Poulton and Pulford Parish Council

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To Members of Poulton and Pulford Parish Council

You are required to attend the next meeting of Poulton and Pulford Parish Council to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26th February 2025 at Pulford Village Hall.

Agenda:

1. **Apologies:**
   1.1. To receive apologies

2. **Declaration of Interest:**
   2.1. Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests
   2.2. To declare any personal interest in items on the agenda and their nature
   2.3. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with such interests must leave the room for the relevant items)

3. **Suspension of Standing Orders:**
   3.1. From 7pm electors are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman, before the start of the Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself

4. **Minutes**: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 0n 27th November 2024 (attached)

5. **Progress Reports on Issues carried forward:**
   5.1. As reported at the last meeting, a recorded delivery letter was sent to HMRC declaring the probable VAT error. Nothing has been heard from HMRC. A certificate of postage is retained. Our VAT accountant has advised us that such a delay is not unusual, no further action recommended.
   5.2. A successful VAT Claim (for PC expenses excluding Village Hall expenditure) was made to HMRC to cover period start of February 2024 to end of January 2025.
   5.3. Hedges, pavements and roads, including
      5.3.1. The damaged refuge at Cuckoo's Nest – is now complete
      5.3.2. Burganey Court – Local Gardener has already started to maintain the area around the Notice Board at the Village Hall
      5.3.3. The Corner of Dodleston Lane and B5445 – still an ongoing issue. Mr Homer denied his responsibilities during an inconclusive phone call with Clerk on 6th February
      5.3.4. Ongoing regular Teams meeting between Stuart Bateman and Parish Clerk re state of local pathways and vegetation ingress.
   5.4. Issue of Grosvenor Pulford car parking – on-going problem – Cheshire Police continue to monitor the situation.
   5.5. Anti-social and dangerous behaviour in Pulford Court – nothing noted
   5.6. Gravestone Damage in St Mary's Churchyard – the church authorities are in communication with the Diocesan Land Agents – this I believe to be still on-going.
   5.7. The rechargeable lights put up in the area of the Spinney are functioning. Local resident Tony Moore agreed to monitor and report as necessary.
   5.8. The woodland area cut on the RHS of the B5445 Chester bound is still causing some local concern. Chairman Cllr David Ewins is in communication with appropriate authorities.

5.9. Freedom fibre have responded to letter sent and are investigating.
5.10. There is still much debate and concern by local resident David Roberts over the redevelopment of the derelict bungalow on Old Lane. Currently, we are assuming that the CWAC Planning professionals will do a fair and appropriate job.
5.11. Bus Shelter Mirror – SB has informed us that CWAC are following the Dept of Transport stance and discourage traffic mirror placement on the highway.

6. Planning - ref www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/planning for full details. Ongoing planning applications 2024. Check on the CWAC planning portals for recent approvals. Current applications (correct as at 8/2/25) are listed below:

REFERENCE	Date received	Address & Description	Outcome
23/02390/FUL	27/7/23	Bell Meadow Business Park, install ground mounted solar array with connecting cables, battery and control kit	Refused 23/12/24
23/03096/FUL	2/10/23	Land off Wrexham Road, Pulford, Erection of a free range egg production unit	Awaiting decision
24/02652/LBC 24/02651/FUL	5/9/24	2 Manor Cottages, Wrexham Road, Pulford Erection of single storey rear/side extension, internal alterations, erection of new garden shed to rear	Awaiting decision
24/02645/FUL	5/9/24	Lime Cottage, Wrexham Road, Pulford Removal of existing shed/logstore, new vehicular access with gates, infilling of existing shared access point with hedgerow.	Refused 14/1/25
24/02915/FUL	27/9/24	Moorfield Farm, Dodleston Lane, Pulford Conversion of stable block & outbuildings to 2 dwellings. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single storey garage	Awaiting decision
24/03138/FUL	17/10/24	11 Ivy Court, Pulford Replacement windows, front and rear door.	Approved 12/11/24
24/03352/FUL	8/11/24	17 Belgrave Garden Mews, Pulford Conversion of car port into garage.	Approved 3/12/24
24/03482/FUL	20/11/24	12 Straight Mile, Poulton Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of new single storey rear extension.	Approved 29/1/25
24/03543/LDC	22/11/24	10 Old Lane, Pulford Proposed single storey side extension and front porch, single storey rear extension.	Awaiting decision
24/03847/FUL	30/12/24	Brookside Farm, Poulton Construction of new livestock building	Awaiting decision
25/00096/P14	28/1/25	Grosvenor Pulford Hotel, Wrexham Road Installation of 288 solar panels to roof.	Awaiting decision

7. Finance, Governance and Accountability:

7.1. Detailed information is placed on the Council Website (www.poultonandpulfordcouncil.co.uk) and also circulated as a report prior to the meeting. An additional copy will be available for inspection at the meeting.
7.2. A successful VAT Claim was made to HMRC to cover period start of February 2024 to end of January 2025.
7.3. Update on the budget progression over the year 2024/5.
7.4. Update on the VAT situation as it applies to the Village Hall
7.5. Precept for year 2025/6 - the appropriate forms for Precept Claim were sent to CWAC in good time - copies have been circulated

8. Correspondence for information

8.1. Letter from Tony Moore - copy has been forwarded. To raise the issue of fallen trees beside B5445 opposite DM Motors
8.2. Complaint re activity / caravan on Straight Mile close to B5445 junction.
8.3. Pulford 10k – March 23rd.
8.4. Road closures for upcoming marathons (Pulford 10k, Deva Triathlon, Chester Marathon).
8.5. Letter from Cllr Margaret Fay concerning possible business activity at the end of Straight Mile – copy circulated.

9. Clerk's Reports and Queries:

9.1. PCSO Report
9.2. VE Day Celebrations – Monday 8th May – if we decide to follow Government initiative.

10. Councillors' Reports and Risk Assessment:

10.1. Risk assessment problem reports (see table below):

Location	Responsibility	Confirm date checked	Any problems
Village Hall	Cllr D Ewins		
Church Bank	Cllr J Ewins		
Community Park	Cllr 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		

11. Future agenda items requested

12. Dates of next meetings:

- 7th May 2025 - Annual General Meeting