

PONTESBURY PARISH COUNCIL



Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held at The Pavilion on Monday 6th January 2025 at 6.30pm

PRESENT

Councillors: D Fletcher, N Hignett, D Jones, Cllr D Gregory, R Evans, J Pritchard, M Trow, A Windows and A Hodges

Clerk of the Meeting: Debbie Marais

Public present: None

In Attendance: RFO Caroline Higgins and Deputy Clerk Nicola Young (via Zoom)

135.24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Lewis, T Mackenzie-Slight, Cllr S Davies and P Heywood

136.24 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None

137.24 Public Questions and Comments - None

138.24 Minutes of Council

After a proposal from Cllr Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Hignett, all in favour, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November 2024.

139.24 Solar panel project for The Pavilion

Cllrs received a written report with recommendations from the Pavilion Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd January 2025. After a proposal by Cllr Hignett, seconded by Cllr Windows, Cllr Pritchard abstained, it was **RESOLVED to APPROVE the following:**

139.24.1 Council proceed with Company 1, on the quote spreadsheet, to install 28 Solar Panels with a 12.46kW system, a Hybrid Inverter 9kW, 3 x batteries with 4.66kWh of battery storage, with 3 tonnes of CO₂ avoided per year.

139.24.2 The Deposit and advance payment be made in one payment following confirmation with the contractor. Council agreed to an upfront payment of £14,220 inc VAT. Deputy Clerk would contact the contractor to ensure that council receive an invoice for the payment and that this money is ringfenced in a client account. Deputy Clerk to ensure that the Fire Risk Assessment and Insurers are contacted in view of the panels and battery storage in the building. RFO would investigate the VAT situation in relation to selling energy back to National Grid.

139.24.3 A transfer of £12,000 from CCLA Solar Panel / Air Source Heat Pump Reserves to Pavilion Lloyds Account to cover the upfront payment.

Cllr Fletcher wished to thank the Deputy Clerk and Pavilion Committee for all their hard work and time on this project.

140.24 Date and Time of Next Meeting. The next meeting of Pontesbury Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th January 2025 at The Pavilion, starting at 6.30pm. The meeting closed at 6.27pm

Signed:
Chairman Pontesbury Parish Council

Date: