

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19-MARCH 2025

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19-March 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the Beach House, Widemouth Bay.

1. To note persons present and receive any apologies for absence with reason: 1109/25
In attendance were Cllr. Stephen Blake in the Chair and Cllrs. Michelle Carter, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan, Graeme Swatton and John Worth.
RESOLVED unanimously to accept apology with reason for absence given by Cllr. Steve Haynes.
2. To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests: None received. 1110/25
3. Council to consider requests for Dispensations from Members concerning items on the agenda: None received. 1111/25
4. Public Open Session - Matters raised by members of the public on an agenda item: None received. 1112/25
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 Council Meeting held on 05-March 2025 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair (1 abs). 1113/25
(b) Note any matters arising - None. 1114/25
6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action with any associated expenditure: 1115/25
Correspondence schedule was reviewed and the following **NOTED**.
(a) 14/03/2025 Widemouth Bay.
7. Planning Matters:
(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment:
PA25/01458 Proposal: Construction of a dwelling Location: Land East Of Lakeside, Treskinnick Cross, Bude, Cornwall EX23 ODT. **Following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED to OBJECT to the proposed development on the following grounds: That the proposals for foul water treatment are vague and unsatisfactory given that there is no indication of how they will integrate with the existing private system; no percolation test is provided in the documentation, which is unacceptable given the challenging ground conditions in the area; the proposed site extends into the countryside, does not follow the established development line, and does not constitute rounding off or infill; there is no mention of the high voltage cable which traverses the plot underground, presenting a significant constraint to development.** 1116/25
(b) To note any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting: None. 1117/25
(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> 1118/25
8. Finance to discuss and resolve a course of action with associated expenditure:
(a) To note income, banking and investment statements **NOTED**. 1119/25
(b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts as per schedule.
RESOLVED unanimously, to make payments as scheduled. 1120/25
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 - Pending. 1121/25
(b) To receive an update and consider tenders received for the annual cleaning of the public toilets in Widemouth Bay. **Following discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED that T.J. Davis Ltd be awarded the annual cleaning tender for cleaning the public toilets.** 1122/25

(c) To review progress following resolution 414/24 at the meeting held on 18-September 2024, the appointment of a Lead Councillor to address requests for information. The six-month review of the Lead Councillor's progress in addressing information requests has provided valuable insight, with the Council's approach proving effective and informative. The Chair thanked Cllr. O'Sullivan for his outstanding effort and achievements in this matter.

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(d) To agree LMP & SWCP for 2025/26 - **It was unanimously RESOLVED to continue with the Local Maintenance Partnership for 2025/26.**

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(e) To write to a parishioner regarding repeated challenges to the Parish Council's accounts and request reimbursement of the accountancy fees for the 2022/23 accounts, as no wrongdoing by the Parish Council was identified. Should reimbursement not be received, the Clerk with the Chair, be authorised to pursue legal proceedings through the County Court to protect public funds. **Following discussions, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve and implement the motion as recorded above, authorising the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to take necessary steps should reimbursement not be received.**

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10. To receive reports and authorise any action:

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(a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report: Cllr. Nicky Chopak was unable to attend and sent her apologies.

(b) Chair's Report: The Chair had no further reports beyond items listed on the agenda.

(c) Clerk's Report: The Clerk advised the SLCC Membership is soon due for renewal. HMRC employee tax code for the new financial year have been received and will be actioned accordingly. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit for 2022/23 has been posted on the Council's website and noticeboards, as required. It was noted that the new Banking Hub at the Parkhouse Centre in Bude is now open.

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11. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure:

The Call for Sites requirement for the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was published on the Council's website, noticeboards, and social media platforms for a period of 4 weeks.

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12. Councils Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: No reports.

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13. Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure:

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(a) Police Advocate, Cllr. Graeme Swatton presented the report from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Devon and Cornwall Police. In collaboration with Trading Standards South West, they recently conducted a major operation targeting the sale of illegal tobacco and vapes. The removal of these unregulated and potentially dangerous products from circulation is a significant step towards ensuring public safety. Members of the public are encouraged to assist in keeping the community safe by reporting any concerns. Reports can be made to Trading Standards South West at www.tssw.org.uk/report-it or by contacting Citizens Advice at 0808 223 1133.

(b) PROW & Highway Portfolio Holder, Cllr. Pamela Idelson reported that the footbridges previously identified as needing repair have now been successfully repaired by Cornwall Council. Councillors reported that trees have been cut down along the bank beside the A39, adjacent to properties backing onto the highway at Treskinnick Cross. Councillors also reported instances of overnight parking in the lay-by at Widemouth Fields on the A39, Cllr. Nicky Chopak to be advised.

14. Items for Information - None.

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15. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda:

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Date of next meeting Wednesday 02-April 2025 and 16-April 2025.

16. 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.

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17. Close the Meeting - Meeting Closed at 21:28.

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FINANCE SCHEDULE 19-MARCH 2025

BANKING AND INVESTMENT STATEMENTS

CCLA	Statement 28/02/2025	£89,977.24
Call Account	Statement 28/02/2025	£309,328.47
Current Account	Statement 21/02/2025	£72,067.11
Reserve Account	Statement 21/02/2025	£51,797.88

INCOME - NONE

EXPENDITURE

South West Ambulance	Defibrillator Support Package Invoice 1595 (BACS)	£1,200.00
Laurence Associates	Inv-39693 Architects Services for New Hall (BACS)	£110.88
BDO LLP	Inv-00655087 Year-End 31-Mar 23 & Review of Elector's Objections	£3,632.40
Redsmart	Inv-7040 Public Toilets Metal Signs x 2 (Min. Ref. 580/24) (BACS)	£41.40
British Gas	Inv-813239284 Public Toilets 02-Feb to 01-Mar 25 (BACS)	£140.04
T.J. Davies Cleaning	Inv-0093 Cleaning Public Toilets March 2025 (BACS)	£1,200.00
Source for Business	Inv-5089-3307-52 Public Toilets Water 28-Dec 24 to 07-Mar 25	£519.02
Source for Business	Inv-5089-3311-86 Cemetery Water 20-Dec 24 to 07-Mar 25	£22.41
Clerk	Expenses Claim (Min. Ref. 076/25)	£32.88
Staff Costs	Mth 12 (BACS)	£856.92
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 12 (BACS)	£231.46

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 19/03/2025 £7,987.41