

# PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

### Presenter

Robert Jones (Chairman)

### Councillors

Scott Roberston (Vice-Chairman), Alan Rigg (AR), Tyson Norman (TN), Liz Dias (LD) and Yvonne Tilson (YT)

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk)

11/24	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies received from Cllr James Stanley (JS)</p>	
12/24	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Cllr Robertson has declared they are in the process of submitting a planning application for alterations to their property.</p>	
13/24	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b> The previous minutes were approved</p>	
14/24	<p><b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>GDF – ongoing</b> There have been no further updates received from GDF themselves.</p> <p>The Village Hall application has been approved in principle however due to the value of the application, this is awaiting further sign off.</p> <p><b>HIGHWAYS – ongoing</b> A letter from Cumberland Highways is due to be distributed to the residents of New Mill with details of the road closure. A further letter will be sent to the residents of Calderbridge in relation to the proposed closure in July 2024. It is understood that the road will be closed from 7pm -5am with a convoy system in place from 7pm- 10pm. As part of the works, drains will be updated following completion of a drainage survey.</p> <p>Cumbria Police are to be contacted over concerns Calder House Lanning and the Lanning in New Mill will be used as alternative routes – however these are not suitable for vehicles.</p> <p>The road closure sign at Ponsonby Road End has been situated to prevent a clear view of oncoming traffic – this is to be reported</p> <p>The road works at Stakes Bridge have now been completed, along with the works at Low Prior Scales. However; there is ongoing flooding at Low Prior Scales -Clerk to report this again.</p> <p>The 30mph sign entering the village when travelling north-south is obscured by foliage -this is to be reported to Highways England.</p> <p><b>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing</b> No further updates</p> <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing</b> The next forum is to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 – Cllr Dias will be attending on behalf of the PC. We understand this is to discuss CO32 – an area of land identified on Cumberland Council Minerals and Waste plan – we await further information.</p> <p><b>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing</b> There has been no further correspondence on this item.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>SR</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p><b>PLAYGROUND - ongoing</b> HW to chase monthly inspection report</p> <p><b>NDA - ongoing</b> A meeting was held with NDA and representatives of local PC's. Notes have been collated and we are awaiting approval from NDA before distributing</p> <p><b>Heart of the Community fund – ongoing</b> HW to chase contractor ref quote</p> <p><b>Community Plan – ongoing</b> Proposed date for a village open day/community plan meeting is 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – this will be confirmed closer to the time.</p> <p><b>Post Office Van – ongoing</b> We have received a further email to advise that the issues surrounding connectivity have still not been resolved. Clerk to request a meeting with Post Office representative.</p> <p><b>Sustrans – ongoing</b> There have been no further updates despite several chase emails. Cllr Tilson to send a further chase email.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>YT</p>
<p>14/24</p>	<p><b>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>04/24/2091/0B1 – Sella Park Hotel</b> – variations of conditions 2 There are no objections to this variation on the original application.</p> <p><b>4/24/2165/0F1 - MID TOWN FARM/TARN HEAD FARM, SEASCALE TO SELLAFIELD ROAD, BECKERMET</b> - Drilling of six temporary boreholes to support the selection of an in-ground testing area There is no objection to this planning application</p> <p><b>Planning number to be confirmed</b> – proposed extension to property at High Croft Cottages – this application was discussed as the closure date will be prior to the next meeting – architect drawings and plans have been distributed. There are no objections to this application.</p>	
<p>15/24</p>	<p><b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b> The balances as held 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were £20791.01with a further £2500 in the amenities account.</p> <p>The following invoices are to be paid: Clerk Services - £147.84 Village Hall – March 24 – including waste transfer and disposal bags - £68.</p> <p><b>AGAR</b> The external audit has been completed by Ranald Stewart – there have been no accounting issues identified.</p> <p>Ponsonby Parish Council members acknowledge all items as per Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024 and confirm that all items have been adhered to.</p> <p>HW to raise further with Cumberland Council as to why there has been a 2.6% uplift in the Precept – this was not requested by the Parish Council. The Precept of £5589 has now been received however Council Tax Demands are stating a 2.6% increase in Precept.</p>	

	<p><b>Insurance</b></p> <p>The insurance policy is due for renewal. Our Renewal price is £874.95 with Clear Councils. An alternative policy has been quoted for with Zurich Insurance which includes coverage for the War Memorial. The Playground is insured by the Village Hall Committee. Zurich have quoted £304 for the year for Parish Council Insurance. It has been agreed for this policy to be purchased.</p>	
<b>16/24</b>	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<b>17/24</b>	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>Mr Richard and Mrs Jane Wheatley attended to present further details on the proposed installation of a windmill at Laverock How. Visual Representation is to be sent via email.</p> <p>The Parish Council acknowledge the necessity for a windmill and solar panels to benefit from an uninterrupted electricity supply along with ensuring clean water is supplied to the property. It is understood that the visual impact of the windmill will be low.</p>	
<b>18/23</b>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</b></p> <p>Cllr Roberston advised that there has been no further progress with the Mill Wheel. Further contact need to be made with local fabricators who may be able to undertake the work.</p>	
<b>19/24</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7pm for the Annual General Meeting and Parish Meeting</p>	