED to provide the Crematorium Working Group with a budget of up to £1,000.00 towards public engagement, website, signs and public notices. **251/22**

Further **RESOLVED** to make an additional comment on the planning portal that the Parish Council has further considered this application and in addition to all previous comments submitted wishes to raise concerns that due consideration is not being given to the issue of toxic emissions that would be caused by the crematorium. This is a concern raised by numerous parishioners in their own objections. The Parish Council takes the view that this is in contravention of Policy 16 (Health and Wellbeing) of the Cornwall Local Plan.

It is the Parish Council’s understanding that the application is based on government guidance that is 10 years out of date. Recent research has shown that radiation is an issue and since the 2012 guidelines were published concern has been raised regarding the burning of MDF coffins.

The Applicant for the crematorium acknowledges that it would result in emissions into the

air which have the potential to impact on local air quality in terms of both human and ecological receptors. The applicant has not, in the Parish Council's view, appropriately considered how far the toxins will travel because of wind speed. Wind speed in the area is far higher than the national average. As such government guidance on distances from crematoria to residences is inappropriate in this situation. Given the prevailing wind the toxic emissions have a greater opportunity to land on residential areas, such as Widemouth Bay, Marhamchurch and denser populated areas such as Bude.

The Parish Council also forms the view that Cornwall Council have a duty to consider climate change when considering developments to ensure sustainability. It needs to be a sustainable location that has a greater need and catchment area. This development fails to plan for climate change.

Therefore, in addition to all other reasons for **STRONGLY OBJECTING** to this application the Parish Council also objects based on the application being contrary to Policy 16 of the Cornwall Local Plan and lack of consideration of climate change and sustainability. **252/22**

13. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: **253/22**

NDP Chair Matthew Blows gave an update on the draft questionnaire in three parts previously circulated namely the Cover Letter, Introduction and Questionnaire which were discussed at length. The NDP Grant application is ongoing a decision is expected shortly.

21:36 Cllr. Steve Haynes left the meeting.

21:37 Cllr. Robert Gavin left the meeting briefly, Cllr. Gemma Watton took the chair.

14. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: None received. **254/22**

21:40 Cllr. Robert Gavin returned to the meeting and took the chair.

15. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure.

Planning: RESOLVED to notify enforcement of the Slip & Slide Activity currently advertised without planning permission, Cllr. Brian Furse abstained (5-0) **255/22**

16. Items for Information: **256/22**

a) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic on 04/07/2022 – Leverlake Road from 04 July 2022 to 07 July 2022 (09:30 to 15:30 hours).

17. Items for the next Agenda: None received. **257/22**

18. Date of the next Ordinary Council Meeting: 26 July 2022. **258/22**

19. Close the Meeting: Meeting Closed at 21:52. **259/22**