

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 10 October 2024

Public Authority: Poundstock Parish Council

Address: Trevoulter Barton
Poundstock
Bude
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EX23 0DH

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Poundstock Parish Council on 19 August 2024:

"I understand plans are progressing for a village hall. Several aspects worry me:

How much research has gone into who will actually use it? One or two small groups a week, ie Brownies or whatever, are not going to provide the necessary income.

It should not come into competition for users with the Gildhouse, which is a historic community asset that should be supported at all costs.

I have spoken with the lady who runs the Poughill hall – it is a constant battle for her to find volunteers to help, but more importantly, to have enough events to cope with the running costs.

How much research has gone into speaking with other local hall management?

I am extremely worried that not enough thought has gone into the practicalities of running the hall. Who is going to manage it – are you going to pay someone, or rely on volunteers?”

Commissioner’s Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
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LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

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