

POUGHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm on Thursday 14th May 2026

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1. Apologies Cllr Wild, Cllr Keeble.

2. Chair's Report

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We would like to thank those residents who have attended our council meetings and contacted us with their concerns, which have been very few again this year.

In response to a concern raised about the speed at which vehicles pass through the village, Devon County Council Highways department carried out a speed watch on our behalf. As you can imagine only a handful of vehicles passed through the village during the observation period. The maximum speed recorded was about 23mph, with most travelling at about 17 mph. We have placed 'Slow, Children and Animals' signs at the key entry points to the village, in the hope that this will encourage all drivers to drive with care through our village.

We liaised with Devon County Council Streetlighting Team on behalf of a resident to minimise the impact of a new LED streetlight installed at Poughill Cross. This involved consulting with residents due to the light being located close to the junction and the village hall carpark.

Towards the end of the year, we awarded a grant to the Village Hall of £400 to help with the purchase of much needed new kitchen equipment. We would like to remind our community organisations that there will be a small amount of grant funding available again this year to help with the valuable work they do for the village. Our Grant Giving Policy can be found on our website, together with a short application form.

We continue to produce the quarterly newsletter, which is delivered free of charge to all households in the Parish and will continue to do so over the coming year. Our thanks go to all those who provide articles, we couldn't produce the newsletter without them. We will be asking residents for their views on whether we should move to a digital format in future. Please keep an eye out for this, your opinions matter to us.

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

And finally, the next Parish Council elections are due to take place in May 2027. This is when all registered electors in the Parish have the opportunity to stand for election, including the incumbent officers. I would encourage all residents to consider standing for election. I know it's still 12 months away, but time flies when you're having fun!

3. Open Session