

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20-MARCH 2024

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 20-March 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the Gildhouse, with Chairman Cllr. Stephen Blake and Cllrs. Steve Haynes, Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Tom O’Sullivan, Pamela Idelson, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk present.

1. To receive apologies for absence: 123/24
RESOLVED apologies with reasons for absence were received and accepted Cllr. Eric Harris.

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. 124/24

3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda.
None received. 125/24

4. Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item: 126/24
Residents engaged in a comprehensive and candid exchange of views with the ‘Funk up the Farm’ Event Representatives, expressing their concerns and seeking answers to their questions. The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending.

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 06-March 2024 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (2 abs). 127/24
No matters arising.

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action: 128/24
Correspondence schedule received was reviewed and **NOTED**.

7. Planning Matters:
(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment: -
PA24/01830 Proposal: Extension and alterations Location: Longstone, The Crescent, Widemouth Bay, Bude - PA24/01830.
RESOLVED - No objections, unanimous. 129/24

(b) Any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting - None. 130/24

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> 131/24

8. Finance to discuss and resolve a course of action with associated expenditure:
(a) To note income, banking and investment statements - **NOTED.** 132/24

(b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts as per schedule.
RESOLVED to make payments as per schedule, unanimous. 133/24

(c) To confirm appointment of Internal Auditor.
Unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Internal Auditor Alan Dickenson. 134/24

9. Agenda items to discuss and resolve a course of action and associated expenditure:
(a) To consider the next steps for a new hall for Poundstock - Matters pending. 135/24

(b) To consider next steps for the public toilets in Widemouth Bay.

An invitation to renew the Wallgate Contract was received. Following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED to decline. 136/24

Following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED the Clerk purchase three 50p replacement coin mechanisms for the showers. 137/24

(c) Local Maintenance Partnership LMP & SWCP 2024 - To consider any quotes received.
Agreed to defer. 138/24

(d) Public Toilets Widemouth Bay Summer Cleaning Schedule 2024 - To consider any tenders received.
Following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the quote from T.J. Davies. 139/24

(e) Cemetery & Closed Churchyard Maintenance 2024 - To consider any tenders received.
Following discussions it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the quote from Simon Furse at a fixed price for a three year contract 2024-2026 (inclusive). 140/24

10. To receive written reports and authorise any action: 141/24

(a) Poundstock Ward Member - Cllr. Nicky Chopak spoke of the council tax bills for the upcoming year now being dispatched to households across the parish. Alongside these bills residents will find a comprehensive leaflet designed to address many of the common questions and concerns that may arise regarding council tax. She encouraged all residents to carefully read this leaflet as it contains valuable information. It is worth noting that, as per the recent decision by Cornwall Council, unoccupied properties will now be subject to double the council tax rate. Furthermore, she mentioned that in April 2025 holiday homes will incur an addition levy on council tax.

As part of ongoing efforts to promote sustainable waste management practices, wheelie bins for food and waste recycling were scheduled to be dispatched and collection services were set to commence on 01-April 2024. However, regretfully there has been a delay whilst the collection vehicles are equipped with the appropriate lifting apparatus to accommodate the new wheelie bins effectively. Domestic addresses are now being monitored for the unauthorised disposal of commercial waste. In cases where such activity is detected, appropriate action will be taken.

Cllr. Chopak announced that the leader of Cornwall Council, Linda Taylor, will be touring various locations throughout Cornwall, including Bude on 13-May 2024 at the Parkhouse Centre. She encouraged all members of our parish to attend the event, being an excellent opportunity to engage in dialogue with Councillor Taylor. The Community Area Partnership (CAP) Meeting recently held was well attended, the main focus was on health-related issues, information sent with the agenda will be resent along with the notes from the meeting. The next CAP meeting will start earlier and feature workshops on suicide awareness. Finally, Cllr. Chopak was delighted to announce that the opening the Berries Avenue Community Hub is scheduled for April, a significant milestone in efforts to foster a strong sense of community and provide valuable resources to residents.

** 20:21 Cllr. Pamela Idelson left the meeting.*

(b) Chair's Report - The Chairman attended the CAP meeting along with Cllr. Chopak, discussions were fruitful with Councillors actively engaging, with recognition of the need to address the lack of dentistry. Additionally, the Chair attended the first presentation on 'Making Waves for Sand'. Finally, repairs to the flooded highway from Coppathorne to Widemouth Bay are underway.

(c) Clerk's Report – The Clerk reported defibrillator signage for the telephone kiosk is underway, and enquiry sent to other parishes about their maintenance policies for telephone kiosks hosting defibrillators.

11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: - None. 142/24

12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: - No reports. 143/24

13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: - **144/24**
It was unanimously RESOLVED Cllr. Graeme Swatton be assigned the Police Liaison and Emergency Procedures portfolio.
14. Items for Information: - None. **145/24**
15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda:
Date of next meeting Wednesday 17-April 2024. **146/24**
- * 20:31 Cllr. Tom O’Sullivan left the meeting.*
16. Casual Vacancies – None received. **147/24**
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. **148/24**
18. Close the Meeting -The Chair closed the meeting at 20:39. **149/24**

FINANCE SCHEDULE 20-March 2024

BANKING & INVESTMENTS

CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	Statement 29/02/2024	£85,550.19
Cornwall Council Call Account Facility	Statement 29/02/2024	£90,859.53
Community Account	Statement 21/02/2024	£308,605.99
Reserve Account	Statement 21/02/2024	£60,901.86

INCOME

Cornwall Council	05/03/2024 Community Chest Grant	£80.00
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TOTAL INCOME 20/03/2024 **£80.00**

EXPENDITURE

Source for Business	Water Services 01-Jan to 06-Mar 2024 - Cemetery	£14.96
Source for Business	Water Services 16-Dec 2023 to 06-Mar 2024 Public Toilets	£697.29
Mat Sampson	Emergency Call Out - Public Toilets	£120.00
T.J. Davies	Invoice 304 Cleaning Public Toilets	£900.00
Staff Costs	Mth 12	£844.20
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 12	£204.67

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 20/03/2024 **£2,781.12**