

# **MINUTES POUGHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Held in the Village Hall at 7:15pm on Thursday 8th May 2025  
(To be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm)**

Clerk: D Kingdon. Email: Poughillparishclerk@gmail.com

**Attendees:** Karen Wellerd (Chair), Polly Colthorpe, Julian Wild, James Clark, Melaine English

**Members of the Public:** Mr and Mrs Wander

## **1. Apologies - None**

## **2. Chair's Report – The chair read the following report**

It seems like it has been very quiet for the Parish Council over the last 12 months

At the beginning of the year, we were approached by Mr and Mrs Gibbons who wanted to work us on a project to “wild” the churchyard. I am pleased to report that this has been a great success, who knew there were so many wildflowers in the churchyard just waiting for the chance to flourish. More spring bulbs have also been planted by Mr and Mrs Gibbon, with the result that the front of the churchyard looked spectacular during March and April. We look forward to continuing to work with the Gibbons as the project is expanded.

We have purchased a Public Access Bleed Control kit which can be found at the front of the village hall, just below the defibrillator. As the name suggests this is available for anyone to use in the event of an emergency. We just ask that you let us know if you do use it so we can replace any items as necessary.

We have awarded grants to the village hall to help with redecorating costs and the playpark for their RoSPA inspection. Once again, we would like to thank our residents who give so much of their free time to help run our local community organisations, the work they do is appreciated by all and goes towards making Poughill such a special place to live in. to assist them with this valuable work we have a small amount of grant funding available again this year, which we would encourage them to apply for.

We would like to thank those residents who have attended our council meetings and contacted us with their concerns, which have been very few this year. One of the concerns we have started to look into is the speed at which vehicles pass through the village. We have asked Devon County Council highways department to carry out a speed watch on our behalf and we are looking into putting up some “Children and Animals, please drive carefully” signs at the key entry points to the village. We have continued to produce the quarterly newsletter, which is delivered free of charge to all households in the parish. Our thanks to those who provide articles, we couldn’t produce the newsletter without them.

Thank you to the village hall and church for the VE day celebrations and display.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow councillors and our clerk for their continued commitment to the Parish Council, it is much appreciated.

## **3. Open Session – None**