

## MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

An Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Thursday 28 September 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in the Gildhouse with Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Tom O’Sullivan, Jeremy Petherick, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk present.

*At the Chairman’s discretion agenda item 16 Casual Vacancies was moved to up the agenda.*

16. Casual Vacancies: **RESOLVED** Graeme Swatton be co-opted to the Council, unanimous. **401/23**

Further **RESOLVED** to suspend the meeting for the new Councillor to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office following which the meeting was reconvened. **402/23**

1. To receive apologies for absence:

**RESOLVED** apologies with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Michele Carter and Pamela Idelson. **403/23**

2. To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests.

Relating to any items appearing on the agenda: - **404/23**

Cllr. Eric Harris Agenda item 7(a) PA23/07535.

Cllr. Steve Haynes Agenda item 9(b) Old Parish Hall.

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

None. **405/23**

4. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item: **406/23**

A member of the public complained about the public right of way at Wanson being overgrown and the steps are a mess at the halfway point at the junction for Black Rock.

A resident attended to voice concern about the ‘Rave at Kitsham Farm’ predicted to host up to 500 people next year. The concerned member of the public expressed apprehension about the impact of the rave event on the local community, particularly the residents living along the access route, with the event’s large attendance leading to significant traffic congestion and inconvenience for the neighbourhood. Additionally the noise generated being disruptive, and causing disturbance to residents. The Ward Member, Cllr. Chopak provided an update from the event organiser, stating they had approached neighbours in the vicinity, and initial feedback suggests that many are content with the proposal. Nethertheless, some residents have expressed their concerns. Cllr. Chopak advised that a Temporary Event Notice (TENS) application is to be made in due course, this will outline specific measure they plan to implement to mitigate the impact of the event on the community.

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 14 September 2023 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair, unanimous. **407/23**

No matters arising - **NOTED**.

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

Correspondence received was reviewed –

(a) BDO - Conflict of Interest with External Auditors – **NOTED** there is no conflict of interest. **408/23**

(b) CALC D-DAY 80 6-June 2024 – Updated details – To be placed on the agenda of the next meeting for further consideration. **409/23**

7. Planning Matters:

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

**PA23/06905** Trelay Farm Marhamchurch Bude EX23 0HP Change of use of land for up to 48 days (operational period) annually for siting of water slide attraction - PA23/06905 (Case Officer - Paul Steen).

**RESOLVED** – No objection, would request consideration be given to a time limit on the assembly and removal of the equipment, and more directional signage (6-0) (1 abs) **410/23**

**PA23/07535** Location: Brentleigh The Crescent Widemouth Bay Bude Cornwall EX23 0AD Proposal: Extension above existing garage to provide additional accommodation - PA23/07535 (Case Officer - Sarah Tatton).

**RESOLVED** – No objection, unanimous. **411/23**

(b) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **412/23**

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

(a) To note income, banking and investment statement – **NOTED.** **413/23**

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

**RESOLVED to amend the cost of the purchase a new lap top, MacBook Air, with Apple Care**

**Support extended warranty with 3 years support, lap top carry case at a cost of £1,927.99**

**(inc. vat), unanimous.** **414/23**

**Further RESOLVED the schedule of payments be approved, unanimous.** **415/23**

(c) To receive and approve CIL Report 2022-23.

**RESOLVED to APPROVE, unanimous.** **416/23**

(e) To discuss possible investment of parish funds.

**RESOLVED Chairman, Vice-Chair and the Clerk investigate best return on investments for further consideration at the next meeting, unanimous.** **417/23**

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

(a) On the 14th August, 2023 Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan was found to have breached the Code of Conduct due to public comments he has made about Poundstock Parish Council and its members. Given his failure to apologise to the Parish Council in “an unqualified manner” as requested it is now proposed that he be censured.

**RESOLVED Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan be censured for the reasons stated and a copy of the judgement be posted on the Parish Council’s website (5-1) (1 abs).** **418/23**

(b) To receive an update on the progress with Cornwall Council on the Widemouth Bay Toilets and consider cost of repairs to the building.

Cllrs Max Faulkner and Eric Harris reported on the cost of repairs, following discussions it was **RESOLVED an estimated cost of £50,000 be put forward to Cornwall Council, unanimous.** **419/23**

(c) To receive an update on the sale of the Old Parish Hall - Funds have been received from the sale of Old Parish Hall was sold at public auction on 24 August 2023. **420/23**

(d) To receive an update on the pre-application for the proposed Community Hall – A site meeting has been arranged with Senior Planning Officer Paul Steen on 2-October 2023. The grant application has been advised of the delay. **421/23**

(e) Update on engaging planning consultants to look at the sewage issues in Widemouth Bay – Response pending from the planning consultants, in the meantime the Chairman and Cllr. Michelle Carter are gathering further information. **422/23**

(f) To consider a change of venue for future meetings – Alternative venues throughout the winter period were discussed, to be considered further at the next meeting. **423/23**

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action: **424/23**
- (a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report – Cllr. Chopak gave an update on the proposed Rave at Kitsham Farm during the public open session 406/23. Recycling and Waste changes are progressing, by this time next year the net zero wheelie bins will be in use for various recycling items. Dragons teeth have been installed on both carriageways into Widemouth Bay along Marine Drive, which she is hoping will discourage speeding. She will bring forward the data gathered from the Radar Detector to the next meeting. The vandalised car park signage in the car park has been replaced, but sadly has once again been vandalised, as have the parking meters, the installation of CCTV is currently being discussed. Cllr. Chopak has received a complaint about the increased traffic and lack of parking space along Combe Lane, which is being investigated. She is hoping future CAP meeting will be more localised and user friendly, encouraging more parishes to attend. Cllr. Chopak recently attended mandatory training, and spoke of an upheld complaint she had made against a member of Poundstock Parish Council who has declined to apologise, she indicated if no apology is forthcoming by the next meeting she will take further action.
- (b) Chair's Report – It was with sadness that the Chairman spoke of the passing of Mr. Reg Jewell, who was the groundsman for the Parish Council for many years, maintaining the Public Rights of Ways, Churchyard and Cemetery to a very high standard. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council gave heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.
- (c) Clerk's Report – No report.
11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: - **425/23**  
The first draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is continuing to progress.
12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: - No reports. **426/23**
13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: -  
None received. **427/23**
14. Items for Information: - None received. **428/23**
15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda: -  
Date of next meeting 12 October 2023. **429/23**
16. Casual Vacancies – See minute 401/23. **429/23**
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. **430/23**
18. Close the Meeting - The Chair closed the meeting at 20:13. **431/23**

## Appendix A: FINANCE SCHEDULE

### BANKING & INVESTMENT BALANCES

Current Account	Statement - 21/09/2023	£269,403.46
Reserve Account	Statement - 21/09/2023	£60,690.52
CCLA	Statement - 31/08/2023	£83,336.62
Call Account	Statement - 31/08/2023	£88,836.67

### EXPENDITURE

Gildhouse Management	Invoice 201364 Hall Hire 28-Sept 2023	£30.00
T.J. Davies Maintenance	Invoice 261 - Cleaning Public Toilets in Widemouth Bay	£1,620.00
Cllr. Stephen Blake	Invoice UA03583125 MacBook Air - PC Laptop	£1,828.00
Cllr. Stephen Blake	Invoice UK-676624 MacBook Protection - PC Laptop	£99.99
Staff Costs	Mth 6	£736.04
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 6	£159.02

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE 28/09/2023** **£4,473.05**

### INCOME

Cornwall Council	Precept - Second Instalment	£17,500.00
Gittins McDonald	Proceeds of Sale - Old Parish Hall	£176,000.00
	Plus Buyer's Contribution to Auction Pack	£300.00
	Less Town & Country Property Auctions Inv. 0463	£870.00
	Less Gittins McDonald Solicitors Inv. GK/561/GVK	£610.80

Total Amount Received from Sale of Old Parish Hall **£174,849.20**

Barclays Bank plc	Interest reserve Account 05-Jun to 03-Sep 2023	£162.18
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**TOTAL INCOME 28/09/2023** **£192,511.38**