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THE POUNDSTOCK PACKET

KERNOW BYS VYKEN !



This happy picture was taken after the wedding of Mike and Tania Owen of Trekennard, Poundstock, who were married at St Winwaloe's on Friday 23 April. We're not sure what Tania has spotted – Cupid, maybe? Many congratulations to you both.

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Welcome to the new look Poundstock Packet! It has been a long and difficult gestation, and no doubt there is plenty of scope for tweaking and improving, but we hope you are happy with our new format. We'd love to have your comments and suggestions; do let us know what you think.

One important change is the positioning of local information and diary dates. These are now in the centre of the magazine, where we have plenty of space to expand as life picks up again. There's no charge, so don't forget to let us know about community events, charity fundraisers and the like. We're also very happy to include messages for birthdays, anniversaries, congratulations and so on; just send us the details.

Liz

Contributions

We always welcome input from our readers. If you want to send us an article or local information, contact us at poundstockpacket@gmail.com or ring the editor, Liz Jones, on 079040 88779.

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Around the parish ...

Calling all Wrens

Diane Hodgson of Widemouth Bay, herself an ex-Wren, sent us this appeal. Do you have any Wrens in your family? I'm not referring to the tiny feathered variety in the garden, but the indomitable ladies who joined the Women's Royal Naval Service. Specifically, ladies who joined up between 1946 and 1981 and did their basic training at Training Depot Burghfield/HMTE Burghfield/HMTE Dauntless/HMS Dauntless/Reading.

Dauntless Divisional Photos is a nationwide project, in collaboration with the Association of Wrens, to gather divisional photographs and memories from those training days but also to reunite ladies with old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments.

So if you, your mum, granny, aunt, godmother or even next-door neighbour donned a blue suit and aimed for a life on the ocean wave, please get in touch on either ddpwrens@gmail.com or 07765 435295/0771 990 9844.

Mandy Powell & Janette Crisp, Project Coordinators

Urgent request for someone who's good with figures

Alan Green, the treasurer for the Gildhouse and the church, desperately needs an examiner for the annual accounts. You don't need any special qualifications but you do need to understand balance sheets. If you can help, please contact Alan on 01566 86500 or alan.capetown9@gmail.com.

The future of Bangors Chapel

Good news! Since first being discussed by the Poundstock Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in July 2019, Bangors Hall was registered as a Community Asset on 6 May 2021. See Community Right to Bid on the Cornwall Council website for the list and details.

There are timelines to be met if the owner informs Cornwall Council that they are going to sell. The parish council will need to further engage with the electorate before any decisions are made. These consultations will hopefully be commenced very shortly.

Sara Beckett

(See p. 40 for more on the Community Asset listing.)

Rick's big challenge for his family and CHSW

Rick Dean of Meadowlands Court is hoping to raise a lot of money for Children's Hospice South West on what would have been his son's 25th birthday. He's making a huge effort and really needs your support. See p. 19.



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We are part of the Bude Coast and Country Benefice of Stratton Deanery. The rector is Revd David Barnes (01288 341670, d.barnes645@outlook.com).

ST WINWALOE'S is the parish church for Poundstock. It dates from the fourteenth century. For many years it was known as St Neot's, until in the 1970s the then rector able to show that its original dedication was to St Winwaloe, a Breton monk, and the church was renamed. Services are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 9.30 am. Special services by arrangement with the rector.



Contact: Liz Jones (PCC secretary): 079040 088779 or jones@maves.co.uk

OUR LADY AND ST ANNE'S, Widemouth Bay, is one of the smallest churches in the country. It was originally a private chapel in a local garden, moving to its present site in 1940. In its grounds stands the Widemouth Bay Summerhouse, used for many local gatherings and events.



Holy Communion takes place here every fortnight, on Wednesday morning at 10am, alternating with St Michael's, Bude.

Contact: Judy MacDonald (churchwarden) tel. 01288 362254.

CHURCHWARDENS AT ST WINWALOE'S

At the recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting we were unable to elect churchwardens as no one felt able to take on this very demanding position. The PCC agreed to share the work involved, as far as we can.

There are not many of us left. Keeping the church open and active, looking after a Grade I listed fourteenth-century building and somehow finding the money required to do all this is quite a task. We want to keep the church open in Poundstock, but we are having to ask whether the struggle is worth it. Eventually it may become impossible.

St Winwaloe's has been the heart of the community for so long, providing a sanctuary for anyone and everyone, whatever their religious beliefs, acting as a centre of regular worship and the natural home for important life events like baptisms, weddings and funerals. Would anyone care if it closed?



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Churches

‘You don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone’:

Is there a future for St Winwaloe’s?

I think one of my favourite times for music was the mid-sixties to the mid-seventies, featuring many classic groups and solo artists. One of my favourite solo artists was Joni Mitchell, a Canadian folk/hippy singer who sang from the heart. Joni made special one particular record called ‘The Big Yellow Taxi’. Its chorus said something special:

Don’t it always seem to go
That you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

A couple of years ago Bangors Methodist Chapel disappeared almost before people knew it, and the same fate could happen to St. Winwaloe’s, Poundstock’s parish church. Numbers of people involved in the church are diminishing and the few that are left are becoming overwhelmed with the tasks that need to be done. If care is not taken, we may have to put up the notice which says, ‘Will the last one out please switch off the light.’

Revd David Barnes

SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY

June

- 6 Holy Communion, Bude, 9.30 am; Family Service, WSM, 10am
- 13 **Morning Prayer, Poundstock, 9.30 am**; Morning Prayer, Marhamchurch, 9.30 am; Holy Communion, Whitstone, 11.15 am
- 20 Holy Communion, Bude, 9.30; Holy Communion, WSM 11.15 am
- 27 **Holy Communion, Poundstock, 9.30 am**; Morning Prayer, Whitstone, 9.30 am; Holy Communion, Marhamchurch, 11.15 am

July

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An Apology

We are very sorry for the mistake in the names of Phil Marshall's parents in our last issue. We apologise to Mr Marshall and are glad to have the chance to put things right : this beautiful new gate is a memorial to Donald and Eileen Marshall. The Marshall family is thought to be one of the oldest in Poundstock. Documents in the Cornwall Record Office show that Marshalls have been here since at least 1600, a dynasty of carpenters and wheelwrights whose work has been part of Poundstock life for generations. We understand that Donald Marshall built the lych gate at the south end of the churchyard.

We apologise for the mistake, but make no apology for reprinting a picture of the gate, in colour this time. (Thanks to Brenda Alison for the photo.)



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Or is it a frog?

Or a horse?

Or a frog?

(Turn the page sideways if the frog escapes you.)

...And Older

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Amphibians are animals which lead two different lives. The young animals live under water, like fish, and the adults live on the land, like horses.

20% of air is oxygen. All animals need oxygen to live. We are animals. (Try holding your breath.) Baby amphibians get oxygen by using gills. Gills take in masses of water and force it past blood vessels which take out dissolved oxygen.

Adult amphibians have lungs which take in air and send oxygen into their blood.

Frogs are amphibians; horses are like us.



Baby frogs (tadpoles)
– not like us



Adult frog – not like us
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Horse – just like us
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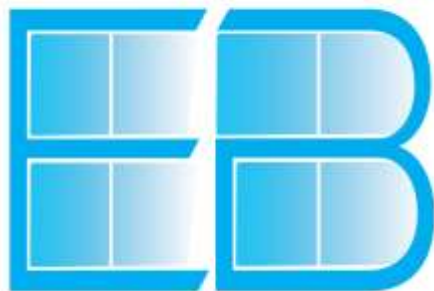
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T-H-A-T, OF COURSE!

WHAT DID THE FROG SAY IN THE LIBRARY?

REDDIT, REDDIT ...

One night, a king and a queen went into a castle. There was nobody already there and no one came out. In the morning, three people came out of the castle. Who were they?

The knight (night), the king, and the queen!

WHAT DID THE CHICKEN SAY IN THE LIBRARY?
BOOK, BOOK ...



What belongs to you but is used by everyone else?
Your name

What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs? A clock

What goes up and never comes down?

Your age

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words 'Wednesday', 'Friday' and 'Sunday'?
Yesterday, today and tomorrow.

What occurs once in a minute, twice in a millennium, but never in a century?

THE LETTER 'M'.



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A Legal View: Sleep-in Shifts

A female worker sued her employer, the Royal Mencap Society. She was a highly qualified care support worker. She provided care for two vulnerable adults. Her working pattern was to do a two-day shift, for which she was paid a salary, and then another sleep-in shift, for which she received a flat rate. She was then paid an additional hourly rate for any time during the night when she was woken to perform her duties. During these sleep-in shifts she had no specific tasks to undertake. However, she was expected to sleep in an allocated private bedroom. She also had to remain on the premises should help be required. She was called upon to work during the night on six occasions in sixteen months. Her employer did not pay her for the time she was sleeping and not required to render any assistance. That was the reason she went to the Employment Tribunal.

Both the Employment Tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal held that she was working for national minimum wage purposes for the entirety of her sleep-in shifts. They held that the Society was under a legal obligation to have someone on the premises according to the law. Also, under its contract with the Local Authority, a worker was required to remain at the premises throughout the shift. Third, she had to use her professional judgement to work out when her intervention was needed in the night, and to give appropriate and prompt responses.

This case worked its way right up to the Supreme Court, which passed judgement in March reversing the decisions of the Employment Tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal. The Justices held that under the National Minimum Wage Sleep-in Provisions, a worker who is expected to sleep during their shift and only woken infrequently (known as a sleep-in care worker) is only entitled to the national minimum wage when they are awake for the purposes of work. In the Court's judgement, the Justices said:

If the employer has given the worker the hours in question as time to sleep and the only requirement on the worker is to respond to emergency calls, the worker's time in those hours is not included in the national minimum wage calculation for time worked unless the worker actually answers an emergency call. In that event the time he spends answering the call is included ...

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Sleep-in shifts (continued)

It follows that, however many times the sleep-in worker is (contrary to expectation) woken to answer emergency calls, the whole of his shift is not included for national minimum wage purposes. Only the period for which he is actually awake for the purposes of working is included.

As you can imagine, there is a difference between those employed to work night shifts who are expected to be awake and working, and those employed to cover a sleep-in shift where they are expected to be sleeping but available when needed in emergencies. So, for example, a night watchman who has duties to patrol periodically throughout the night is deemed to be working throughout the entire shift even if he is allowed to sleep for short periods between the obligatory patrols.

Care providers have breathed a huge sigh of relief. It is estimated that the potential damage for settling backdated claims, had they lost, could have amounted to a bill for £400 million. Working on relatively small margins, that would inevitably have seen many go to the wall.

John Busby

A Charity Marathon for CHSW

Rick Dean, of Meadowlands Court, Poundstock, a long-time supporter of Children's Hospice South West, has raised thousands in memory of his son, Kierran, who was born without a functioning immune system. Kierran spent most of his short life in the charity's Little Bridge House, which also supported Rick and his wife Julie after Kierran's death. On 25 June, which would have been Kierran's 25th birthday, Rick will be walking 10 miles, cycling 10 miles and running 10 miles to raise essential funds for CHSW in their 30th year, and is dedicating his latest challenge to the memory of Kierran and Julie, who sadly passed away early this year. He's aiming to raise an amazing £1,000 and he'd be really grateful for your support. You can find out how to help at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rick-dean1 or via www.chsw.org.uk.

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June

- 2 and every Wednesday: Gildhouse open, 10-4, free
- 11-13 G7 summit in Cornwall
- 20 Fathers' Day
Jacobstow Garden Safari, 2-6 pm (see p. 11)
- 21 Possible easing of covid restrictions
- 25 Rick Dean's 10+10+10 challenge for CHSW (see p. 19)

July

- 23 Summer term ends for Cornwall schools

FREE ADVERTISING FOR LOCAL EVENTS

The Packet will always advertise local community and charity events free of charge. As restrictions ease and circumstances allow meetings and events to take place, we all hope to get back to a more normal pattern of life with a lot more going on. As ever, we will be delighted to publish the details: just let us know.

For future reference, here are our deadlines for the rest of the year:

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| For August and September | 20 July |
| For October and November | 20 September |
| For December and January | 20 November |

Defibrillators in the parish

There are three, all in Widemouth Bay. One is next to the Summerhouse (at the church in Leverlake Road), one is near the top of Long Park Drive by the entrance to Pencarra and Bellair, just below the junction with Edith Walk, and the third is at the back of the public toilets just above Widemouth beach. The RNLI lifeguards also have a defibrillator, available when they are on duty, from the lifeguard centre in the council car park.

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Frogs

When I taught French I took children on French exchanges. And on those exchanges we used to do day trips out to places of interest; we travelled through the French countryside and saw those wonderful water towers.

Now, I was naughty and made up stories about these towers. I told the children that France had suffered from earthquakes followed by movement of the country towards England. I said the French were so horrified by the idea of moving closer to her age-old enemy that they employed the best engineers to think of a plan. These clever people devised tectonic screws; the towers were gigantic screws which helicopters lifted into place, and they were screwed into the ground to hold tectonic plates together. And this engineering feat would save France from drifting across the Channel. Some children laughed in a patronising sort of way, others swallowed my rubbish hook, line and sinker and had to be told the truth a bit later.

Another story was about what was in the towers. I explained they were for breeding frogs for the dinner table: the frogs started at the bottom and had to work their way to the top of the tower. Those that managed the climb were deemed fit enough for their legs to be used in the best restaurants. The big conical bit at the top was where the frogs were separated from their legs; the animals were bandaged up and each given a tiny pair of crutches, taken down to ground level and released. I told the children to look out for frogs on crutches.

I suppose my final destination is Hell.

Frogs laid their eggs (I should say spawn) in our pond in very early March; the tadpoles were everywhere later in the month, and now they are little diddy frogs struggling through the wet grass. They will grow and grow, eat as many slugs and snails as possible (Bravo!), and behave nothing like Jeremy Fisher: do you remember?...he sat on a lily leaf and fished – but what a wonderful book! It enthralled me as an eight-year-old.

I wish I had lived in Beatrix Potter's day. She and I would have a lot in common, what with our love of the countryside....and telling stories about frogs.



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NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter became the first aircraft in history to make a powered controlled flight on another planet. The solar-powered helicopter first became airborne at 12.33 Local Mean Solar Time (Mars time), when the Ingenuity team estimated energy and flight conditions would be best. Ingenuity climbed to its prescribed maximum altitude of 10 ft (3 m) and maintained a stable hover for 30 seconds, then descended, touching down after 39.1 seconds of flight. Its initial flight demonstration was autonomous – piloted by on-board guidance, navigation, and control systems running algorithms developed by the team. Because data must be sent and returned over hundreds of millions of miles using orbiting satellites and NASA's Deep Space Network, Ingenuity cannot be flown with a joystick, and its flight was not observable from Earth in real time. The Perseverance Rover not only acted as a communications relay between the helicopter and Earth, but also chronicled the flight operations with its cameras.

Ingenuity has made two more flights and continues to set records, flying faster and farther on its third flight on Sunday 25 April 2021 than in any tests it went through on Earth. It took off at 12.33 p.m. Mars time, rising 16 ft (5 m) – the same as its second flight. Then it zipped downrange 164 ft (50 m), reaching a top speed of 6.6 ft/second (2 m/s). The helicopter's black-and-white navigation camera, meanwhile, tracked surface features below, and this flight put the on-board processing of these images to the test. Ingenuity's flight computer, which autonomously flies the craft based on instructions sent up hours before data is received back on Earth, uses the same resources as the cameras.

This experimental helicopter has been astonishingly successful, and the control team are to be congratulated on its continuing success. I hope to bring you more details of this latest Mars Mission, with details of what the Endeavour Rover has also been doing.

Bill Turnill

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Well as I write this we are coming up to an anniversary that we never thought we'd have, one whole year of meeting on zoom. All three units have been meeting weekly on zoom since the middle of May 2020, which has kept the units active, and although zoom is not for everyone we have been flexible having members complete the activities on their own and hoping they will join us along with those new members not wanting to zoom when we get back to face to face.

All units have been busy completing activities to help them get some badges. The brownies and rainbows even went on a day trip to London, something that would never happen in normal times, due to the distance and the fact that Louise (the brownie leader) is a country girl at heart and has a dislike for large cities. We met at Kings Cross station arriving by a variety of means some by train, some by colourful aeroplanes, a couple of flying unicorns and 1 riding an elephant! Completed a quiz, and made a sky scraper. They then went off and visited various locations including Buckingham Palace, London zoo, and the Tower of London, before meeting at Covent Garden to catch up complete some more group activities before exploring again. We ended at The London Eye for a final catch up and make an origami boat to sail on the Thames. Photos are of what the girls made when they visited the various locations around London.

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RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S FINAL REPORT

After considerable deliberation I have decided to continue as a Parish Councillor but not to seek re-election as Chairman. I wish to thank the Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk Lynn Pluess, District Councillor Nicky Chopak, and many residents who have given me support and encouragement over the past five years.

The job of Chairman of the Parish Council is not an easy one, and the past eighteen months have been especially taxing. I have continued to work conscientiously on behalf of the Parish Council, but have become increasingly aware of a lack of positive support, and covert undermining of my role as Chairman. On a number of occasions questions over the legality of decisions made were raised from both within the Parish Council and by members of the public. On further scrutiny not one of these challenges were upheld. Together with the difficulties of dealing with technical problems with Zoom meetings these attacks, which became very personal, have taken their toll and have affected the work of the Council.

I have tried at all times to keep the interests of the Parish at the forefront, and to treat all members of the Parish Council and residents with respect, fairness and impartiality, and am proud of some positive achievements. The business of the Parish Council is now potentially more efficient with the creation of Portfolio roles to ease the Clerk's workload, the independence of Poundstock from Bude was notably established, and car parking issues in Widemouth finally settled.

There are still outstanding matters for which the input from residents will be very important. The Neighbourhood Development Plan is moving ahead, the future of the Widemouth toilets is pending, and a decision over the siting of a replacement Community Hall will have to be made in the near future.

I sincerely trust that the Parish Council, with so many new members, will be able work together effectively as a team in facing these challenges, and that the new Chairman will have a more rewarding experience.



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Jacobstow WI

At last! Jacobstow WI's Committee met at the end of April to start planning for regular meetings to resume once the restrictions are lifted. We may be outside to begin with, when we hope the weather will be kind!

Over the past year use of the Internet has greatly increased within the WI with online and hybrid workshops, training and meetings. The NFWI (National Federation of Women's Institutes) holds its Annual Meeting in June and this too will be a hybrid-virtual event for the first time.



The Resolution chosen this year to be debated at the Annual Meeting is 'A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer'. The WI has previously campaigned for further research into ovarian cancer in 1999, but it remains one of the most common types of cancer.

The first-ever NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day is being celebrated across the UK on

5 July 2021, to thank health and care workers for being there for us when we need them most. The NFWI was commissioned to design a special cake as part of this celebration. The drip cake is certainly unique with a traditional vanilla sponge, NHS-themed decorations in a blue colour scheme, rainbow sprinkles with the NHS logo and scrubs washing-line decoration!



As regular users of the Parish Hall, we are supporting the Jacobstow Garden Safari event on 20th June with a Craft Stall so we look forward to seeing everyone there!

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POUNDSTOCK PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

The Localism Act 2011 introduced a new type of community led plan 'The Neighbourhood Development Plan'. Under the Localism Act, Parish and Town Councils can write a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for their area, giving the local community a chance to create a vision and planning policies for the use in the development of land in their parish or neighbourhood. It is an exciting opportunity for communities to become directly involved in planning policy.

What is the Poundstock Neighbourhood Plan?

The plan, which is led by the Parish Council, can set out local-level planning policies for the area, shaping future development. The process for Poundstock was commenced in 2017, when the area for the plan was designated; that area is the Parish of Poundstock which is far reaching and diverse including Bangors, Helscott, Millook, Tregole, Treskinnick Cross, Trewint and Widemouth Bay.

A Steering Group was formed so that the work involved in producing the plan was legally followed, with a band of volunteers and representatives of the Parish Council. The work of the Steering Group was to initially formulate a programme of consultation to capture the views of the electorate on the matters that concerned them currently, or what they wished for the future; these would be the objectives. The consultations would lead to data analysis of the objectives that needed to be shaped and prepared as policies for the plan that will become part of the Local Development Framework, and would be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications for the Parish.

Once the draft plan is prepared, it is subject to scrutiny by Cornwall Council to ensure that it conforms to National Planning Policies, the Cornwall Local Plan strategic policies. The plan will then be subject to an independent examination and, having gained support through a referendum of residents, the completed plan will be adopted as a formal planning policy by Cornwall Council. Once adopted this means that planning decisions in Poundstock will have to be

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The Neighbourhood Development Plan (continued)

made in accordance with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. It already has been, and will continue to be, a long and arduous process, reliant on support and participation from everyone in the Parish. The Steering Group is just a conduit to prepare the plan for everyone who wishes to either safeguard the Parish from unsuitable development or promote where development would be best placed in the Parish.

When the final document is written and has passed all of the relevant checks you will be asked to vote on it (as you would in an election). If 50 per cent of those that vote agree that it is acceptable it will become an official document (a made Plan) against which planning applications will be determined. This is an important document and it is important that we get it right. Your help in that process is appreciated. It is a development plan written by and for the community ... it really is up to YOU.

Where are we now?

The Steering Group has recently been resurrected after a delay, primarily caused by Covid-19, but with a newly formed Committee we hope to keep you better informed throughout the process, so that you have the opportunity to engage, which is vital.

The Steering Group have a lot of data which needs careful analysis, so that the objectives of producing a neighbourhood plan are clear. Once the objectives are clear and we have policy headings the actual policies can be prepared in draft. Throughout the process we will continually keep YOU up to date.

The Future of Poundstock Neighbourhood Plan

Please look out for further communications, consultations and questionnaires about YOUR neighbourhood plan. Future meetings of the Steering Group will be made public along with the minutes from those meetings. Please feel free to contact the Group via the address below.

Poundstock Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Chairman Matthew Blows

Vice Chair Brenda Alison

Secretary Lyn Smith

Members Sara Beckett, Fiona Hodges, Fiona Jeffery, Robbie Pearce, Barry Rogers, Nicky Vereker, Phyllis Ward

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Planning: PA21/02423 and PA/21/02469, Creathorne Farm, Mr A. Nicklen, extension to existing free-range poultry house, supported, and new free-range poultry house, supported. PA/21/02514 Causewell Farm, Mr R. Vincent, change of use from agricultural field to use as civil engineering depot, previously carried out without consent, supported. PA/21/03015 The Beach House, Mr M. Wade, new garage and store, support. PA/21/03047 The Cottage, Leverlake Rd, Mr M. Claydon, demolish existing buildings and replace with four houses, supported with conditions re sewage and surface water disposal.

Speeding issues: speed monitoring will take place on the 50 mph section of the A39 at Bangors and on Madeira Drive.

Ward member report: Nicky Chopak reaffirmed her position supporting the Council's opposition to the planning application for a crematorium

Parish hall working group: After discussion, resolved that Cllrs Pawley and Pearce will draft a questionnaire for a public survey on the acquisition of Bangors Chapel as a parish hall. Cllr Pawley will contact the Methodist Church. The chairman thanked the retiring councillors for their work. The meeting was closed 9.30. Next meeting: Tuesday 29 June.

Notice of Vacancy: Co-option of 2 Councillors

There are vacancies on Poundstock Parish Council for 2 co-opted Councillors. It is an unpaid position but allows an individual to get actively involved in maintaining and improving village life.

Are you eligible to apply? You must be a Commonwealth/British citizen or Euro national and be 18 or over. In addition, **one** of the following must apply:

- ☐ be on the local electoral register
- ☐ own a property or land in the area for the past 12 months
- ☐ work in the parish for the last 12 months
- ☐ have lived within three miles of the parish for the last 12 months.

To apply, please send a statement identifying your experience, reasons for wanting to be considered and any special areas of interest you may have. The existing elected Councillors will then consider the statements before making a decision at the June Parish Council meeting. The deadline for submitting a statement is 12 noon on 29 June. For more details, contact the Parish Clerk.

Bangors Methodist Hall and Chapel



On 12 May Cornwall Council confirmed that Bangors Methodist Hall and Chapel was added to the Community Asset Register. The request was made by Poundstock Parish Council on behalf of the local community. Once an asset is listed this places some restrictions on the owner should they decide to put it up for sale.

Before the asset may be sold the owner must notify Cornwall Council in writing.

There is then an initial period of six weeks to allow community groups with a local connection the opportunity to submit an interest in making a bid to purchase the asset.

Where an interest is registered, the asset cannot be sold for six months (including the initial six weeks) except to a qualifying group (e.g. the parish council). This gives the group time to develop a proposal, and to raise the required capital to bid for the asset when it comes on to the open market at the end of that period.

It's important to note that the listing serves only to give a window of time to groups. This time is to prepare to bid alongside other potential buyers if the asset comes up for sale during the five-year period. Any sale after the six-month period takes place under normal market conditions. The owner is under no obligation to sell to a community group. Equally, community groups which have registered an interest are under no obligation to bid or purchase.

The Community Hall Working Group has been reconvened to consider urgently the options regarding a replacement building for the old Parish Hall, of which the Chapel is one. This is a complex matter, and part of the decision-making process will be a public consultation process when your views will be sought. Please watch out for more information on the website, social media and noticeboards.

Steve Pawley

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Neighbourhood Development Plan Robbie Pearce

Community Hall Working Group Brenda Alison, Steve Pawley, Robbie Pearce, Tom O'Sullivan, Gemma Watton

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The parish council website carries agendas, full minutes and other documents, as well as information about the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the parish cemetery. Council meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday in the month at 7.30 pm, currently in Bangors Chapel hall, but best to check before attending.

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