

Poundbury Residents Association

Papers for the Annual General Meeting

March 20th 2024 at Damers School (registration from 6:45 p.m. meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and finishes by 9:00 p.m.)

Agenda for tonight

Timing	Agenda Item
7:00 p.m.	Introduction to the meeting and approval of 2023 AGM Minutes
7:10 p.m.	Chair's review of the year
7:20 p.m.	Treasurer's report and Approval of the Accounts
7:30 p.m.	Presentation by Jason Bowerman from the Duchy
7:50 p.m.	Q&A with Councillors and our Police Liaison
8:05 p.m.	Committee Elections
8:20 p.m.	Motion- Developing a New Community Association
8:35 p.m.	AOB
8:45 p.m.	Conclusion of meeting

Chair's highlights of the year

- Big Poundbury Conversation
 - 850/110/46/39
 - 4 Priority Projects
- Damers School Junior Governors present in June
- Coronation Pins
- Strengthened relationships with local groups
- Improved web site and communications
- Different style of meetings
- New Residents evenings
- Table Top sales (£300)
- Look ahead
 - Strengthened committee
 - Projects initiated

PRA Accounts for 2023

Key Points

- Assets of £18, 985
- More expensive year
- Big Poundbury Conversation drives costs
- Considerable investment in communications and engagement and web site
- 539 members

POUNDBURY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

	2023		2022		YoY Variance	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME						
Subscriptions	£	15.00	£	-	£	15.00
Duchy Visits	£	-	£	-	£	-
Social Events	£	-	£	-	£	-
Donations	£	250.00	£	10.00	£	240.00
Fundraising activities	£	122.50	£	-	£	122.50
Interest Received	£	151.55	£	8.82	£	142.73
		£ 539.05		£ 18.82		520.23
EXPENDITURE						
Administration	£	772.04	£	11.50		-760.54
Hall Rent	£	68.00	£	127.50		59.5
Donations	£	-	£	-		0
Capital Expenditure	£	381.04	£	-		-381.04
Marketing - Website	£	229.76	£	193.05		-36.71
Marketing - Leaflets	£	2,094.90	£	-		-2094.9
Maintenance	£	-	£	-		-
		£ 3,545.74		£ 332.05		-3213.69
BALANCE		-£ 3,006.69		-£ 313.23		-2693.46
ASSETS						
Total opening		£ 21,992.68		£ 22,443.20		
Balance for year		-£ 3,006.69		£ -		
Closing assets		£ 18,985.99		£ 22,129.97		-3143.98
Represented by:						
Current Account Balance		£ 1,611.44		£ 5,091.73		
Deposit Account Balance		£ 17,374.55		£ 17,214.18		
TOTAL ASSETS		£ 18,985.99		£ 22,305.91		-3319.92

I have examined the above Income and Expenditure accounts. In my opinion they represent fairly the financial position of the Poundbury Residents' Association as at 31st December 2023

Signed 
Examiner

Date 26/2/2024

Signed 
Treasurer

Date 26/2/2024



Nominations for the Committee

Nomination for Chair and Member of the Committee

Lesley Clark

Proposed by: Simon Standish

Seconded by: Mike Stear

My name is Lesley Clark and I moved to Poundbury in October 2022 with my husband upon our retirement as we wanted to be somewhere with plenty of opportunities for community involvement and with good connectivity. We moved from just outside Bournemouth but have lived in several parts of England and abroad. We had visited Poundbury as one of our sons was renting here with his girlfriend who worked at Loop. We were attracted by the friendly walkable feel of the place, the green spaces, range of architecture and its proximity to central Dorchester. We love walking in the Dorset countryside and being able to enjoy a variety of social and cultural activities in the local area. I also gain satisfaction from several voluntary roles I have both in Poundbury and in Dorchester. Through these activities we have started to make friendships, develop hobbies (such as being allotment novices) and to feel really at home here.

My background is in education although I spent a few years working in personnel for British Gas and in freelance writing when my children were young. My passion has always been for supporting early learning and promoting caring, creative and dedicated staff. Having been a head teacher in three distinct locations I appreciate how challenging it can be to reach out and respond to the diversity of needs and aspirations within a community. I have also seen the benefits of what community collaboration can achieve.

I am putting myself forward as chair of the committee as I want to play my part in maintaining the progress made, especially through the Big Poundbury Conversation, in developing a responsive and forward-looking community association. I have been a co-opted member of the current PRA committee since last October. With several current members leaving, I want to offer continuity in leading a new committee as we oversee the process of establishing a robust, inclusive, welcoming and proactive association.

Nomination for Committee

Zoe Bell

Proposed by: Nigel Richards

Seconded by: Debbie Standish

I moved with my husband and two children and dogs to Poundbury in June of 2023, attracted by the nearby beaches and countryside, the walkable community, and the builder's focus on sustainable materials. In the last few months, we've focused on setting up the house and planting the garden. Now that's done, I've joined dance and music groups in the area and am happy to have made some friends. It has not always been so easy to fit in. I was born in Dorset, grew up in Italy, and have lived most of my life in various locations in the United States. With the children at university, I feel I'm ready to settle, and that I've made a good choice by moving here!

My background is public affairs and corporate responsibility in the pharma/biotech sector, and I very much enjoyed working with colleagues to develop solutions to thorny issues. After retiring from that work, I'm writing the novels that have been simmering for years. Now I'm keen to join the Poundbury Committee to explore what it means to live here, what our shared values are, and to create opportunities for all residents to feel that they belong and can contribute to this vibrant community.

Nomination for Committee

Rebecca Bolton

Proposed by: Chris Turner

Seconded by: G Fisher

I wish to be considered to join the Poundbury temporary committee. I have lived in Poundbury for 9 years. I am originally from Staffordshire but moved to Dorset in 2013 when my husband was offered a job in Dorchester. My interests include long walks, running and days out with my family. I also enjoy Pilates and the gym. I am very interested in psychology. I am due to graduate from the Open University this summer with a degree in Psychology. I have two sons who have grown with Poundbury! I am fully aware of the benefits for children and teenagers living in this area but also, unfortunately, the struggles. I would like to join the committee to be a voice for young people and families in this area. I have many friends who have young families and live in Poundbury. I have a good network here, as both my boys attended Damers First school and are now at Dorchester Middle School and The Thomas Hardy School.

I work as a Pharmacy Technician in the NHS and have done so for over 20 years. I have worked for Dorset Healthcare Foundation NHS Trust for 10 years and thoroughly enjoy my job. I work with mental health and frailty teams to help patients manage their medications. As my job is community based, I visit my patients at home, many of these live in Poundbury. I feel knowing the area well and some of the people may be of benefit if I join the committee as I am aware of the social, financial, and practical problems faced by many of my patients living in this area. I would describe myself as extraverted, positive, and having good people skills. Working in the NHS I thrive on unpredictability and thinking out the box. I am not afraid to speak up to make changes for the benefit of others, this is another skill I have learnt from working in the NHS for so long! I believe all these skills will benefit the Committee if I were to join.

Nomination for Committee

Sue Cooke

Proposed by: Chris Vickers

Seconded by: Charlotte Jackson

My name is Sue Cooke and I am retired. Jerry and I have lived in Poundbury for 27 months. We moved from Kent because we love Dorset and also to be near my sister and brother in law.

Before we had our family I worked in the city as a bookkeeper. Then, when the children where older, I retrained as a dispenser in Doctor's Dispensing.

Whilst we lived in Gravesend, I was a committee member on the Windmill Hill Residents Association, for 10 years. The Hill is a conservation area and we looked after the interests of the community and open spaces, as well as having an active social sub committee.

Currently I am in charge of the Poundbury notice boards, going out with Jerry most weeks to keep them up to date.

I love living in Poundbury and want to see the community flourish. I hope that by serving as a committee member I can help that happen!

Nomination for Committee

Phil Read

Proposed by: Lynda Barrett

Seconded by: Graham Vingoe

I moved to Poundbury from Bournemouth/Poole about 4 years ago and rented a flat in Peverill Avenue East for a year. I then bought a shared ownership house in Coade Lane from Aster.

My work experience has been mainly in Banking where I worked for Barclays, Bank of New York and JP Morgan. The last 10 years of my career were with a company in Bournemouth called Redweb. They built websites for Companies, charities and government departments. My role was testing the websites. This involved making sure that the websites worked as they should and that they gave an excellent User experience. Unfortunately, after being made redundant (again), Covid hit. I attempted to start up my own Garden Maintenance business but soon realised that I was physically unable to do the number of gardens required. However I do still maintain one of my neighbours' gardens. I also had a short spell working for the 2021 Census, going around and chasing up peoples Census returns. Ironically probably the most enjoyable job I have had.

I would like to join the committee to see if I could help out in any way at all. I am more of a doer than a leader or organiser and people have said that my main strength is being analytical.

Nomination for Committee

Mike Stear

Proposed by: Peter House

Seconded by: Brendan Scott

My wife and I have lived in Poundbury for ten years. During this time we have enjoyed seeing community develop, especially around the area in which we live. We have enjoyed organising a number of events in the years pre-covid at the Engine Room, (Eg. A jazz evening and a Music for a Spring Evening, Carols and mulled wine). Together with others, my wife and I have also organised a number of events at The Quiet Space and also outdoors during Covid.

In September last year I was co-opted onto the PRA Committee. In offering to continue I would like to help in developing the sense of community and belonging and to give back to the community in appreciation for what my wife and I have received during our ten years here. It has been interesting to see Poundbury and its unique identity develop over the time we have lived in the area and to see the relationship between Poundbury and Dorchester as a whole mature. Following on from the Big Conversation, I believe there is a new window of opportunity to see the community of Poundbury develop further but within the wider context of Dorchester and the surrounding villages, seeking to embrace all who live in Poundbury and to help those who work here to value being part of this community.

I started out as a primary school teacher on a council estate in the London Borough of Lewisham. I am a retired (so called!) Church of England minister, but contrary to popular belief that clergy are six days invisible and one day incomprehensible(!), life has been varied, busy and interesting, serving in a sequence of lively growing churches active in their communities! Working collaboratively to develop vision and seeing it implemented has been central throughout that time, as has working with people of all ages and enormously diverse backgrounds being knitted together into one community. It has been a privilege to come alongside them in their joys, sorrows, successes, failures, traumas, exciting significant moments of life, loneliness and in the ordinary things of everyday life.

Other experiences in life have included, being a founder member of one of the earliest Victim Support schemes in the UK; being Chaplain to the Mayor of Weymouth; being chair of governors of one of the largest primary schools in the county; being a member of the Jersey's Adoption Panel. During eleven years in the Island I was involved in a major building project, which turned an old disused church school into a church based community centre at the heart of a major development in the heart of St. Helier - still a vibrant community hub. In retirement my wife and I founded and head up a small registered charity which works with church leaders at home and abroad (India and several central African countries).

Nomination for Committee

Andrew Wyatt

Proposed by: John Upshall

Seconded by: Jackie Noel

My wife and I moved to Poundbury in 2018; after several previous visits we decided that this was where we wanted to be. Before that we had been living and working in the Oxford area for a number of years, but I am originally from Salisbury.

I was a civil servant for a large part of my career, carrying out a range of policy, management and finance roles in different government departments over the years. In 2003 I left the service to join a private consultancy company specialising in international development, where I worked as a policy, governance and institutional reform adviser and enjoyed the opportunity to support governments in many middle-income and less developed countries across the globe. At the end of 2019 I went freelance and continue in the same line of work, albeit on a part-time basis.

More locally, I am a resident director (and currently chair) of one of the Poundbury management companies, Manco 3; in my spare time I work as a conservation volunteer at Thorncombe Wood local nature reserve, I am a member of the Thomas Hardy Society, I sing (sort of!) in the Dorchester Rock Choir, and I have an allotment at the Cranford garden plots. I feel very fortunate to have been able to begin to put down roots (socially as well as horticulturally!) here, and am committed to helping Poundbury, if I can, to become a steadily more inclusive, vibrant and cohesive community.

I have a particular interest in trying to ensure that there are close links between the Mancos and the emerging Community Association, so that we can enhance the sense that the residents of Poundbury are able to play an active part in managing their own living environment.

Motion

This meeting mandates the PRA Committee to oversee the development of a design and a set of detailed proposals for a new, more inclusive, community association to be established if possible later in 2024.

Any decision on the dissolution of the current Association will be taken by members in accordance with the current constitution and will be prior to the establishment of a new Association.

Proposed: Lesley Clark

Second: Simon Standish