

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF POUNDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL HELD WEDNESDAY 15-JULY 2026

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15-July 2026 at 7.00 p.m. at the Gildhouse, Vicarage Lane, Poundstock.

1. To note persons present and receive apologies for absence: 242/26

In attendance were Cllr. Stephen Blake in the Chair and Cllrs. Michelle Carter, David Barton, Graeme Swatton, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan, Liz White and the Clerk.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. John Worth.
Members of the public present 4.

2. Declarations of Interests: None received. 243/26

3. Requests for Dispensation: None received. 244/26

4. Public Open Session: Four members of the public were present. Several addressed the Council in relation to planning applications on the agenda and expressed their views prior to the Council's consideration of the items. 245/26

At the Chair's discretion, Agenda Item 7 (Planning) was brought forward and considered earlier in the meeting. For ease of reference, these minutes remain in the published agenda order.

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 17-June 2026 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

246/26

(b) Note any matters arising - There were no matters arising from the minutes.

247/26

6. Correspondence to discuss and resolve a course of action with any associated expenditure:

Correspondence schedule was reviewed and **NOTED**.

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01/07/2026 Important: CALC EGM 23rd July 2026 - RESOLVED that the Chair attend the CALC Extraordinary General Meeting on 23-July 2026.

7. Planning Matters:

(a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment:

PA26/03339 Location: Kennacott House Kennacott Court Holiday Lodges Bude Cornwall.

Proposal: To remove and vary the existing occupancy restrictions affecting Kennacott House in order to allow unrestricted Use Class C3 residential occupation, whilst also retaining the ability for the properties to continue to operate as holiday accommodation.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that whilst the Council has previously supported planning applications at this site, it considers this proposal to be materially different. Additional information presented during the consultation process has reinforced the Council's concerns regarding the loss of tourism accommodation, infrastructure constraints, and the cumulative impact of residential use.

The Council considers the proposal to be contrary to both local and national planning policy and remains particularly concerned that the infrastructure serving this rural location, especially the existing foul drainage and sewage network, is already under significant pressure and does not support additional unrestricted residential use. The Council has consistently raised concerns regarding the capacity of the local sewage infrastructure in relation to development within the parish, and those concerns remain unresolved.

The Council further considers the proposal would result in the loss of an important tourism asset, weaken the local visitor economy, and establish an unjustified residential use in the open countryside. Taken together, these factors weigh heavily against the proposal, and the Council respectfully recommends that planning permission be refused. The Council also considers that the proposal conflicts with the aims of the emerging

Poundstock Neighbourhood Development Plan by weakening the local tourism economy and introducing additional residential use where infrastructure is already constrained. For these reasons, PPC objects to this application.

249/26

PA26/02242 Location: Sarum, Marine Drive, Widemouth Bay, Bude, Cornwall.

Proposal: Replacement residential dwelling.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that whilst the Council has no objection in principle to the replacement of the existing dwelling, it considers that the proposed development represents a significant overdevelopment of the site. The scale, bulk and massing of the proposed dwelling are considered excessive for the size of the plot and would appear overly dominant and out of keeping with the surrounding street scene.

The Council is also concerned that the design, including the proposed roof terrace, would result in unacceptable overlooking and a significant loss of privacy to neighbouring properties on all sides. In addition, the Council remains concerned about the cumulative impact of further residential development on the local foul drainage network. Given the size of the proposed dwelling, including four bathrooms, the application has the potential to increase wastewater demand in an area where sewage infrastructure is already a well-documented concern.

250/26

PA26/04491 Location: Millook Cottage, Kennacott Court Holiday Cottages, Bude, Cornwall.

Proposal: Remove existing holiday-use occupancy restrictions affecting Millook, in order to allow unrestricted Use Class 3 residential occupation, whilst also retaining the ability for property to continue to operate as holiday accommodation.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that whilst the Council has previously supported planning applications at this site, it considers this proposal to be materially different. Additional information presented during the consultation process has reinforced the Council's concerns regarding the loss of tourism accommodation, infrastructure constraints, and the cumulative impact of residential use.

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PA26/04490 Location: Widemouth Cottage, Kennacott Court Holiday Cottages, Bude, Cornwall.

Proposal: Remove the existing holiday-use occupancy restrictions affecting Widemouth Cottage in order to allow unrestricted Use Class C3 residential occupation, whilst also retaining the ability for the properties to continue to operate as holiday accommodation.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that whilst the Council has previously supported planning applications at this site, it considers this proposal to be materially different. Additional information presented during the consultation process has reinforced the Council's concerns regarding the loss of tourism accommodation, infrastructure constraints, and the cumulative impact of residential use.

The Council considers the proposal to be contrary to both local and national planning policy and remains particularly concerned that the infrastructure serving this rural location, especially the existing foul drainage and sewage network, is already under significant pressure and does not support additional unrestricted residential use. The Council has consistently raised concerns regarding the capacity of the local sewage infrastructure in relation to development within the parish, and those concerns remain unresolved.

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(b) To note any applications received from Cornwall Council by the time of the meeting: 253/26

(c) Planning Decisions – **NOTED** <https://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications> 254/26

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

(a) To receive and note the financial report, including income, banking, investments and financial controls: The financial report, including income, banking, investments and financial controls were received and **NOTED**. Supporting documentation was inspected by Members as part of the Council's ongoing review of its financial controls. 255/26

(b) To resolve to approve payment of outstanding accounts - **RESOLVED unanimously to APPROVE the payment of accounts as presented.** 256/26

(c) To note CIL Report 2025/26 - **NOTED** 257/26

(d) To consider a grant request for financial assistance - **RESOLVED, that the Council, whilst sympathetic to the applicant's request, was unable to award a grant to an individual and therefore the application was refused.** 258/26

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 - The Chair reported that Charity Fundraising Ltd is continuing to progress grant funding applications for the proposed community hall. 259/26

(b) To receive an update and consider next steps for the public toilets - **RESOLVED to note the positive comments being received from the public regarding the cleanliness of, and improvements to, the public toilets since the Parish Council took ownership of them.** 260/26

(c) To review any updates on View Point North Car Park (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan) - Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan reported that progress is continuing, and the matter remains ongoing. 261/26

(d) To consider a motion regarding South West Water and, if agreed to:

(i) Declare a Vote of No Confidence in South West Water; and

(ii) Authorise a signing of a collective letter to the Secretary of State requesting the implementation of a Special Administrative Order (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan).

RESOLVED unanimously, that Poundstock Parish Council supports the Dowr Glan Campaign by declaring a Vote of No Confidence in South West Water and sign the collective letter to the Secretary of State calling for a Special Administrative Order. 262/26

(e) Review Car Park Levy Information - The Chair reported that no response had yet been received from Cornwall Council regarding the car park levy Min Ref 204/26. The matter remains ongoing. 263/26

10. Cemetery Matters to receive reports and authorise any action or expenditure:

Cllr. Eric Harris, Cemetery Portfolio Holder, reported that a memorial chair within the cemetery, placed by a family many years ago, has deteriorated over time due to its age and exposure to the elements. The Clerk

- subsequently inspected the chairs and confirmed its condition. Members requested that the Clerk make reasonable efforts to contact the family associated with the chair. The Clerk was requested to obtain a quotation for a suitable replacement and submit the proposal to Cllr. Nicky Chopak for consideration under the Community Chest Grant. 264/26
11. To receive reports and authorise any action: 265/26
Poundstock Ward Member's Report: Cllr. Nicky Chopak, unable to attend the meeting sent her apologies.
- (b) Chair's Report: The Chair reported that speed camera signs have been installed at two locations along Marine Drive. Leigh Frost has responded regarding the South West Water matter, he has raised the Council's concerns alongside similar issues from other areas and has a meeting arranged with the Chief Executive. The Chair also reported that the mesh in the car park has been infilled. As the material has settled, further infilling will be required to bring it back to a level surface.
- (c) Clerk's Report: The Clerk requested that All Points Accountancy be engaged to undertake quarterly reviews of the Council's accounts at a cost of £60.00 per quarter, it was **RESOLVED to engage All Points Accountancy Ltd on an ongoing basis, with the appointment to be reviewed annually.** 266/26
- (d) Assistant Clerk's Report: The Assistant Clerk reported that, to date, no response has been received from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) regarding a matter that's now been outstanding for approximately seven months. He confirmed that a Freedom of Information request received during the month had been responded to. The Clerk thanked the Assistant Clerk for this continued assistance in dealing with the Council's Freedom of Information matters.
12. NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: 267/26
The Chair presented an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan, advising that the Plan is progressing and is to be submitted to the independent examiner.
13. Council Representatives to receive reports from Outside Bodies: No reports were presented. 268/26
14. Portfolio Reports to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure: No reports. 269/26
15. Co-option of Parish Councillors: Following consideration, it was unanimously RESOLVED to co-opt Nigel Durman to the Council, subject to confirmation that he meets the statutory requirements. 270/26
16. Items for Information: None. 271/26
17. Notification of meeting and suggested items for the agenda: 272/26
Date of next meeting Wednesday 19-August 2026 at the Gildhouse.
18. 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. 273/26
19. Close the Meeting - Meeting Closed at 20:01. 274/26

FINANCE SCHEDULE 15-JULY 2026

BANKING AND INVESTMENT STATEMENTS

Current Account	Statement 29/06/2026	£51,725.87
Reserve Account	Statement 22/06/2026	£2,816.72
CCLA	Statement 30/06/2026	£54,499.05
Call Account	Statement 30/06/2026	£328,463.85

INCOME

Public Toilets	Donations 01-2026/27	£71.10
Public Toilets	Donations 02-2026/27	£65.72
Public Toilets	Donations 03-2026/27	£89.71
Public Toilets	Donations 04-2026/27	£97.97

TOTAL INCOME 15/07/2026 £324.50

EXPENDITURE

Cornwall ALC Ltd	Inv. 2627-114 Annual Membership Subscription 2026/7 01/04/26 (BACS)	£482.90
Source for Business	Inv. 7094507859 05-Mar to 09-Jun Public Toilets (10/06/26) BACS	£614.70
Source for Business	Inv. 7094614602 05-Mar to 18-Jun Cemetery (22/06/26) BACS	£32.64
Spot On Supplies	Inv. 21633865 Public Toilets Odour Control Granules (23/06/26) BACS	£66.54
British Gas	Inv. 15401432 01-Jun to 01-Jun 26 Public Toilets (30/06/26) BACS	£123.54
Starboard Services Ltd	Inv. 20032 Accounts 01 to 31 Jul (01/07/26) DD	£50.40
Crystal Clear	Inv. 47 Window Cleaning Public Toilets (08/07/26) BACS	£59.00
T.J. Davies Ltd	Inv. 035 Cleaning Public Toilets July 2026 (14/07/26) BACS	£2,220.00
Staff Costs	Mth 4 BACS	£739.92
HMRC	PAYE/NIC Mth 4 BACS	£441.74

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 15/07/2026 £4,831.38