

# PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Present

Scott Robertson (SR – Vice Chair)

## Councillors

Alan Rigg (AR), Liz Dias (LD) and Yvonne Tilson (YT), Tyson Norman (TN), and James Stanley (JS)

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk) and public participant Peter Lancelotte

38/23	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Chairman – Robert Jones</p>	
39/23	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest</p>	
40/23	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th October 2023</b> The previous minutes were approved and signed</p>	
41/23	<p><b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>GDF – ongoing</b> Allerdale has officially been withdrawn from the GDF area. The annual Geological report has now been made available. Seismic studies on inshore waters mid/south Copeland suggest an area which may be suitable however further work is required to determine suitability. The Chairman will keep us updated should there be any further information released at the Partnership Forum.</p> <p><b>HIGHWAYS – ongoing</b> Further issues have been reported to Highways England heading North between the Calderbridge Traffic lights and Blackbeck roundabout. Another month is to be given to allow Highways England the opportunity to assess and respond.</p> <p><b>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing</b> 2 further crimes have been reported at Pelham House within the last month</p> <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing</b> There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p><b>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing</b> There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p><b>PLAYGROUND and Playdale - ongoing</b> Clerk is to send Chairman a copy of the Insurance Policy. Playdale have responded to confirm that they will instruct a contractor to attend to the finger entrapments as identified on the annual inspection report. Once these have been completed then further works are to be instructed with Playdale to replace defective items as identified on inspection report.</p> <p>HW to respond to Playdale to ascertain a more suitable location for the pad for the bench relocation.</p> <p>It has been agreed this evening that a request is to be made for the Village Hall Committee to invoice the Parish Council for 50% of the cost of the ordering of bin bags to ensure the rubbish is removed from the playground as part of their commercial agreement.</p> <p><b>LAND OWNERS – ongoing</b> There are no further updates at this time</p>	<p>HW</p>

<p><b>SUSTRANS – ongoing</b> YT to return to Sustrans to confirm the Community Plan has now been updated and to provide updated traffic data. TN to provide updated info to Gosforth Parish Council. HW to email Gosforth Clerk to ask for feedback.</p> <p><b>GOAL POSTS – ongoing</b> It is being considered within the Community Plan that Goal Posts are to be purchased. This information will be distributed at the Community Plan meeting with a suggestion that the posts are replaced at Pelham House.</p> <p><b>Post Office mobile van – ongoing</b> Update was received from Post Office to advise that they are aware of the problem but the issue is yet to be rectified.</p> <p><b>Low Flying Helicopters and Sellafield Site Emergency Exercise – ongoing</b> Feedback has been sent to Sellafield following the recent site emergency exercise and the concerns regarding road closures being implemented which impeded the general public. There has been no update regarding the helicopters.</p> <p><b>Community Plan – ongoing</b> The Community Plan has nearly been finalised with a view for this to be published and a public meeting held in January 2024. Chairman is to draft a letter to explain the updates to the Community plan.</p> <p><b>Bus Shelter – RESOLVED</b> An email was received 14/11/23 with an invoice from Nicola Burns for £550 for the repairs to the bus shelter. Agreed by Alan Rigg and seconded by Tyson Norman for payment. HW to pay invoice.</p> <p><b>Planting for Pollinators - Resolved</b> The plants and shrubs provided by Cumbria Wildlife Planting for Pollinators scheme is now complete. The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to local residents Chrissey and Stuart Burnett for their efforts in maintaining and replanting these areas along with supporting local causes during their time in the village. We wish you all the best in your new home.</p> <p><b>Heart of the Community fund</b> It has been suggested that the garden area in between the Church and the River is given consideration to turn this into a memorial garden/focal point within the village. This is a project which is being considered using grant funds from the Heart of the Community fund.</p> <p>Suggested plans will be made available at the Community Plan meeting which may incorporate a new bench and memorial wall. Repair of the steps and relocation of the telephone box are also to be considered within this landscaped area. SR to create mock up of area and JS to arrange bird eye view images of area using a drone. TN confirms that the telephone box requires refurbishment.</p> <p><b>Allotments – ongoing</b> The allotments have now been vacated and will remain vacant for approximately the next 6 months. This is to allow for £700,000 worth of repair works to be completed to the walled garden. The Parish Council will offer support should the Allotment Society decide to take over the management of leases to plot holders.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator battery – resolved</b> It has been identified that a replacement battery is required for the defibrillator. All Councillors in agreement that a replacement battery is to be purchased at a cost of £246 including VAT. HW to action</p>	<p>YT</p>
	<p>HW</p>
	<p>RJ</p>
	<p>HW</p>
	<p>SR, JS</p>
	<p>HW</p>

	<p><b>Storm Arwen Grant - ongoing</b> There may be grant funding available for those who were affected by Storm Arwen. HW to investigate and report back at the next meeting.</p>	HW
42/23	<p><b>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>04/23/2035/OFI – Proposed demolition of Thorp Management Centre Link Bridge</b> No objections</p> <p><b>04/23/9005 – Construction of Box Encapsulation Plant Product Store 2 (BEPPS2) –</b> Both the Chairman and Councillor Norman have highlighted concerns regarding this application. Comments to be submitted which will be made publicly available as part of the planning consultation.</p>	
43/23	<p><b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b></p> <p>SR confirmed the balances as held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 of £18681.05 with a further £2500 in the amenities account.</p> <p>The following invoices are to be paid: Clerk Services - £171.20 Royal British Legion Lamp Post Poppies – paid 12/10/23 Waterproof Stickers for Poppies - £4.99 – paid 13/10/23 A McCully – Union Jack - £28.98 Nicola Burns – Bus Shelter repairs - £550</p> <p>It has also been agreed by all Councillors that the Clerk pay is to be amended to LC1 pay point 6 as per the NALC guidelines with this being backdated to April 2023. This has been sent to Robinsons accountants for verification however the calculated backpay at pay point 6 is £93.77.</p>	
44/23	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</b></p> <p>None</p>	
45/23	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION</b></p> <p>None</p>	
	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>Resident Peter Lancelotte has highlighted that they were unable to hear the siren which was sounded during the recent Sellafeld Site Emergency Exercise. HW to contact Sellafeld to enquire as to whether the siren was sounded at a lower volume due to this being an exercise</p>	
46/23	<p><b>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>Eskmeals</b> – an email has been received from Eskmeals enquiring as to whether the Parish Council would like to be included on an email distribution list relating to Eskmeals Activity. HW has already responded to confirm acceptance.</p>	
47/23	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7pm.</p>	