

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 12th September 2023

Present

Scott Robertson – Vice Chairman

Councillors

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

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk)

28/23	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Bob Jones</p>	
29/23	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest</p>	
30/23	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th July 2023. The previous minutes were approved and signed</p>	
31/23	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing The final playground report has been submitted. A plaque has been received from GDF to be displayed on the playground. The Parish Council are grateful to the GDF for funding the new playground.</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing Meeting with Craig McCarron from Cumberland Highways took place in August. Road markings have now been repainted by National Highways. Concern over standing traffic and speeding traffic heading south into village – unable to see standing traffic over the brow of the hill. Still ongoing concerns regarding flooding and speeding. Letter of concern to be sent to National Highways as reporting online has not yielded any results. Further chase needed for Low Prior Scales and confirmation required as to there will be any repairs at Gib Hill. Request for a mirror at Ponsonby Road end, or for the 40mph signage to be moved to the north of the junction – there have been a number of recent near misses. Further updates to be requested from Cumberland Highways and re-report issues.</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing There have been 4 crimes registered this month within a one mile radius of the Village Hall. This is to be monitored.</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing LD attended the latest Parish Council forum meeting – the notes from this have been previously circulated.</p> <p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing Chairman met with Rev. Dorling to discuss the church closure. Survey results are still pending.</p> <p>PLAYGROUND and Playdale - ongoing The final invoices have now been paid following the playground installation. Letter has been sent to Playdale outlining concerns however no response has been received as of yet. Parish Councillors would like to request a face to face meeting to discuss concerns over project as they feel that the remarks are not being considered. HW to arrange.</p> <p>LAND OWNERS – ongoing There has been no response to the letters sent. To be discussed further at next meeting.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p>SUSTRANS – ongoing We have received contact from Sustrans with a number of proposed dates for a zoom meeting. These will be distributed for Councillor availability. A feasibility study is underway and we are hopeful the results of this will be available shortly</p> <p>GOAL POSTS and playground - resolved Following requests from residents for goal posts to be made available within the village, Pelham House have kindly offered their football pitch facility for residents use. The Parish Council are extremely grateful to Pelham House for the use of this facility. It has been noted that the bins are filling regularly. HW to make contact with village hall committee regarding their commercial waste disposal, and to make contact with Cumberland Council regarding costs for waste disposal services.</p> <p>SUSTAINABILITY training – resolved. There is availability for training surrounding sustainability projects/opportunities within the local area. Information regarding this is to be distributed by HW</p> <p>Post Office mobile van – ongoing It has been reported that the mobile van is struggling to obtain signal and therefore carry out transactions. HW to make contact with the Post Office to see if this has now been resolved or remains an ongoing issue.</p> <p>Low Flying Helicopters – ongoing Following a recent exercise which took place surrounding Sellafield, concerns have been raised over the lack of communication from Sellafield/CNC regarding exercises. Chairman is to pursue this further with Sellafield/CNC to re-engage alert system for exercises so residents can be forewarned.</p> <p>Community Plan – ongoing The plan is to be discussed further at the next meeting however SR and YT are to look to progress this</p> <p>Bus Shelter – ongoing Works are due to commence this week for the repair of the bus shelter</p> <p>Pensions regulator – resolved A letter has been received from the Pensions Regulator – Clerk income is below threshold for enrolment</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>YT/SR</p> <p>HW</p>
<p>32/23</p>	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT None</p>	
<p>33/23</p>	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS SR confirmed the balances as held on 7th September - £10375.92 with a further £2500 in the amenities account. VAT claim has been submitted for the period April 21 – 31st August 23 for £9349 – this was sent on 11/09/23 to HMRC. £650 for the Willow Tunnel installation has now been paid to Phil Bradley Ltd</p>	
<p>34/23</p>	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS None</p>	

35/23	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION</p> <p>LD attended Parish Council forum – see information above</p>	
36/23	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <p>Beckermet Road end –the grass on the verge has been cut back, but not far enough. Visibility is still impaired for road users joining the A595 from Beckermet.</p> <p>Light Pollution It has been reported that lights from the Energy Coast Business Park are constantly on in the evenings/after dark. HW to make contact with Haile and Wilton Parish Clerk to establish whether there have been any further reports of light pollution. If not then HW to send a letter to local businesses querying whether motion sensors can be installed -this is disturbing residents in Ponsonby as the lights are so bright.</p> <p>Steps by telephone box There is metal protruding from the steps by the telephone box. Cllr Rigg to see if this can be easily remedied – if not, then PC will have to arrange for the step to be rebuilt or the metal removed.</p> <p>Mill Wheel The mill wheel is hopefully to be collected this week for refurbishment.</p>	HW
37/23	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7pm.</p>	