

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14-DECEMBER 2023

An Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Thursday 23 November 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in the Gildhouse with Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes, Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Tom O'Sullivan, Jeremy Petherick, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk present.

1. To receive apologies for absence:

RESOLVED apologies with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Pamela Idelson. 516/23

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. **517/23**

3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda.

None received. **518/23**

4. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item: 519/23

A member of the public expressed deep concerns concerning further development of a neighbouring property. Councillor Chopak was invited to respond engaging in a dialogue with the parishioner, providing information on planning issues.

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

(a) Minutes of Full Council:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23-November 2023 be deferred, unanimous. 520/23

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: 521/23

(a) Correspondence schedule received was reviewed and NOTED.

(b) All correspondence related to ongoing freedom of information, internal review request, and complaint against decision to label a habitual and vexatious complainant were duly reviewed.

RESOLVED to agree additional 3-4 hours by Solicitors for formal advice (7-1) (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan against). 522/23

7. Planning Matters:

(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment: -

PA23/09255 Proposed: 3 Bedroom Dwelling following the Demolition of the Existing Dwelling House and Conservatory Location: 15 Atlantic Close Widemouth Bay Bude Cornwall - PA23/09255

Unanimously RESOLVED to object with the following comments;

Design and Appearance - The proposed two-storey dwelling does not align with the existing street scene, raising concerns about the visual harmony of the neighbourhood; Disturbance and Disruption - Potential disruption from construction, increased traffic, noise may negatively impact the current residents' quality of life; Community Impact - The project poses a risk of altering the close-knit community life in the cul-de-sac; and Precedent Concerns - Approval may set a precedent for future developments that deviate from the neighbourhood's established character. 523/23

PA23/06490 Proposed: Relocation of existing wind turbine mounted on free standing monopole mast and associated concrete foundations and control cabinet. Construction of an overflow car park, panel tennis court and the creation of an outdoor event space. Change of use of land for the siting of 68 additional holiday lodges and decking, associated internal roadway, parking, ancillary buildings, landscaping, including amenity areas, drainage and associated works including the formation of a new access road Location: Whalesborough Farm, Marhamchurch EX23 0HD - PA23/06490

RESOLVED to respond as the adjoining parish, being particularly concerned about the direct impact on our community, to ensure the well-being of our residents and environment, directly impacted by the proposed holiday lodge development, echoing the views of our wider community as follows: 524/23

1. Overdevelopment: Given the significant number of holiday sites in the area, the scale and necessity of the proposed development are highly questionable.
2. Traffic Issues: The anticipated increase in traffic already problematic poses a direct threat to safety and must be addressed.
3. Sewage System Overload: The potential strain on the existing sewage system demand a robust needed plan to prevent overloading and environmental hazards.
4. Light Pollution: The lack of detailed plans to control light pollution requires attention to mitigate potential environmental consequences.
5. Noise Pollution: The potential for increased noise pollution from the development should be addressed to maintain the quality of life for local residents.
6. Environmental Impact and Loss of Farmland: A thorough assessment of the environmental impact and potential loss of farmland is essential, with strategies to minimise adverse effects.
6. Visibility Concerns: The project's visibility from surrounding parishes should be evaluated to safeguard the local landscape and preserve its character.
7. Impact on Existing Businesses; The potential effects on existing holiday businesses necessitates a comprehensive analysis to ensure fair competition and sustainability.
8. Economic Impact Assessment: The absence of a business impact assessment is a notable omission and should be rectified.

(b) Any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only. 525/23

(c) Planning Decisions – NOTED <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> 526/23

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

(a) To note income, banking and investment statement - **NOTED.** 527/23

(b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts as per schedule.

RESOLVED the schedule of payments be made, unanimous. 528/23

Further RESOLVED to make a payment of £1,952.65 to Coodes Solicitors, unanimous. 529/23

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

(a) Update on Widemouth Bay toilets: -

The Chair officially declared that the ownership of the public toilets has been transferred to the Parish Council. Emphasising the substantial scope of upcoming tasks, priority was assigned to addressing the drainage issues in the men's toilets. The public toilets portfolio holders, Cllr's. Max Faulkner and Eric Harris were directed to collaborate with the clerk to obtain quotes for the necessary renovations and improvements. It was noted three quotes would be required.

RESOLVED to ratify the decision to secure insurance for the public toilet building at the time of the title transfer at an annual cost of £150.00. 530/23

(b) Update on Sand Road: -

The Chair provided an update on Sand Road. Cornwall Council has extended an invitation to PPC to visit County Council Offices to review documents and information, providing an opportunity for both Councils to discuss and confirm interpretations.

RESOLVED for the Chair with one Councillor to attend the meeting, date and venue to be confirmed, unanimous. 531/23

(c) To accept the Community Capacity Grant Offer: -

RESOLVED to formally accept the grant offer, and it is due noted that the Chair sign the corresponding document, unanimous. 532/23

(d) To approve quote and appoint architects for the new hall for Poundstock.

Following lengthy discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED to defer to the next meeting.

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(e) Discuss condition of tombs in the closed Churchyard: -

Cllr. Eric Harris, the portfolio holder for the churchyard reported on two ancient chest tombs with slate tops, noting that one of the tombs could not be located. Cllr. Harris to collaborate with the clerk to review the listing, locate the missing tomb, and assess any immediate safety concerns, recommending emergency remedial work if needed.

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(f) Discuss Cemetery Regulations: -

The Chair reported on a recent occurrence in the cemetery where Christmas decorations were discovered attached to the tree. This situation caused considerable distress to the owner, emphasising the significance of promptly addressing such matters. The decorations were promptly removed and returned to their rightful owner. This incident underscores the importance of adhering to established guidelines and regulations within the cemetery to maintain a respectful and harmonious environment for all visitors.

Following discussions it was RESOLVED to conduct a thorough review of the cemetery terms and conditions to ensure their relevance, followed by updating the website with the revised terms and conditions. Additionally a notice will be placed in the cemetery, outlining basic rules and directing the public to refer to the website for detailed information. The current terms and conditions will be circulated accordingly.

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10. To receive written reports and authorise any action:

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(a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report:

Cllr. Chopak provided a brief report on recent activities, having attended several site visits there were no significant updates to report at present. Regrettably, she was unable to attend the recent Licensing Committee meeting, usually held via Teams, making them more accessible, being more suitable for many Councillors.

One noteworthy development has emerged in recent discussion in the pushback by some Councillors against the cutbacks to school transport, it is clear there are concerns about the potential impact on students and their families.

On a positive note the recent Community Area Partnership (CAP) was particularly pro-active, with constructive discussion and positive feedback from the group, essential for the continued success of the partnership.

(b) Chair's Report:

Having been in attendance at the CAP Meeting on Monday with Cllr. Chopak, the Chairman shared the sentiment that it was a positive meeting. He then reflected on the events and achievements of the past year.

The old hall has been successfully sold, marking the conclusion of one chapter and paving the way for the exciting developments ahead. The pre-application advice for the new hall yielded positive results, marking a significant step forward. The grant has been approved for architects to work on the new hall project, financial support that will contribute to successful planning and execution of the new hall, a project vital to the community's future.

The ownership and control of the public toilets in Widemouth Bay have been successfully transferred to the Parish Council, ensuring these essential facilities remain in the hands of the community for the benefit of all.

Efforts have been made to address some of the speeding issues in Widemouth Bay, demonstrating commitment to ensuring the safety of residents, and significant progress has been made with Sand Road. Lastly he expressed sincere gratitude to each and everyone for the hard work and dedication throughout the year in achieving so much.

(c) Clerk's Report – No report.

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

No report.

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12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: - No reports. **538/23**
13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: - None received. **539/23**
14. Items for Information: - None received. **540/23**
15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda:
Date of next meeting 18-January 2024 and update on correspondence with South West Water. **541/23**
16. Casual Vacancies – None received. **542/23**
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 received. **543/23**
18. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 21:27. **544/23**

Appendix A: FINANCE SCHEDULE

BANKING & INVESTMENT BALANCES

CCLA	Statement - 30/11/2023	£84,424.56
Call Account	Statement - 30/11/2023	£89,450.01
Current Account	Statement - 21/11/2023	£272,728.74
Reserve Account	Statement - 20/11/2023	£60,690.52

EXPENDITURE

British Gas Business	Invoice 816080713 02-Nov to 01-Dec Public Toilets	£170.73
ICO	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
Poundstock Guildhouse	Invoice 201365 Hall Hire	£150.00
T.J. Davies	Cleaning Public Toilets Widemouth Bay December	£900.00
TEEC Limited	Invoice 4758 Transfer of Domain Annual Cost	£259.20
TEEC Limited	Invoice 4759 Hosting Charges	£187.20
Codes Solicitors	Reference POU76/1	£1,952.65
Staff Costs	Mth 9	£736.04
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 9	£159.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 14/12/2023		£4,554.84