

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 11th April 2023

Present

Robert Jones – Chairman

Councillors

Alan Rigg (AR), Tyson Norman (TN), Scott Robertson (SR) and Liz Dias (LD)

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk)

To action:

11/23	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Bob Jones and Yvonne Tilson	
12/23	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest	
13/23	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th April 2023 Previous minutes were agreed.	
14/23	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing Formal notice of the grant application for a new playground has now been received. The first payment is due to be made within the next few weeks and will be paid for by the Parish Council. The first payment to Playdale will be for 50% of the total costs with the remainder to be paid upon completion.</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing 3 crimes have been registered recently – 2 at Moss Side and 1 at Pelham House. These will continue to be monitored to ensure correct reporting.</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing No further updates at this time</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing HW visited the neighbourhood Policing unit during a visit to Gosforth and reported concerns regarding speeding through New Mill. No feedback has been received directly to the PC but visible patrols have been noted.</p> <p>No further updates on Low Prior Scales – to be chased.</p> <p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE and War Memorial – ongoing More detailed surveys are required before any further action is to be taken. These are currently underway</p> <p>PLAYGROUND APPLICATION – ongoing Following an onsite visit with Playdale a further quote was due to be sent with regards to an updated cost following works highlighted on the annual inspection report. This has not been received – HW to chase. Current quotation is too high considering Playdale will be onsite for a period of around 10 days.</p> <p>CALDER ABBEY – ongoing NDA land agents have advised that they are struggling to find details of the owners for Calder Abbey. HW to send a letter to Historic England asking for an outline of preventative works and schedule to avoid this falling further into disrepair</p> <p>NEW MILL SMITHY - ongoing There are no further updates following the enforcement case which has been opened. HW to chase.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p>AGAR Accounts are currently being audited by Ranauld Stewart. These should be ready by 31st May and ready for submission by 30th June as per the deadline date. HW to send a copy of the asset register as requested and be available for queries.</p> <p>Planting for Pollinators – ongoing The Chairman met with representatives from this scheme. There is approximately £300 which may be available to allow for shrubs and other plants to be installed around the village playing field and nearby the river. HW to respond to confirm sites.</p> <p>BHIB insurance renewal The Annual insurance policy is due for renewal. Alternative quotations are not any cheaper than what is being offered from BHIB although this is a significant increase from last year to £683.46. Councillors agreed renewal with BHIB. HW to action</p> <p>Village Hall meeting The village hall meeting was not particularly successful. It has been suggested that local land owners are approached to discuss whether any land in the surrounding area can be developed. HW to make contact with local land owners.</p> <p>Cumbria Action Sustainability – Cumbria Community Climate Champions Information received to recruit “Climate Champions” to raise awareness of climate change within local communities – to be distributed via the WhatsApp group – HW to action</p> <p>Bus Shelter Alan has confirmed that works instructed to Nicola Burns are due to commence shortly.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>
15/23	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>None</p>	
16/23	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS</p> <p>Balance of £15986.80 confirmed with a further £2500 held in the amenities account. Online banking payments made for Clerk Services, Village Hall hire for April. Payments to be made for BHIB insurance renewal and Robinsons+Co for PAYE Services. Items purchased by Clerk; ink cartridges, folders, notebook and paper – reimbursement to be made</p>	
17/23	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>None</p>	
18/23	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION</p> <p>None</p>	
19/23	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <p>Fred Whitton Concerns have been raised regarding the lack of awareness exhibited by Fred Whitton entrants. The overall behaviour of the cyclists was not deemed to be acceptable by residents. Letter to be sent to Fred Whitton on behalf of Parish Council highlighting concerns.</p>	
20/23	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 13th June at 7pm.</p>	