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 on 21st August at Pulford Village Hall.

Agenda:

1. **Apologies and Membership:**
   - 1.1. To receive apologies
   - 1.2. Resignation of Glenys Evans
   - 1.3. Possible Church representation on the Parish Council

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 prejudicial 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 (attached)

5. **Progress Reports on Issues carried forward:**
   - 5.1. Bank accounts are still ' work in progress' - everything moves so slowly. At least we are able to operate satisfactorily.
   - 5.2. The Poulton and Pulford's Local History Group Display board.
   - 5.3. Hedges, pavements and roads, including
     - 5.3.1. The damaged refuge at Cuckoo's Nest
     - 5.3.2. Burganey Court
     - 5.3.3. The Corner of Dodleston Lane and B5445
   - 5.4. Issue of Grosvenor Pulford car parking.
   - 5.5. Anti-social and dangerous behaviour in Pulford Court.

6. **Planning** - ref www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/planning for full details. Ongoing planning applications 2024/5 (correct as at 10/08/24). Check on the CWAC planning portals for recent approvals. Current applications are listed below:

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Reference	Date received	Address & Description	Outcome
23/03766/FUL	30/11/23	10, Old Lane, Pulford - demolition of existing building and erection of replacement. (Previous similar application from 21/01/2022, 22/00246/FUL rejected	Withdrawn 02/05/24
23/02390/FUL	9/10/23	Bell Meadow Business Park, install ground mounted solar array with connecting cables, battery and control kit.	Awaiting decision[1]
23/03096/FUL	2/10/23	Land off Wrexham Road, Pulford, Erection of a free-range egg production unit	Awaiting decision[2]
23/03376/FUL	25/10/23	1 Pulford Court. Report of potential planning breach. Fence at from of property and gate to rear on to Castle Close	No further action necessary[3]
24/00445/FUL	14/2/24	Orchard House, Wrexham Rd Extension to existing outbuilding for home office.	Approved 6/6/24
24/01261/FUL	7/3/24	19, Burganey Court Erection of single storey extension	Approved 1/7/24
24/00925/TPO	28/3/24	Land adjacent to Wrexham Rd, Pulford. Tree maintenance	Approved 5/6/24
24/01313/FUL	30/5/24	Stable Cottage, 4 Yew Tree Court, Poulton Installation of new rear roof light window	Approved 1/7/24
24/01328/FUL	10/6/24	Damson Cottage, Oldfield Farm Road, Pulford. Part demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of first floor rear extension.	Awaiting decision
24/01664/FUL	9/7/24	12 Ivy Court, Pulford Replacement windows, new rear door opening; new side door, window & porch; heat pump installation and new shed.	Awaiting decision

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1. Additional information requested from applicant, time limit for response expired but CWAC planning officer granted extension. Parish Council wrote to planning officer 2/7/24 requesting prompt resolution due to stress caused to local residents. No reply received.

2. Recently published (June 2024) Ecological Appraisal recommends mitigation work to move Great Crested Newts to safety, placement of hedgehog boxes and barn own nesting boxes, subject to which there should be no net loss in biodiversity.
3. Fence at front of property over 1m high would have required planning permission but subsequently reduced in size. Gate at rear; permission for access not required as Castle Close is an unclassified road.

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. Update on the External Audit.
7.3. Update on the budget progression over the year.
7.4. Update on the VAT situation as it applies to the Village Hall.
7.5. Updated Financial Regulations for approval (attached).

8. Correspondence for information

9. Clerk's Reports and Queries:

9.1. The usual reports of dog fouling
9.2. Gravestone damage caused at the time the hedge adjacent to the B5445 was cut.

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 West		
Pulford Notice Board	Cllr Franklin		
Cuckoo's Nest Notice Board	Kate Fairhurst		
Bus Shelters	Cllr Board		
Poulton Defibrillator	Margaret Fay		

11. Future agenda items requested

12. Dates of next meetings:

- 27th November 2024
- TBA - Precept setting meeting to be held in late January 2025 (tax base information usually received in December)
- 7th May 2025 - Annual General Meeting

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