

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 12th November 2024

Presenter

Robert Jones (Chairman)

Councillors

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

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk) and Representatives from Fibrus: Libby Bateman and Niall Quinn

57/24	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Cllr Tyson Norman</p>	
58/24	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None</p>	
59/24	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th October 2024 The previous minutes were approved</p>	
60/24	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>Fibrus Two representatives from Fibrus attended the meeting to allow further understanding of the Hyperfast GB project and the necessity for ongoing works and road closures within the Parish. Literature has been made available regarding the project which is to be distributed via the WhatsApp Group. The PC have been reassured that disruption will be kept to a minimum and road access will remain to residents, businesses and emergency vehicles. We are grateful to Libby and Niall for taking the time to answer our questions and to allow for an avenue of dialogue to be opened.</p> <p>GDF – ongoing The most recent survey completed produced results similar to the previous survey which does not show much disparity. Further visioning workshops are to be undertaken. The Village Hall works are nearly complete and a further grant has been obtained to allow for the car park to be resurfaced</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing A letter is to be sent to Cumberland Highways requesting a site visit for the areas previously reported.</p> <p>A response has been received from National Highways who have advised that they aim to complete a site visit and are obtaining costs to allow for a permanent solution to the ongoing flooding at Leys Croft to be completed.</p> <p>National Highways are aware of the vegetation at Nursery Road end and this will be included in their scheme of works.</p> <p>A further response is to be sent to National Highways as no contact has been made regarding a site visit for the ongoing issues at High Croft Cottages and to allow for concern to be raised regarding the narrow footpath entering the village heading South on the A595.</p> <p>Another email is to be sent regarding the snagging issues which are yet to be completed as part of the A595 levelling up scheme.</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing No reply has been received from the Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner. Clerk to send a further email.</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing No further meeting has been held. Cllr Dias to make contact to request a meeting</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>LD</p>

	<p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing There are no further updates however there is concern regarding the condition of the church and loose roof tiles falling onto the footpath below. Clerk to make contact with Rev. Dorling.</p> <p>NDA - ongoing An update has now been received from NDA to advise that they are in the process of finalising the documents which can then be distributed. A planning application has been submitted for the demolition of Sandy Acres in Drigg. The demolition orders are due to be approved for High Ling Bank, Calder Town and Farm. The demolition of New Town Farm will be put on hold until planning permission has been granted for the rebuilding of the farm and barn.</p> <p>Heart of the Community fund and Community Plan – ongoing There are no further updates on a possible application. The works to the garden area have now started. The shrubs at Ponsonby Road end and opposite the Stanley Arms Hotel are causing line of sight issues. These are to be cut back. The Village Hall should be completed within 5-6 weeks at which point the Community plan can be reinstated.</p> <p>Bus Shelter – ongoing Works to the bus shelter have been instructed</p> <p>Post Office Van – ongoing There has been no response to our previous chase email – Cllr Robertson to chase again.</p> <p>Sustrans – ongoing The meeting with Gosforth PC representatives went well. We are awaiting a response from Sustrans following questions which were raised at the meeting.</p> <p>Grit Bin - resolved The Grit bin has been collected and sited within the village square. Cllr Robertson to make arrangements for this to be filled.</p> <p>Website - resolved The website feed has now been fixed. A volunteer content manager for the website and social media page is to be sought.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>SR</p>
61/24	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>4-24-2372-0FI – Sellafield – The PC do not feel that the application currently sets out an effective traffic management plan. There needs to be further clarity on where and when traffic movements will occur. Consideration to be given to the level of noise from both the works and vehicle movements</p> <p>07/2024/4079 - Cold Fell – a response to this application was submitted prior to the meeting due to the closing date. There was some concern over visibility and the impact however it is understood that this will be considered by the LDNP as part of their planning process</p> <p>Griffin Park – we are anticipating an application to be received from Griffin Park for the installation of solar panels.</p>	
62/24	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS</p> <p>The balances as held on 4th November 2024 were £16577.50 with a further £2500 in the amenities account. Information regarding the annual pay review for Parish Council Clerks has now been received. The PC have agreed to uplift the salary as identified within the review and adjust this back to April 24 as per the guidance. The following invoices are to be paid: Clerk Services - £205.31 (including backpay) Mr Anthony McCully – Flags - £36.98 (paid 22nd October 24) Village Hall Committee - £140.34 for the element of their Insurance to cover the Playground</p>	

63/24	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>Copeland Plan Confirmation has been received that Cumberland Council have now adopted the <i>Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039</i></p>	
64/24	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Memorial Bench A request has been received for a memorial bench to be sited on Long Walks. This land is owned by Calder Anglers and the PC are unable to make a decision on this.</p>	
65/24	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <p>South Cumberland Community Panel -clarification has been received to advise that this is a panel which meets every 2-months to discuss common approaches to items raised within Parishes for the area from Cleator Moor down to Millom.</p> <p>Electricity outages There has been response as to why ENW did not notify the PC of power outages – Clerk to send a further email.</p> <p>Sella Park Hotel – the Parish Council wish to pass on their thanks to Sella Park Hotel for hosting the Parish Council over the past few months,</p>	HW
66/24	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 10th December 2024 at Sella Park Hotel.</p>	