

# PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Presenter

Robert Jones (Chairman)

### Councillors

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

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk) and public participant, Jane Wheatley.

57/24	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies received from Cllr James Stanley</p>	
58/24	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None</p>	
59/24	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b> The previous minutes were approved</p>	
60/24	<p><b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>GDF – ongoing</b> Following a recent Community Partnership Forum, a property value protection scheme is to be created, should the GDF be approved within the area. Further details are to follow regarding this.</p> <p><b>HIGHWAYS – ongoing</b> The following areas are to be reported again to Cumberland Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Road towards the first cattle grid on Cold Fell</li> <li>- Flat Brow to Robin Bridge</li> <li>- Dual carriageway from Sellafield to traffic lights – the verges are overgrown</li> <li>- Low Prior Scales to Thornholme Farm</li> <li>- Abbey Road towards Long Walks has had a large amount of gravel wash down the drains</li> <li>- Gib Hill Farm to Midtown Barn – the previously laid surface earlier in the year has now washed away back to a shingle surface.</li> </ul> <p>There are ongoing issues regarding surface water running off into the garden at Leys Croft. This remains unresolved despite numerous visits from National Highways. A formal letter is to be sent requesting immediate action is taken to remedy the problem.</p> <p>The main A595 works have now been completed however there are several areas of snagging which require attention. Clerk to contact Highways to ensure these are remedied.</p> <p><b>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing</b> Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner have been contacted regarding the irregularities within the statistics. Further checks this month show a variance between websites which can be misleading. We are awaiting a response from CPCC. .</p> <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing</b> There are no further updates – no meeting has been held.</p> <p><b>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing</b> Rev. Dorling has been contact however the response received advised that there are no further updates on this matter at this time.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p><b>NDA - ongoing</b> A response was due from the NDA by the end of the second week in September – to date no information has been provided. Clerk has made further contact and we are awaiting a reply.</p> <p><b>Heart of the Community fund – ongoing</b> There are no further updates on a possible application. The gardener has made a start on the identified areas.</p> <p><b>Community Plan – ongoing</b> Works are drawing to a close - the regeneration of the community plan will be distributed on the reopening of the Village Hall</p> <p><b>Post Office Van – ongoing</b> Cllr Robertson is to chase for an update on this as no further contact has been received.</p> <p><b>Sustrans – ongoing</b> The updated report is to be discussed at the Gosforth PC meeting. A meeting is to be arranged between Sustrans, members of Ponsonby PC and Gosforth PC to discuss the proposal.</p> <p><b>Remembrance Bench.</b> Confirmation has been received regarding the source of the funding which does not impact funds available to veterans. Clerk to contact RBL Sellafield and Seascale branch to confirm they wish to proceed with the installation of a bench in the garden area. .</p> <p><b>Grit Bin</b> This is to be relocated from Gosforth and sited in the Square.</p> <p><b>Mobile Phone Signal</b> Contact has been made with EE regarding the lack of signal in the area – advice has been for each individual affected to make a formal complaint to EE.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>TN</p>
61/24	<p><b>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>None received</p>	
62/24	<p><b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b></p> <p>The balances as held 2<sup>nd</sup> October £17452.15 with a further £2500 in the amenities account.</p> <p>The following invoices are to be paid: Clerk Services - £154.04 Cumberland Council – playground inspections April – Sept 24 Stewart Kenyon – Grass cutting – £2240 – paid 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 Moore – Annual Audit Fee - £378 Robinson +Co – PAYE accounting - £78.00</p>	
63/24	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</b></p> <p>None</p>	
64/24	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p><b>CALC – membership survey</b> Clerk to respond to this following a request for comments on CALC practices/involvements</p>	
65/24	<p><b>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>South Cumerland Community Panel</b> -Chairman is to make contact with members on the panel to discuss a representative from the PC joining the panel.</p>	RJ

	<p><b>Electricity outages</b> Some residents have received notification of power outages however not all affected households have received the information. Contact to be made with Electricity North West to discuss why the PC have not been notified of the outages.</p> <p><b>Viberoptix</b> There have been several road closures in the area due to installation of fibre optic cable in the area. The contractors working in the area have approached land owners/farmers asking for last minute installation of pylons on their land. No planning applications for said pylons have been received and the works to remedy roads/dug up areas have not been completed to a satisfactory standard. Formal complaint is to be made.</p> <p><b>Flags</b> It has been noted that the flags in the village need replacing. It has been agreed for invoices received associated with their replacement area to be paid.</p> <p><b>Sella Park Hotel</b> – email of thanks to be passed on to Sella Park Hotel for allowing use of the venue for the Parish Council meeting whilst the Village Hall is unavailable.</p>	<p><b>HW</b></p> <p><b>HW</b></p>
<p><b>66/24</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Sella Park Hotel.</p>	