

# PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Vice-Chair Robert Jones

## Councillors

Clr Tyson Norman, Clr Alan Rigg (AR), and Clr Jane Wheatley

01/26	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Received from Scott Robertson (Chairman) and Clr Pip Roberts</p>	
02/26	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None</p>	
03/26	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING: HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b> The previous minutes were approved</p>	
04/26	<p><b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>GDF – ongoing</b> There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p><b>HIGHWAYS – ongoing</b> The wall beyond Jacksons Timber on the carriageway towards Sellafield remains in the road – this is to be reported again.</p> <p>The data received from the Speed Indicator Device shows that the average speed through the village is 25.4mph – this is within the 30mph speed limit. Request to be put forward to Cumbria Police for data to be collected from the south-bound carriageway.</p> <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing</b> There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p><b>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing</b> There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p><b>NDA - ongoing</b> The electronic maps received will be uploaded to the new website once this is available.</p> <p><b>Heart of the Community fund and outdoor spaces</b> There is concern surrounding the standard of work completed by Works4You. A site visit is to be arranged to meet and discuss the actions needed to get these works to a suitable standard. The Councillors wish to thank the Clerk for their efforts in connection with the Grants and fund management on this item.</p> <p><b>Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust (Sustrans) – ongoing</b> Chairman Robertson is to attend a meeting to obtain updates.</p> <p><b>Assertion 10</b> The Councillors wish to pass on their thanks to Chairman Robertson for all their efforts in ensuring that the Parish Council are compliant with Assertion 10. There will be an overlap of website/services whilst older documentation is phased out and new policies are adopted.</p> <p>The updated policies have been circulated to all Councillors. Clerk to update these to ensure that they all have a date of adoption and a version number at the end of the document. It was noted that the Council’s policies and procedures were reviewed and agreed by all Councillors, with the exception of one Councillor who chose to abstain from signing the policies and procedures. The abstention was recorded and did not prevent the overall agreement of the Council.</p> <p>All Councillors have been asked to attend a GDPR and I.T training course - details of this have been distributed.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p><b>Councillor Resignation.</b> Councillor Liz Dias has resigned. The Councillors wish to pass on their thanks for their continued hard work and dedication on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	
<b>05/26</b>	<p><b>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</b> None received</p>	
<b>06/26</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b> The balances as held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026: <b>£10297.20</b> with a further £2500 in the amenities account. A VAT claim has been made to HMRC up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Details of the AGAR for the year up to the end of March 2026 have been released – the accounts will need to be audited by an external auditor in accordance with the AGAR.</p> <p>We have received a quotation from Cumberland Council Open Spaces for the completion of monthly play area inspections at a cost of £33.44 excluding VAT – this expense has been agreed. All Councillors confirmed that the Play area inspections will be available for public viewing on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>The following invoices have been/are to be paid: 1) Clerk Services – March 2026 - £293.57 2) Village Hall Committee – March 2026 - £24.00 3) Scott Robertson – Kettles for Village Hall - £92.97 4) CALC subscription for 2026-2027 - £168.52 5) Zurich Parish Council Insurance - £304.00</p>	
<b>07/26</b>	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>LDNP</b> Correspondence has been received from the Lake District National Park inviting attendees from Parish Councils to attend meet and greet events – any Councillors wishing to attend these is welcome to do so.</p> <p><b>CALC/Cumbria Police</b> A letter has been received from the CALC and Cumbria Police regarding routine meetings with Parishes. More than one Parish Councillor can now attend the meetings.</p>	
<b>08/26</b>	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> None</p>	
<b>09/26</b>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>Scargreen – Ponsonby Road and Flat Brow – Stakes Bridge</b> It has been reported that the road from Scargreen to Ponsonby has a lot of pot holes. Similarly along Flat Brow – Stakes bridge– these are to be reported to Cumberland Highways</p> <p><b>Robin Gate Bridge</b> It has been reported that there is a lot of road debris and concerns around the severity of the pot holes – this is to be reported to Cumberland Highways</p> <p><b>Litter</b> There is currently a lot of litter along both sides of the A595 due south of the village. This is to be reported to Cumberland Highways with a request for mobile traffic controls to allow for rubbish collection.</p>	
<b>10/26</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b></p>	