



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
POLTIMORE PARISH COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 7 PM**

**Present:**

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

**34/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** C Cllr S Randall-Johnson C Cllr H Gent

**35/24 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**

**36/24 MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 **were resolved and approved** as a correct record, signed, and dated accordingly.

**Standing Orders suspended**

**37/24 COUNTY MATTERS** A report by C Cllr S Randall-Johnson had been circulated to all Councillors. C Cllr H Gent had sent in an email with an update on the Poltimore Bowls. Councillors Randall-Johnson and Gent have agreed to fund the repair from the Locality Budget. It is hoped that Broadclyst PC will agree to act as the client and deal with the finances. Hopefully within a month or so there will be a contractor and a start date for the work in place.

**38/24 POLTIMORE HOUSE REPORT** Mr David Snell Vice Chair of Poltimore House Trustees gave a report on the recent devastating fire which occurred. Although the outside walls are still in position the inside of the house is significantly damaged, the roof and floors have gone. A clean up operation is in progress with the help of 40 volunteers who are feeling positive for the future. There is an awful lot of work to be done to make the building safe and the total cost will be significant. Fortunately, the Branches Café was not affected. It is hopeful that the Branches Café and Farm shop will be opened on May 4<sup>th</sup>.2024 also the Poltimore Festival on 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May will still go ahead.

They are currently focused on an emergency fundraising campaign to help clear up the mess and begin the salvage operation – <https://bit.ly/4dawdP3>

It was confirmed that two youths had been arrested for arson following identification of the culprits through images captured by the recently enhanced CCTV system.

**39/24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**    None

**The meeting reconvened with Standing Orders**

**40/24 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. D Day Flag no further action.
2. DALC renewal all agreed.
3. Kings picture to be given to the Village Hall Committee for suggestions of where to place it.
4. Gateway designs concern was raised over replacement of signs and responsibility, further information from highways required.
5. The Big Lunch no further action.

**41/24 FINANCE**

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

Bank Balance as at (19 Dec 23)	£5996.74pp
Bus: Interest Account	£4,045.80p
Payment of website Direct Debit	£54.00p

**Ratify payment of:**

DALC Code of Conduct Training x2	£72
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**Cheques required:**

Payment of Clerks Salary (Apr)	£338.90p
DALC renewal	£117.38

**Payments resolved by all Councillors**

**42/24 PLANNING**    None

**43/24 MATTERS FOR ACTION**

1. Lengths man. Further investigation required.
2. Telephone Kiosk The top of door needs to be replaced and a suitable piece of hardwood has been sourced. A supplier of the correct paint has been sourced and it was agreed by all Councillors that paint and a suitable primer should be purchased to enable further restoration works to take place.
3. Rolling Community Project. Spring Clean-up Date April 27<sup>th</sup> not happening.
4. Coffee mornings. No Coffee morning on the 8<sup>th</sup> June due to a Wedding taking place and the Fete next day.
5. Website updated.

**44/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**AGM followed by a Full Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm**  
**The meeting closed at 8pm**

**Submitted by**

J Edwards Parish Clerk

**Approved By**

Chair -----

Date -----