

# PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Presenter**

Robert Jones (Chairman)

**Councillors**

Vice Chairman Scott Robertson (SR), Cllr Alan Rigg (AR),  
Cllr Liz Dias (LD) and Cllr Tyson Norman (TN)

27/25	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr James Stanley (JS)</p>	
28/25	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> None</p>	
29/25	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b> The previous minutes were approved</p>	
30/25	<p><b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>GDF – ongoing</b></p> <p>Aerial photographs of the proposed areas are underway. The Parish Chairman is continuing to attend stakeholder meetings on the PC behalf. An opportunity for local business to understand more about cyber security is being offered by GDF. Andy Pratt has been re-elected as chair of the stakeholder group. Lincolnshire has formally withdrawn from the proposal process. This leaves two sites remaining; mid-copeland and south Copeland. There is still grant funding available for this year cycle.</p> <p><b>HIGHWAYS – ongoing</b></p> <p>Representatives from the PC met with Martin Taylor from Cumberland Highways regarding the ongoing concerns in the local area. Contact details for the owner of Robin Hill wood are to be passed on. The gullies are to be cleared at Robin Bridge, Prior Ling Bank and Low Prior Scales. Patches are required along Abbey Road – these are hoped to be completed in July. The road at Gib Hill is adopted by Cumberland County Council however this is classified as “adopted but unsurfaced”. The criteria for this remaining useable is “passable with care”. No action with regards to repairing the surface will occur at this time however should the road degrade further then additional reports are to be made.</p> <p>Snagging list in relation to A595 Levelling up scheme previously sent on to Cumberland Council is to be sent on to Martin Taylor</p> <p>We have received notification of a road closure notice along Abbey Road. It is unclear at this time where the closure is intended to start from. A request has been made to highways that this starts beyond the entrance to the village hall to avoid impacting local businesses and community access to the village hall.</p> <p>Cllr Robertson is to attend a meeting with National Highways regarding road safety between Calderbridge and Blackbeck.</p> <p><b>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing</b> No further updates</p> <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing</b></p>	<p>RJ</p> <p>HW</p> <p>SR</p>

	<p>There are no updates to report</p> <p><b>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing</b> There are no further updates currently.</p> <p><b>NDA - ongoing</b> A meeting with Parish representatives is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July. This is to collectively collate questions to put to NDA following receipt of the maps and confirmation of the land held. The media is today reporting that land at Moorside can be released for future nuclear and energy related projects.</p> <p><b>Heart of the Community fund and outdoor spaces</b> An application is to be submitted for funds for:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Repairs to the wall and the installation of fencing</li> <li>- Updates to the play area</li> <li>- Painting of the external of the village hall</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Sustrans – ongoing</b> Cllr Robertson is to attend a meeting with Josh McAllister MP regarding cycleway proposals. Sustrans have now received a letter of support from the PC and are being encouraged to submit an application to GDF for funding. The response from neighbouring Parishes is positive</p> <p><b>Community Plan – ongoing</b> A village hall open day has been arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> June. Posters are to be distributed</p> <p><b>AGAR and accounts</b> The Notice of Public Rights period has now concluded and the AGAR can be submitted.</p>	
31/25	<p><b>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
32/25	<p><b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b> The balances as held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 were £17483.87 with a further £2500 in the amenities account.</p> <p>The following invoices have been/are to be paid:  Clerk Services – May 2025 - £174.03  Stewart Kenyon – Grass cutting - £380</p>	
33/25	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Fellside – demolition</b> Notification of further demolition at Fellside has been received and distributed on the village WhatsApp group.</p> <p><b>Commons Registration Scheme</b> Correspondence has been received – applications are to be submitted to register common land. Clerk to make contact to confirm that all known common land is registered</p> <p><b>Cumberland Ward boundaries</b> Proposals have now been received and distributed. There are no changes to the proposed boundaries affecting the Parish.</p>	HW
34/25	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Vacancy</b> Confirmation has now been received from Cumberland – an election has not been called, and the vacancy can be filled by co-option</p>	

<p><b>35/25</b></p>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>Bin</b> The bins as previously reported remain unemptied.</p> <p><b>Village sign and speed markers</b> The village sign at the end of Church House Lonning has been removed due to this being damaged</p> <p>There are not enough repeater signs confirming the road speed from Calderbridge to Gosforth. There are concerns that the 40mph sign leaving the village is too small and the speed is not being adhered to.</p> <p><b>Bus stop</b> It has been noted that the bus stop is being used as a parking space. Polite notice to be distributed via the village WhatsApp group.</p>	
<p><b>36/25</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7pm</b>. This will also include the Annual General meeting and Elections of Chair and Vicechair positions.</p>	