

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023

An Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Thursday 26 October 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in the Gildhouse with Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, 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 Cllrs. Steve Haynes and Tom O’Sullivan. **454/23**

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. **455/23**

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

None received. **456/23**

4. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item: **457/23**

A member of the public spoke about Remembrance Sunday. A member of the public spoke about the overgrown road hedges from Bridwell Corner to Penhalt in Millook.

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 12 October 2023 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (7-0) (1 abs). **458/23**

No matters arising - **NOTED.**

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: **459/23**

Correspondence received was reviewed –

(a) Street Trading Consent Renewal Cic’s Mobile Catering A39 Lay-by Box’s Shop, no objections.

7. Planning Matters:

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

PA23/07136 Proposed: First floor extension - Location: Penn Bos Long Park Drive Widemouth Bay Bude (PA23/01736)

RESOLVED - No Objections. **460/23**

PA23/08305 Proposed: Demolition of existing agricultural storage building and erection of replacement agricultural storage building - Location: Lundy View Chalet Millook Coast Road Bude (PA23/08305)

RESOLVED - No Objections. **461/23**

(b) Any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only: - **462/23**

PA23/08007 Proposal: Change of use from F1(f) Public Worship or Religious Instruction to C3 Residential Dwellinghouse. Construction of single storey extension and internal alterations Location: Dimma Methodist Church Poundstock Bude Cornwall.

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **463/23**

8. Finance to discuss and resolve a course of action with associated expenditure:
- (a) To note income, banking and investment statement - **NOTED.** **464/23**
- (b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts as per schedule.
RESOLVED the schedule of payments to include late payments be made. **465/23**
- (c) Second Quarter Budget Analysis (Jul-Sep) - Deferred. **466/23**
- (d) Second Quarter Internal Review (Jul-Sep) - **RECEIVED and NOTED.** **467/23**
- (e) To consider donation to Poppy Appeal 2023.
RESOLVED to give a donation of £100.00 **468/23**

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 cost of repairs to the building.

The Chairman gave a summary of the current position regarding the public toilets, with an estimated of the cost of repairs, namely the exterior and internal drains; installation of flushing system for the mens urinals; direct mains supply to all toilet cisterns; replace failing wall mounted hand washing systems in the men's and women's toilets with sinks, soap dispersers and hand dryers; and to repair/replace the roof, costs were estimated at £37,500.

The draft transfer and title documents were received from the Council Solicitors with comments. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to respond to the points raised and give instruction to prepare the documents for completion.** **469/23**

- (b) To consider a change of venue for future meetings - A follow-up request to hire the Weir was made, with no response to date it was decided to approach Trelawney Tea Room for availability. **470/23**

- (c) To received an update on Sand Road - Following discussion, **it was unanimously RESOLVED for the Chair with the Clerk to make Land Registry searches up to £100.00.** **471/23**

- (d) Traffic Calming Measure in Widemouth Bay offered by CC Highways via Ward Member. Cllr. Chopak reported the results of the recent speed monitoring data: -

Deployment period – 31/8/23 to 23/10/23

Max speed recorded 55mph (on the 30/9/23 @22:25pm)

Total no. of vehicles recorded 47,773

Annual average daily traffic was 1063 vehicles

85%ile was 32.8 mph (85%ile Speed: The speed at or below which 85% of the vehicles recorded were travelling).

Average speed was 27.96 mph (The arithmetic average of all the speed values recorded).

The positioning of two gateways either side of Widemouth Bay on both carriageways giving the appearance of road narrowing were discussed at length. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to make an Expression of Interest for Gateways into Widemouth Bay via Cllr. Chopak.** **472/23**

- (e) Traffic Calming Measures through Treskinninck Cross (Cllr. Graeme Swatton) - Traffic speeds through the secondary cross-road in the residential area of Treskinnick Cross, and the safety of school children at the bus stop were discussed at length. Cllr. Chopak to request speed monitoring and, for the white line road markings to be re-done and, pot holes filled along the junction to the A39. **473/23**

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action: **474/23**

- (a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report –
Statement made by Cllr.N.Chopak at Poundstock Parish Council 26th October 2023.

Further to a comment I made in September regarding a Code of Conduct complaint I had to make against a Poundstock Parish Councillor, I highlighted my disappointment at having to do it in the first place and reminded everyone about respect for your fellow councillors.. I was hoping my comments would have prompted an apology as requested by Cornwall Council in their decision notice dated 25th July 2023.

I again reminded the Councillor without naming them in public at your last meeting, but I have been deafened by the silence. So now, Cllr O’Sullivan, having been found in breach of the Code of Conduct by bringing his office as a Councillor into disrepute and failing to uphold high standards of conduct, he was asked to apologise for the email he sent (and copying it to all other recipients) the apology should not have been qualified in any way.

As I have now confirmed no apology has been received, I wish to hear his further comments and his views on the Code of Conduct. May I remind you all your colleagues have agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct, so should Cllr O’Sullivan not agree, I assume he will not be standing for re-election in May 2025.

(b) Chair’s Report – No report.

(c) Clerk’s Report – Clerk advised a repayment is due from Busby’s of £352.90

11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: - **475/23**

The First Draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been completed by the Steering Group and has been submitted to the Consultant. It was noted thanks were given to the Steering Group by the Chair to the Steering Group, in particular to the SG Chair Matthew Blows for the quite extraordinary amount of work he has done.

12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: - No reports. **476/23**

13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: -
None received. **477/23**

14. Items for Information: - None received. **478/23**

15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda:
Date of next meeting 09-November 2023. **479/23**

16. Casual Vacancies – None received. **480/23**

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. **481/23**

18. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 20:20. **482/23**

Appendix A: FINANCE SCHEDULE

BANKING & INVESTMENT BALANCES

Current Account	Statement - 23/10/2023	£264,529.31
Reserve Account	Statement - 20/09/2023	£60,690.52
CCLA	Statement - 30/09/2023	£83,697.63
Call Account	Statement - 30/09/2023	£89,128.41

EXPENDITURE

Gildhouse Committee	Invoice 201322 Contribution to Car Park Rental	£73.33
T.J. Davies Maintenance	Invoice 268 Cleaning Public Toilets Widemouth Bay	£1,620.00
Coodes Solicitors	Invoice 102090 FOI Requests	£954.00
EDF Energy	Invoice T28843607047 Final Electricity Bill for Parish Hall	£7.12
British Gas Business	Invoice 800163601 2-Sep to 1-Oct Public Toilets	£559.15
S.W. Furse	Invoice 11-23 Churchyard/Cemetery Maintenance	£3,220.00
Staff Costs	Mth 7	£736.04
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 7	£159.02
RBL	Donation Poppy Appeal 2023	£100.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 26/10/2023 **£7,428.66**

INCOME

Zurich	Refund Parish Hall Insurance	£398.90
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TOTAL INCOME 26/10/2023 **£398.90**