

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 23-NOVEMBER 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, Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Tom O'Sullivan, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk present.

1. To receive apologies for absence:

RESOLVED apologies with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Steve Haynes, Pamela Idelson. And Jeremy Petherick. **483/23**

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. **484/23**

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

None received. **485/23**

4. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item: **486/23**

A member of the public spoke about Remembrance Sunday. A member of the public expressed dissatisfaction with the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, specifically noting the absence of a Church Service that had traditionally preceded the wreath laying ceremony. The Chair of the Council responded kindly acknowledging the concern and clarifying that the Council has no authority over the Church Service. It was further revealed that the Church Service had not been held just before the wreath laying, as in previous years but had taken place earlier on the same morning.

A member of the public spoke of a cherished walking trail, a favourite among locals, between Hele Bridge and Pinch Hele on land which is to be put on the open market. In response to this a group has come together, 'Friends off Hele Trail' to raise awareness and funds to secure the purchase on the land in question. He asked for the support of the Council and neighbouring Councils to raise awareness and offer support to the group. The Chair responded positively signifying the importance of community involvement and collaboration, asking that they keep the Council informed.

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 26-October 2023 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (5-0) (1 abs).** **487/23**

No matters arising - **NOTED.**

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: **488/23**

Correspondence received was reviewed and **NOTED.**

7. Planning Matters:

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

PA23/08007 Application for Change of use from F1(f) Public Worship or Religious Instruction to C Residential Dwelling House. Construction of single storey extension and internal alterations Location: Dimma Methodist Church Poundstock Bude Cornwall - PA23/08007

RESOLVED - No Objections. **489/23**

PA23/08862 Alterations and extensions to dwelling with variation of condition 2 of decision PA20/08518 dated 25.11.2020. Higher Causewell Highfield Poundstock Bude - PA23/08862.

- RESOLVED - No Objections.** **490/23**
- PA23/08820** Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval PA21/03047 dated 27.07.2021: Three Dwellings (plots 1-3) without compliance of condition 1 in relation to decision notice PA21/12286 dated 15/07/2022 The Cottage Leverlake Road Widemouth Bay Bude - PA23/08820.
- RESOLVED - No Objections.** **491/23**
- (b) Any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only. **492/23**
- (c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **493/23**
8. Finance to discuss and resolve a course of action with associated expenditure:
- (a) To note income, banking and investment statement - **NOTED.** **494/23**
- (b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts as per schedule.
RESOLVED the schedule of payments to include late payments be made, unanimous. **495/23**
- (c) Second Quarter Budget Analysis (Jul-Sep) - **NOTED.** **496/23**
- (d) Local Government Pay Agreement 2023 - To Implement Statutory Pay Increase.
RESOLVED to implement statutory pay increase backed to 01-Apr 2023, unanimous. **497/23**
9. Agenda items to discuss and resolve a course of action and associated expenditure:
- (a) To receive an update on the progress with Cornwall Council on the Widemouth Bay Toilets, and consider the grant offer.
The Chairman gave a summary of the grant award letter detailing the additional £12,500, previously circulated. The total grant offered will therefore be £37,000 (the £25,000 of which £12,500 has already been paid, the rest to follow on completion of the transfer and the additional £12,500). On completion, the remaining grant to be paid will be £25,000.
RESOLVED to accept the Grant Award, signed by two Councillors and the Clerk (5-0) (1abs) **498/23**
Further RESOLVED to complete the title transfer of the public toilets in Widemouth Bay, signed by two Councillors and the Clerk (5-0) (1abs) **499/23**
- (b) To consider a change of venue for future meetings - Without alternative venue, no further action. **500/23**
- (c) To received an update on Sand Road - Land Searches are ongoing. **501/23**
- (d) Public Toilets Winter Cleaning Schedule and Quote 01/11/2023 to 31/03/2024.
RESOLVED to agree the Winter Cleaning Schedule and Quote for 2023/24 (5-1) **502/23**
RESOLVED to make payment for November cleaning of £900.00, unanimous. **503/23**
- (e) Request for EROB from a non-parishioner - Smoker.
RESOLVED to grant permission at the non-parishioner rate. **504/23**
- (f) Memorial Permission Dingle - **Granted as per Cemetery Conditions.** **505/23**
- (g) Update on the Crematorium Planning Application PA21/01480 (Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan).
The planning application for a crematorium was initially approved but later overturned during a judicial review. The application is currently pending, County Councillor Nicky Chopak provided an update. The options for the applicant include withdrawing, amending or resubmitting the application. Once a decision is made, the Council will be reconsulted. The planning officer is currently in consultation with the applicants to navigate the next step. **506/23**
10. To receive written reports and authorise any action: **507/23**
- (a) Poundstock Ward Member’s Report - Cornwall Councils Cabinet Committee approved a two devolution deal, which includes £500,000 to support Cornish distinctiveness. Cornwall Council has overspent by almost £15 million in the first six months of the 2023/24 financial year.

The Tamar Bridge between Plymouth and Cornwall forms part of the A38 and is owned by Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council, a petition asks for the bridge to be central government owned and for the tolls to be abolished, is currently under debate.

The next Community Area Partnership meeting is to be held in December at the Parkhouse Centre, agenda to follow. Cllr. Chopak provided updates on additional highway matters at Treskinnick Cross, including trimmed verges, while expressing concern and seeking more information about the unchanged school bus route, pot holes and the renewal of lines at the junction.

(b) Chair's Report – Highways have surveyed both the road and foot bridges at the car park. The footbridge over the stream is clear with free flowing water, and the boulders are in place to protect the bridge. It was noted the stream/gully from the east of the road on private land is very overgrown.

The Chair publicly expressed gratitude to Dr. Morwood for his poignant bugle performance during the last post at the Remembrance ceremony in the cemetery.

(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.

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13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: -

None received.

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14. Items for Information: - None received.

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15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda:

Date of next meeting 14-December 2023.

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16. Casual Vacancies – None received.

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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.

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18. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 20:32.

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Appendix A: FINANCE SCHEDULE

BANKING & INVESTMENT BALANCES

CCLA	Statement - 31/10/2023	£84,040.25
Call Account	Statement - 31/10/2023	£89,450.01
Current Account	Statement - 21/10/2023	£264,529.31
Reserve Account	Statement - 20/10/2023	£60,690.52

EXPENDITURE

British Gas Business	Invoice 860835559 2-Oct to 1-Nov Public Toilets	£160.50
S.B. Garden Services	Invoice PROW 2023	£1,125.00
S.B. Garden Services	Invoice SWCP 2023	£600.00
South West Hygiene	Invoice 301007 Waste Disposal Public Toilets	£343.44
Staff Costs	Mth 8	£736.04
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 8	£159.02
T.J. Davies	Cleaning Public Toilets Widemouth Bay November	£900.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 23/11/2023		£4,024.00

INCOME

Pennon Water Services	Refund Parish Hall Water Supply	£16.17
Cornwall Council	Car Park Levy	£15,000.00
Busbys Solicitors	Refund Search Fees	£352.90
TOTAL INCOME 23/11/2023		£15,369.07