

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18-JANUARY 2024

An Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Thursday 18-January 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Gildhouse with Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes, Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan, Jeremy Petherick, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk present.

1. To receive apologies for absence: All present. 001/24

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. 002/24

3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda.
None received. 003/24

4. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item: 004/24
Neil Edwards on behalf of Cornwall Rural Housing Association (CRHA) gave a presentation on the potential development of Buttercup Fields in Poundstock for local needs.

5. To resolve that the Minutes of the 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 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (7-0) (2 abs). 005/24
No matters arising.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14-December 2023 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (8-0) (1 abs). 006/24
No matters arising.

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: 007/24
(a) Correspondence schedule received was reviewed and **NOTED**.
It was agreed Cllr. Michelle Carter and the Clerk, actively seek additional information on costs and available grants for beach water fountains.

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

PA23/09427 Proposed: single storey rear and side extension to dwelling, external material changes, proposed swimming pool and raised patio area Location: Swallows Nest, Crescent Close, Widemouth Bay, Bude - PA23/09427
Unanimously **RESOLVED to OBJECT** with the following comments: - 008/24
It was noted the application is retrospective and has been previously considered under PA23/07018, to which PPC's concerns remain unchanged, specifically;
1. Loss of Biodiversity: Resulting from the development's encroachment into the garden area. The reduction of green space is a matter of significant concern, with adverse effects on the local ecosystem.
2. Drainage Issues: The raised patio is causing drainage issues for neighbouring properties.
3. Boundary Fence Height: The boundary fence exceeds acceptable limits, and may have detrimental visual and environment impacts for the surrounding area.
4. Scale Incomptability: The size of the development is out of keeping with the site.

PA23/09649 Proposal: Retrospective planning for first floor window changed to sliding door with access to external staircase with an addition of a single garage on north west elevation. Location: Furze Mead Poundstock Bude EX23 0EE - **PA23/09649**
Unanimously RESOLVED - No Objection. 009/24

PA23/10180 Agricultural Storage and Bee Keeping Equipment Store without compliance of condition 2 in relation to decision notice PA21/04399 dated 13/07/2021 Conditions(s) Removal: Land Adj A39 "Turks Head Field" Treskinnick Cross Bude Cornwall - **PA23/10180**
Unanimously RESOLVED - No Objection. **010/24**

(b) Any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting. Information only. **011/24**

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> **012/24**

(d) Pre-Planning Consultation 12095522 WHP-Telecom Ltd.
It was agreed to confirm receipt and acknowledge no objections to the improved technical provisions at this location. **013/24**

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

(a) To note income, banking and investment statement - **NOTED.** **014/24**

(b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts as per schedule.
Unanimously RESOLVED to ratify December payment. **015/24**

RESOLVED the schedule of January payments be made, unanimous. **016/24**

(c) To receive Budget Analysis Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec 23) - **NOTED.** **017/24**

(d) To receive Internal Control Procedure - Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec 23) - **NOTED.** **018/24**

(e) To agree the budget and set the precept for 2024/2025.
(i) **RESOLVED to agree the 2024/2025 budget, unanimous.** **019/24**

(ii) **RESOLVED to set the 2024/25 precept at £41,172.19, unanimous.** **020/24**

It was noted Band D Council Tax for 2024/25 equals £80.51 an increase of £7.60 on previous year.
A thank you was extended to the Clerk of the Council for their exceptional work on the budgets.

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

(a) To approve request from parishioner for a Copy of solicitor and barrister advice relating to Crematorium PA21/01480, including all emails to/from any solicitor(s) and/or barrister(s) referencing 'PA21/01480' or 'Crematorium' between 18.11.22 and 01.03.23' (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan).
RESOLVED to defer pending a response from the ICO. **021/24**

b) Reference PA23/06490 (Whalesborough) that the Council writes to Cllr. Chopak to request that she exercise her constitutional right to have the application determined at Planning Committee (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan).
Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan proposed the motion as given, the motion failed due to a lack of a seconder. **022/24**

(c) To agree to write to Cornwall Council to express concern regarding the ongoing poor performance of South West Water in terms of Pollution incidents (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan) **Motion withdrawn.** **023/24**

(d) That the Council reinstate the Community Hall Committee (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan) and:
(i) To adopt CHC Terms of Reference'
(ii) To elect members of the CHC;
(iii) To elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CHC.
Following discussions it was RESOLVED to defer for further consideration. **024/24**

(e) Update on Sand Road: -
It was noted the Chair Cllr. Stephen Blake and Cllr. Michelle Carter will attend a meeting with Cornwall Council on 07-February 2024. **025/24**

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

- RESOLVED to defer for further consideration, unanimous.** **026/24**
- (g) Discuss condition of tombs in the closed Churchyard and receive quotes.
Following discussion it was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Mr. Paul Libretto, unanimous. **027/24**
- 21:34 Cllr. Steve Haynes left the meeting.*
- (h) To discuss changing the date of future Council meeting to Wednesdays.
Unanimously RESOLVED future meetings be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. **028/24**
10. To receive written reports and authorise any action: **029/24**
- (a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report:
 Cllr. Chopak addressed the Council, highlighting a concerning overspend of £76 million in Cornwall Council's budget. In light of this financial challenge significant cuts are deemed necessary, promoting discussions on various areas, including the potential impact on children's school transport. of particular concern to Cllr. Chopak was the potential repercussions for residents in rural areas, emphasising the importance of maintaining essential services in such communities. Another notable area was the substantial cost of adult social care on the budget, discussions are being held to address this issue while ensuring the delivery of this necessary service to the community.
 Cllr. Chopak also reported on her attendance at the Police and Crime Panel pre-budget meeting, where it was discussed that there is likelihood of a significant rise in the budget. Furthermore she announced that Cornwall Council has approved a Council Tax rise of 4.99%. Lastly she spoke of harassment and bullying of Councillors and Clerks, with a specific focus on promoting a healthier work-life balance.
- (b) Chair's Report:
 The Chair attended the Bude Climate Change Jury results meeting on Monday last. He spoke of the closure of Marine Drive for essential works, noting vehicular access for residents will be maintained throughout the closure.
- (c) Clerk's Report – No report.
11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: -
 No report. **030/24**
12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: - No reports. **031/24**
13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: -
 Cllr. Harris, portfolio holder for the public toilets, conducted an inspection of the facilities in collaboration with the builders to assess the feasibility of carrying out remedial work. It was determined that the most viable solution to access the pipework beneath the tiles is to utilise a specialised camera system, this would provide a detailed view of the existing plumbing to identify potential issues that require attention. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £120.00 for the pipework inspection.** **032/24**
 Cllr. Harris, portfolio holder for the cemetery, reported a fallen tree in the cemetery, Cllr. Harris to work with the Clerk to obtain quotes. **033/24**
14. Items for Information: - None received. **034/23**
15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda:
 Date of next meeting Wednesday 07-February 2024. **035/24**
16. Casual Vacancies – None received. **036/24**
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 21:27.

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Appendix A: FINANCE SCHEDULE

BANKING & INVESTMENT BALANCES

CCLA	Statement - 30/11/2023	£84,789.76
Call Account	Statement - 30/11/2023	£90,122.70
Current Account	Statement - 21/11/2023	£288,758.88
Reserve Account	Statement - 20/11/2023	£60,901.86

EXPENDITURE

JRD Plumbing	Inv. 0690 Emergency Repairs to Public Toilets	£132.00
Pennon Water Services Ltd	Inv. 4084477949 Cemetery Water 07-Sep to 31-Dec 23	£13.30
Zurich Municipal	Inv. 125224039 Addition of Public Toilets insurance	£81.79
Mat Sampson	Inv. 28-Dec 23 Emergency Call Out - Unblock Toilets	£248.00
Pennon Water Services Ltd	Inv. 4084314828 Public Toilets 07-Sep to 15-Dec 23	£807.79
T. J. Davies Cleaning	Inv. Jan Cleaning Public Toilets Widemouth Bay	£900.00
British Gas Business	Inv. 819291879 Public Toilets Elec 02-Dec to 01-Jan 24	£168.14
Staff Costs	Math 10 & Backdated Pay Apr-Dec 2023 (NALC) LG Pay Award	£1,819.88
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 10	£616.99
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 18/01/2024		£4,787.89