

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 27th November 2024 at Pulford Village Hall.

Agenda:

1. Apologies and Membership:

- 1.1. To receive apologies
- 1.2. Resignation of Cllr Jean Ewins at the next AGM

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 now satisfactory with all accounts now in the name of the Responsible Financial Officer
- 5.2. The Poulton and Pulford's Local History Group Display board was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Chester on 4th September 2024
- 5.3. Hedges, pavements and roads, including
 - 5.3.1. The damaged refuge at Cuckoo's Nest – still not done despite representations to Highways at CWAC
 - 5.3.2. Borganey Court – Local Gardener 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. CWAC have written to the owner Mr. Homer advising him of his responsibilities.
- 5.4. Issue of Grosvenor Pulford car parking – on-going problem – Cheshire Police are aware and are monitoring the situation.
- 5.5. Anti-social and dangerous behaviour in Pulford Court – being monitored.
- 5.6. Gravestone Damage in St Mary's Churchyard – the church authorities are in communication with the Diocesan Land Agents.

6. Planning - ref www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/planning for full details. Ongoing planning applications 2024/5 (correct as at 10/1124). Check on the CWAC planning portals for recent approvals. Current applications 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	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 First floor extension above existing side extension	Refused Appeal rejected 23/8/24
24/01328/FUL	10/5/24	Damson Cottage, Oldfield Farm Road, Pulford. Part demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of first floor rear extension.	Approved 15/10/24
24/01664/FUL	10/6/24	12 Ivy Court, Pulford Replacement windows, new rear door opening; new side door, window & porch; heat pump installation and new shed.	Approved 21/8/24
24/02685/NMA	9/9/24	Amendment to alter window replacement from wood to Fortress Styleline	Approved 7/10/24
24/02401/PDR	13/8/24	Land at Dodleston Manor, Dodleston Lane, Pulford Conversion of outbuilding from agricultural use to flexible use with Commercial/Business/Service (Class E)	Prior approval required. Approved 9/10/24
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/log store, new vehicular access with gates, infilling of existing shared access point with hedgerow.	Awaiting decision
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

¹ Additional information requested from applicant, time limit for response expired but CWAC planning officer granted extension. PC wrote to planning officer 2/7/24 requesting prompt resolution due to stress caused to local residents. No reply received. Further letter sent to planning officer 6/11/24. Prompt reply explained case officer was on prolonged sick leave but decision expected later this month.

² Recent Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) found no barrier to planning permission being granted. Ammonia emission rates predicted to be within threshold.

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 – this has been approved and details placed on Notice Boards and on Council Website
- 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. Draft Budget for 2025/26 for Approval (sent separately)

8. Correspondence for information

- 8.1. Letter from Tony Moore - - copy has been forwarded.
- 8.2. Ongoing woodland work on the B5445 – detail has been circulated.
- 8.3. Request for Park access for Tree Maintenance by Castle Close resident - copy has been circulated
- 8.4. Suggestion for provision of a mirror near the bus shelter so people can remain seated and still see when the bus is coming – letter circulated.

9. Clerk's Reports and Queries:

- 9.1. NALC Questionnaire on remote attendance and proxy voting at Council Meetings

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:

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