

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th June 2023 at 7:00pm in Calderbridge VillageHall

Present

Bob Jones (RJ) – Chairman

Councillors

Tyson Norman (TN) Scott Robertson (SR) Alan Rigg (AR) Yvonne Tilson (YT)

Also Present - Hannah Webb (Clerk)

21/23	Chairmans Report See attached Chairmans report.	
22/23	Matters Parishioners Wish to Raise No Issues were raised Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7:07pm	

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 13th June 2023

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Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk)

23/23	Election of Chairman for Council year 2023/2024 Councillor (Robert) Bob Jones was elected as Chair	
24/23	Chairmans Declaration of Acceptance Councillor Jones accepted the position of Chairman for the upcoming year Proposer – Tyson Norman Seconder – Scott Robertson	
25/23	Appoint Vice Chairman for Council year 2023/2024 Councillor Rigg has decided to step down as Vice Chairman. Scott Robertson was nominated for the position of Vice Chairman for the upcoming year Proposer – Alan Rigg Seconder – Tyson Norman	
26/23	Vice Chairmans Declaration of Acceptance Councillor Robertson accepted the position of Vice Chairman for the upcoming year On behalf of the PC, we thank Councillor Rigg for his many years of service as Vice Chairman.	
27/23	Meeting closed at 7.20pm	

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28/23	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Liz Dias</p>	
29/23	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest</p>	
30/23	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th May 2023 The previous minutes were approved and signed</p>	
31/23	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing There are still ongoing issues at Low Scales Prior. It has been noted that road works signs have been installed at Ponsonby Road end on the A595 however we have not been informed of any works due to take place. The trees along the dual carriageway road towards Sellafield are extremely overgrown and are creating a tunnel Drainage from Calderbridge towards Moss Side continues to cause problems. Any water from the fields runs into the road and the drains constantly back up causing road flooding. This keeps being assessed but no action taken. Pelham Drive entrance – roadway is deteriorating further HW to contact Cumberland Council and Highways England to request a meeting to discuss the roads throughout the village to try to bring these issues to a resolution.</p> <p>GDF – ongoing The results of the marine surveys are anticipated to be published some time during the summer months. There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing There are no further updates at this time</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing A meeting is in the process of being set up.</p> <p>Calder Abbey – ongoing There are no further updates regarding this or responses to any letters sent.</p> <p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing The Parochial Council are still completing surveys. It is likely, but not yet confirmed, that rebuilding/repairing the church in the current format is not feasible. Any proposal for a new building should also serve a community purpose. RJ is to set up a meeting with the Vicar and Sandy from the Village Hall Committee.</p> <p>PLAYGROUND - ongoing The installation of the playground is now underway. The Parish Council pass on their thanks to Sam Arden and Kayleigh Robertson for their assistance in the</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>RJ</p>

	<p>applications and bringing this to fruition. Once the installation has been completed and all snagging items resolved, the PC will look to hold a formal opening of the new facility. SR to contact fencing contractors with a view for a new fence to be installed between the play area and the car park – both sides of the village hall. It is hoped that works for this can be instructed prior to the next PC meeting.</p> <p>Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and AUDIT – resolved The audit has now been completed and the AGAR is ready to be submitted. Thanks are expressed to Ranauld Stewart for completing the audit of the accounts All 18 accounting conditions as specified on the Annual Governance report have been adhered to throughout the financial year. HW to submit the AGAR</p> <p>Planting for Pollinators – resolved There are no further updates regarding this – we will await further contact regarding this.</p> <p>INSURANCE – resolved The Parish Council insurance has been renewed with BHIB at a cost of £683.46 for the year.</p> <p>Climate Champions – resolved Information regarding Climate Champions was distributed via the village WhatsApp group however nothing further came of this.</p>	<p>SR</p> <p>HW</p>
32/23	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>No applications have been received</p>	
33/23	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS</p> <p>Invoice to be paid to Stewart Kenyon for £555 for gardening services. Clerk pay approved. SR confirmed the balances of £19101.76 in the main account with a further £2500 in the charitable account.</p> <p>The £2500 which is currently held by the Parish Council was originally gifted with the intention of installing a wildlife and heritage garden. Works for this are due to start shortly – SR to project manage this and liaise with TN regarding the mill wheel installation.</p>	SR and TN
34/23	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>No correspondence received</p>	
35/23	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION</p> <p>GDF meeting RJ is to attend the next GDF meeting and report back.</p>	RJ
36/23	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <p>SUSTRANS Following a meeting on 5th May with SUSTRANS, possible scenarios for a community link were discussed and identified on maps. The idea is to link the communities to the Viking Way. Feasibility studies are currently underway to identify the costs involved with</p>	

	<p>repairing the Costal Path. It has been made clear that this is a separate project and any funding and proposals should be treated with their own merit separately from the costal path and any funding associated with any proposed repairs. Maps are to be circulated to the Parish Councillors. YT will keep the PC updated with any further developments on this.</p> <p>Sellafield Emergency Exercise. Following a recent site emergency exercise, the alert system did not operate in the expected manner. Some residents received multiple notifications whereas others did not receive any. RJ is in the process of discussing this with Sellafield with a view to arranging a meeting where the concerns surrounding this can be expressed on behalf of the residents and Parish Council. It is vital that the alert system works correctly.</p> <p>Land development It has been requested for a letter to be sent to pre-identified land owners to invite them to consider any land which may be suitable for a small family orientated local residents development. HW to action this.</p>	<p>YT</p> <p>RJ</p> <p>HW</p>
<p>37/23</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7pm.</p>	