



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
POLTIMORE PARISH COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 7 PM**

**Present:**

Richard Smith	-	Councillor Chair
Jim Feeseey	-	Councillor
Darren Earle	-	Councillor
Richard Gibbins	-	Councillor
Michael Collins	-	Councillor
Joy Pyle	-	Councillor
David Snell	-	Vice Chair Poltimore House
Jennie Edwards	-	Clerk
Member of the Public	-	1

**23/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** None received

**24/24 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

To receive and resolve Declaration of Interest not currently on Councillors ROIs and receipt of request for new Disclosable Pecuniary (DPI) dispensation on items on the Agenda. **No change**

**25/24 MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 **were resolved and approved** as a correct record, signed, and dated accordingly.

**Standing Orders suspended**

**26/24 COUNTY MATTERS** A report by C Cllr S Randall-Johnson had been circulated to all Councillors

**27/24 POLTIMORE HOUSE REPORT** We have had a series of break ins recently causing significant damage to furniture and fittings, but fortunately not to the House itself. We have enhanced security including extra cameras and anti-climb paint, but parents need to warn their children about the dangers of entering the House. Extra police patrols are also in place.

Branches Café more than doubled its turnover in 2023/4 compared with 2022/3 and has been achieving great feedback from visitors (we are estimating circa 35,000 visitors this year based on weekend opening alone). There are also plans for weekday opening, including spaces allocated for co-working.

The House is open on the first Sunday in every month from 11.00 – 15.00.

The Café is hosting The Kahunas, an ‘urban indie folk duo’ on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April starting at 6.30pm, with a bar and food available. Tickets £12.50 available via Ticket Source or the website. Other evening events are in the pipeline.

Talk & Tour on 13<sup>th</sup> April (pre-booking essential)

The Poltimore Festival will take place in the Grounds on 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May. This will be a large scale, ticketed music event. We plan to minimise noise from the event as far as possible, and bands will also finish playing at 10.30 each evening.

Question was asked if there was a Traffic control plan in place, and a suggestion to contact East Devon Council for advice from the Safety Advisory Group.

**28/24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS** None

**The meeting reconvened with Standing Orders**

**29/24 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. D Day Flag Clerk to contact Village Hall Chair to request, if possible, to erect a Flagpole in the Hall playground back of the bus shelter.
2. Kings picture ordered and awaiting delivery.
3. Battery Storage System The Council had received an additional response which essentially stated that Lighthouse, the consultants, were not getting any further information from the developers. It does not appear that submission of the actual planning application is much closer.
4. Telephone Kiosk update a K6 package had been received. To itemise what needs to be done to upgrade the box. To remain as an asset to the Parish Council.

**30/24 FINANCE**

**To resolve to** approve the Bank reconciliation.

Bank Balance as at (19 Dec 23)	£3,391.63p
Bus: Interest Account	£4,041.34p
Payment of website Direct Debit	£54.00p

**Cheques required:**

Payment of Clerks Salary (Mar)	£348.70p
Refreshments Annual Parish meeting	£40.00p

**Payments resolved by all Councillors**

All the Councillors agreed to David Cook to be the Internal Auditor.

**31/24 PLANNING** None

**32/24 MATTERS FOR ACTION**

1. Lengths man. To investigate. Training, Hours required. Minimum Wage. Is there a grant. Plan of the village.
2. Request to change the starting time of the meetings. Meetings remain at 7pm.
3. Rolling Community Project. Spring Clean-up Date April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
4. Bamfylde Close Garden at present is a grass area, which is EDDC responsibility to keep the grass cut. Poltimore in Bloom (PIB) were thinking of up grading it to raised flower beds and apple trees, but EDDC required that Poltimore Parish Council took over the area should the project fail. A vote was taken, and it was resolved not to take on the responsibility.
5. Coffee mornings. No change.
6. Website updated.

**33/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm**

**The meeting closed at 8pm**

**Submitted by**

J Edwards Parish Clerk

**Approved By**

Chair ----- Date -----