

PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL



Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held at Pavilion, Hall Bank on Monday 24th August 2026

PRESENT

Councillors D Fletcher, D Jones, A Hodges, M Trow, G Moss, K Day, N Hignett and R Evans

Clerk of the Meeting Nicola Young

Members of the Public : Two

75.26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillors A Windows and D Gregory

76.26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: None

77.26 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Two representatives of 1st Rea Valley Scouts were present and explained their use of the proposed containers to be sited off Station Road and thanked the Parish Council very much for working so quickly to get the project moving forwards.

1837 Cllr R Evans arrived

78.26 MINUTES OF COUNCIL – After a proposal from Cllr Trow, seconded by Cllr Hignett, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 23rd July 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

79.26 1ST REA VALLEY SCOUTS RELOCATION TO LAND AT STATION ROAD PLAY AREA

79.26.1 1st Rea Valley Scouts, with permissible use, will start with one container on the site, pending agreement from Cadent regarding the gas pipe. Parish Councillors are meeting with Cadent representative sat the beginning of September 2026.

After a proposal from Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Hignett, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the use of land at Station Road play area to site maximum of two containers, hardstanding and fenced area for use by 1st Rea Valley Scouts as a storage facility. 1st Rea Valley Scouts will provide the containers, fencing and hardstanding. A map of the area was tabled at the meeting. The siting of these containers would be subject to planning permission after 2 years as they would be deemed to be permanent structures.

79.26.2 After a proposal from Cllr Trow, seconded by Cllr Jones, it was **RESOLVED** to approve a maximum budget of £1,500 to create a 100 year lease, with regular 25 year break clauses, with 1st Rea Valley Scouts to use the above-mentioned land, on the understanding that 1st Rea Valley Scouts would be responsible for all public liability, building and content insurance, Health & Safety and risk management regulations and all building and site maintenance.

79.26.3 After a proposal from Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Hignett, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the use of the area behind the Trading Post by the 1st Rea Valley Scouts, in the interim for bushcraft activities. This area will not be included in in the long term underlease (but by a temporary licence) and again it will be on the understanding that any activities are covered by 1st Rea Valley Scouts public liability, insurance, risk assessments and Health & Safety Regulations, in relation to use of the proposed site. (1st Rea Valley agree to submit these documents to the Parish Clerk annually.)

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- 79.26.4 After a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Trow, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the use of PCB Solicitors, as they have been involved with the underlease of the Trading Post building covered by the same head lease.
- 79.26.5 After a proposal from Cllr Trow, seconded by Cllr Jones, it was **RESOLVED** to give the Clerk delegated authority to contact Shropshire Council to advise them of this use of the land as they are the ultimate owners of the land, although the Parish Council have a 125 year lease from 1st March 2009.
- 80.26 HEDGE AT PLAY AREA** After a proposal by Cllr Hodges, seconded by Cllr Jones, it was **RESOLVED** to approve a maximum budget of **£700 for Woodmatters Ltd** to complete the annual cut of both sides of the hedge in the play area.
- 81.26 OPCC ANNUAL SURVEY** After a proposal by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Day, it was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Chairman and Parish Clerk to complete the annual OPCC survey on behalf of the council.
- 82.26 REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT/ASSET REGISTER** After a proposal by Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Trow, it was **RESOLVED** to defer the review until the following meeting in September.
- 83.26 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** After a proposal by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Hignett, it was **RESOLVED** to approve a donation of **£60** for a wreath, **payable to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** and it was confirmed that the Parish Council Chairman will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 84.26 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting is on Monday **14TH September 2026** at **the Pavilion, starting at 6.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 1705

Chairman: Date: