

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY 03-SEPTEMBER 2025

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 03-September 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the Gildhouse.

1. To note persons present and receive apologies for absence: 391/25
In attendance were Cllr. Stephen Blake in the Chair and Cllrs. Michelle Carter, Pamela Idelson, Graeme Swatton, Liz White and John Worth.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Eric Harris and Tom O’Sullivan.
Members of the public present 2.
2. Declarations of Interests: Cllr. Michelle Carter agenda item 7(a) PA25/05107. 392/25
3. Requests for Dispensation: None received. 393/25
4. Public Open Session: Two members of the public addressed the Council to provide clarification and explanation in relation current planning applications. 394/25
5. To resolve that the Minutes of the previous Full Council Meeting are an accurate record:
(a) Minutes of the Full Council:
RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16-July 2025 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (1 abs). 395/25
(b) Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30-July 2025:
RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30-July 2025 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (2 abs). 396/25
(c) Note any matters arising - None. 397/25
6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action with any associated expenditure:
Correspondence schedule was reviewed and the following **NOTED**.
(a) 24/07/2025 Dogs on Beaches Consultation - It was **AGREED** to respond to the consultation with no change to current restrictions at Widemouth Bay where dogs are prohibited from 15-May to 30-September between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm and for the Clerk to submit the agreed response. 398/25
(b) 28/08/2025 CALC Farewell and Thank you - It was **AGREED** to write a letter of thanks to Sarah Mason, former Executive of Cornwall ALC, expressing the Council’s gratitude for her support and guidance over many years and to wish her well in her retirement. 399/25
7. Planning Matters:
(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment:
PA25/04531 Proposal: Installation of an agricultural anaerobic digestion facility and associated plant and equipment including underground pipework, digestive lagoon, site access road and landscaping
Location: East Helscott Farm, Marhamchurch, Bude, Cornwall EX23 0EA.
Following lengthy discussion and consideration of the proposal it was RESOLVED to OBJECT with the following objections:
 1. Highways and Traffic Safety - The A39 is not considered a suitable route for the projected substantial increase in HGV traffic accessing and egressing the site. This raises particular concern during the busy tourist season, when traffic volumes are already significant. PPC believes the impact on highway safety and congestion would be unacceptable.
 2. Noise Nuisance - The proposed facility is intended to operate on a 24-hour, 7-day basis. Concern was expressed that the continuous operational noise would result in a detrimental impact on the amenity of local residents and surrounding rural environment.
 3. Environmental Risks - PPC noted the potential risk of spillages into the River Neet. This river directly

feeds into a significant nature reserve, and any contamination would have serious ecological consequences. Concerns were also raised about the introduction of new technology without clear evidence of robust safeguards.

4. Financial Viability - No supporting information has been provided to demonstrate the financial viability of the project. PPC is concerned that insufficient evidence has been presented to justify the long-term sustainability of the proposal.

For the above reasons, it was RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application (3 abs).

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PA25/05315 Proposal: Change of use of this land from agricultural to residential, construction of a 5-bay garage building with a self-contained holiday let within the eaves space, erection of a two storey extension and a single storey extension and front porch.

Location: Higher Tregole Bungalow, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall EX23 0EH.

Following discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED - NO OBJECTIONS.

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PA25/05517 Proposal: Telecommunications Prior Notification for five satellite antenna within radomes with associated access and fencing.

Location: Communications and Transatlantic Cable Relay Station, Widemouth Bay, Bude, Cornwall EX23 0NE.

Following discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED - NO OBJECTIONS.

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PA25/05107 Proposal: Extension and alterations to existing dwelling.

Location: Southfield, Vicarage Lane, Poundstock, Bude, Cornwall EX23 0AU.

Following discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED - NO OBJECTIONS.

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** It was noted Cllr. Michelle Carter declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or vote.*

(b) To note any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting: None.

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

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

(a) To note income, banking and investment statements **NOTED.**

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

RESOLVED unanimously, to make payments as scheduled.

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

(a) To receive an update and consider next steps for a new hall for Poundstock - Quotes received from the architects Laurence Associates were discussed, following which it was **RESOLVED to accept the topographical survey from Coast to Coast in the sum of £450.00 plus VAT.**

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Further quotes were discussed, following which it was **RESOLVED to accept the quote from Hall Surveyors for the preparation of elemental costs in the sum of £1,800.00 plus VAT.**

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(b) To receive an update and consider next steps for the public toilets - It was reported that the liquid soap bottles in the public toilets had been repeatedly removed. Following discussions, it was unanimously **RESOLVED that the Clerk should purchase two Pro-Washroom Bulk Fill Stainless Steel Soap and Hand Sanitiser Dispensers (1 Litre) at a cost of £49.96.**

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(c) Hele Valley Trail update - Deferred.

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(d) Traffic safety issues with access to the lay-by on the A39 at Meadowlands (Cllr. John Worth) - It was unanimously **RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Highways regarding residents' concerns about traffic speed and safety at the Meadowlands lay-by**, with the Councillor who raised the matter copied into the correspondence.

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10. To receive reports and authorise any action: **413/25**
- (a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report: Cllr. Chopak was unable to attend and sent her apologies.
- (b) Chair's Report: The Chair and Vice-chair reported that they had met with Ben Maguire MP and took the opportunity to raise residents' concerns regarding sewage issues experienced through the summer season at Widemouth Bay, including the intermittent presence of tankers on site. It was noted that the Chair will be attending the upcoming CAP meeting on 08-September.
- (c) Clerk's Report: At the previous meeting, damage to the cemetery gate was reported and the Clerk was instructed to arrange repairs. This work has now been carried out and completed.
11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: **414/24**
- The Chair reported the NDP final draft is nearing completion and there will be more to report shortly.
12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: No reports. **415/25**
13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure: **416/25**
- Police Advocate & Emergency Procedures Cllr. Graeme Swatton gave a report, the contents of when were noted.
14. Co-option of Parish Councillors: It was **NOTED** that there are currently two casual vacancies, and no further applications have been received to date. **417/25**
15. Items for Information: None. **418/25**
16. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda: **419/25**
- The next ordinary meeting will be held at the Gildhouse on 17-September 2025.
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. **420/25**
18. Close the Meeting - Meeting Closed at 21:33. **421/25**

FINANCE SCHEDULE 03-SEPTEMBER 2025

BANKING AND INVESTMENT STATEMENTS

Current Account	Statement 30/07/2025	£51,909.24
Reserve Account	Statement 30/07/2025	£82,153.77
CCLA	Statement 31/07/2025	£91,625.07
Call Account	Statement 30/06/2025	£315,765.38

INCOME

Arthur Bryant Funerals	Memorial Fee - Cooper 28/08/2025	£120.00
David Gynn	Memorial Fee - Roberts 04/08/2025	£60.00

TOTAL INCOME 03/09/2025 **£180.00**

EXPENDITURE

Starboard Systems Ltd	Invoice 11819 01-31 Aug 2025 (DD) 01/08/2025	£50.40
Gildhouse Committee	Grant Approved Min. 373/25	£500.00
British Gas Business	Invoice 806978500 02-Jun 01-Jul 25 Public Toilets (BACS)	£122.53
British Gas Business	Invoice 814950059 02-Jul to 01-Aug 25 Public Toilets (BACS)	£118.32
Laurence Associates	Invoice 40231 Architects Services for New Hall (BACS)	£3,028.32
NALC	Invoice 820071 Registration Fee	£60.00
Crystal Clear	Invoice 78 Window Cleaning Public Toilets (BACS)	£59.00
T.J. Davies Ltd	Invoice 28 Cleaning Public Toilets August 2025 (BACS)	£1,980.00
Mr. Paul Libretto	Invoice 20.08.25 Emergency Repairs Public Toilets (BACS)	£80.00
Mr. Paul Libretto	Invoice 23.08.25 Work to Cemetery & Churchyard Gates (BACS)	£870.00
Robin Beagle	Invoice 295 Emergency Repairs to Public Toilets Roof (BACS)	£40.00
Staff Costs	Mth 5 (BACS)	£848.92
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 5 (BACS)	£294.10

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 03/09/2025 **£8,051.59**