Poulton and Pulford Parish Council

Agenda Ordinary Meeting – 4th November 2026

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To Members of Poulton and Pulford Parish Council

You are requested to attend the next meeting of Poulton and Pulford Parish Council to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4 November 2026 at Pulford Village Hall.

1. Apologies and Membership

1.1. To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1. Councillors are reminded of the need to update their registers of interests.

2.2. To declare any personal or prejudicial interests in agenda items and their nature. Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items.

3. Suspension of Standing Orders and Public Participation

3.1. From 7.00pm, electors are invited to give their views and ask questions on this agenda, or raise matters for future consideration at the Chairman's discretion, before council business begins at 7.30pm. Members of the public may not take part in council business itself.

4. Minutes

4.1. To consider approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 August 2026.

5. Progress Reports on Issues Carried Forward

5.1. Highways, pavements and hedges: to receive an update on liaison with Stuart Bateman and Ruth Tothill, including the Dodleston Lane/B5445 corner hedge, pavement clearance, Dodleston Lane drainage, the Pulford to Cuckoo's Nest pavement, B5445 defects and loose setts in Ivy Court; to agree further action.

5.2. Old Lane and The Green: to review road-surface concerns, CWAC's response and Severn Trent works, including disruption and reinstatement; to agree any further representations.

5.3. Woodfield Farm, Straight Mile: to receive an enforcement update, including removal of vehicles and the continuing presence of the letterbox.

5.4. Poulton Wood and trees adjoining Old Lane: to receive the Chairman's report on Grosvenor Estate correspondence, phased felling, retention of veteran oaks, winter 2026/27 replanting and notification of future works.

5.5. Community Park: to review mowing and strimming, progress with lowering the boundary hedge and outstanding tree or safety matters.

5.6. Grosvenor Pulford Hotel overflow parking: to receive an update on the matter carried forward from August and any further liaison to address local parking problems.

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Ongoing planning applications 2026/27 (correct on 22/10//26)

REFERENCE	Date received	Address & Description	Outcome
24/03015/FUL	8/10/24 (validated 8/5/25)	Grosvenor Pulford Hotel Construction of overflow carpark to provide an additional 63 parking spaces. **Revised plan (24/8/26) excluding area adjacent to Pulford Brook. Now limited to 34 additional parking spaces.**	Awaiting decision[1] Awaiting decision
26/01549/106	15/5/26	Chapel House Farm, The Green, Poulton Request for deed of discharge of previous section 106 agreement from 10/04 (ref 03/01989/FUL)	Awaiting decision
26/01472/LDC	13/5/26	Meadow View, Oldfield Farm Rd, Pulford Application for Certificate of Lawfulness re occupation of dwelling	Awaiting decision
26/01804/DIS	15/6/26	Elmbury Farm, Wrexham Road, Pulford (Chicken Egg Production Unit) Discharge of conditions: 11 (Odour Management Scheme) 12 (Manure Management Scheme) 14 (Service Delivery Management Scheme) amended in response to Council Environmental Protection Team – all servicing and deliveries now restricted to 07:00-19:00. No nighttime vehicles are permitted.	 Awaiting decision[2] Awaiting decision Awaiting decision
26/01509/OUT	15/6/26	Wrexham Road, Pulford (either side of entrance to Egg Production Unit) Construction of a residential development (up to 5 dwellings)	Awaiting decision[2]
26/02983/FUL	6/10/26	Moorfield Farm, Dodleston Lane, Pulford Conversion and extension of stable block to provide 1 dwelling	Awaiting decision
26/0301/FUL	28/9/26	9, Belgrave Garden Mews, Pulford External alterations to carport to form an enclose garage	Awaiting decision
26/03269/DSM	12/10/26	Outside Rosemary House, Wrexham Road, Cuckoo's Nest Openreach - installation fixed line broadband communications apparatus (9m wooden pole)	28-day objection period

1. Parish Council approval submitted
2. Objections submitted by Parish Council

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7. **Neighbourhood Planning**

7.1. To receive Cllr Peter Hynes's report on further investigation of a neighbourhood plan (deferred from last meeting) and discussions with Dodleston Parish Council, including contact with Cllr Welna Bowden.

7.2. To consider whether a joint approach is practicable, the likely resources and costs, and whether to continue the investigation; to agree responsibilities and next steps.

8. Future of St Mary's Church Pulford

8.1. To receive an update on the recent Friends of St Mary's meetings.

8.2. To consider the proposal intended for the PCC meeting on 11 November, including prospects for retaining worship and community use, and the Parish Council's response and support.

8.3. To note the Church Buildings Council and quinquennial reports, repair and running-cost information, enquiries about ownership and missing conveyances, and correspondence with the Duke of Westminster and Grosvenor Estate; to agree any further action.

9. Finance Governance and Accountability

9.1. To receive the Clerk/RFO's financial report, bank reconciliations, current balances and budget monitoring for 2026/27, including the September reconciliation circulated on 3 October and subsequent updates available for the meeting.

9.2. To note payments made since the August meeting, including grounds maintenance, additional strimming, the gov.uk email service, clerk's stipend and expenses, payroll services and Remembrance wreaths; to review the payment schedule.

9.3. To approve the 2027/28 budget and precept request in advance of CWAC's release of parish tax base figure for 2027/28.

10. Correspondence for Information and Action

10.1. Egg production unit, Wrexham Road: to note residents' reports, the Clerk's letter of 5 October and Cllr Stephen Mosley's liaison with CWAC concerning odour controls, air scrubbers and reported commencement of use before conditions were discharged; to consider responses received and agree further representations.

10.2. 2 Pulford Court: to review reports of rat infestation and items obstructing the highway, referrals to CWAC Environmental Health and Highways, and action or responses received.

10.3. Resuscitation Training: Thursday 12 November 2026 in the Village Hall at 19:00.

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11. Reports and Other Issues

11.1. Police and community safety: to receive any current police report, an update on liaison surgeries and speed checks, and progress with deployment of A-frame parking notices.

11.2. Defibrillators: to receive an update on equipment and cabinet checks, replacement batteries, and the training arranged for 12 November at the Village Hall.

11.3. Remembrance service on 11 November: to confirm arrangements at the War Memorial, including wreaths and the Rector's participation.

11.4. Parish Christmas tree and lighting: to consider arrangements for the 2026 festive season.

11.5. Community events: to receive any reports on the 30 August village picnic, 11 October Chester Marathon and October art exhibition, and any further progress on the proposed Pulford Fast 5K and 2027 running events.

11.6. Correspondence handling: to receive an update on the policy work noted in August and consider any draft policy available for approval.

12. Councillors' Reports and Risk Assessment

12.1. To receive councillors' reports and risk-assessment updates, record the dates of checks and agree action on any problems identified.

Location	Responsibility	Date checked	Problems and action
Village Hall	Cllr D Ewins		
Church Bank	Cllr D Ewins		
Community Park	J Ewins		
Village Hall defibrillator	Cllr D Ewins		
Pulford Notice Board	Cllr Franklin		
Cuckoo's Nest Notice Board	Kate Fairhurst		
Bus shelters	Cllr Board		
Poulton defibrillator	Cllr Fay		

13. Future Agenda Items

13.1. To receive requests for items for the next agenda.

14. Dates of Next Meetings

14.1. To agree the dates of meetings in 2027, including budget and precept approval and the Annual General Meeting.

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