

# PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Present

Bob Jones (RJ) – Chairman

### Councillors

Scott Robertson (SR), Alan Rigg (AR), Liz Dias (LD) and James Stanley (JS)

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk)

28/23	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies received from Yvonne Tilson and Tyson Norman</p>	
29/23	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest</p>	
30/23	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</b> The previous minutes were approved and signed</p>	
31/23	<p><b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>GDF – ongoing</b> The latest forum states there are 4 sites within the UK for consideration. The results of the geological surveys should soon start to be come available. It is not likely that a decision will be made regarding a location until 2025/2026</p> <p><b>HIGHWAYS – ongoing</b> The trees along the dual carriageway road towards Sellafield remain overgrown and are to be reported again. Cumberland Council have confirmed that road resurfacing works are due to commence during August 2023. The scope of these works have not been clarified. Query to be sent regarding any proposals for resurfacing Ponsonby Road from Ponsonby Road end. A595 from Church House up the hill heading South is a pothole which has been fixed recently but has eroded - this is to be reported Unclear as to whether road at Low Prior Scales has been repaired- request update.</p> <p>Ongoing problems with drainage at Moss Side. Local resident has further evidence – SR to speak to resident and arrange for this to be sent over.</p> <p><b>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing</b> There are no further updates at this time</p> <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing</b> The next meeting is to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> July – LD to attend on Parish Council behalf.</p> <p><b>Calder Abbey – ongoing</b> There are no further updates regarding this or responses to any letters sent.</p> <p><b>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing</b> The Chairman is to attend a meeting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the next steps for the Church.</p> <p><b>PLAYGROUND - ongoing</b> The installation of the playground has now been completed and snagging issues have been identified. We are waiting for Playdale to respond regarding some of the snagging items and to confirm when these will be rectified. An annual inspection is also due to shortly take place. Requests have been received for football goals – there is provision for this at Pelham House but further understanding is needed as to whether this is accessible</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>SR</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p>for local residents. HW to contact Pelham House to query this The replacement fence either side of the village hall is due to start being installed this week. The final installation of funding from the GDF has been requested.</p> <p><b>Sellafield Site Emergency Exercise</b> – ongoing Following a recent site emergency exercise a problem with the alert system was identified. Sellafield have been asked to meet with residents to further understand the systems in place and how this can be prevented in the future. A meeting date has not yet been set. LD to bring this up at the Parish Council Forum</p>	<b>LD</b>
<b>32/23</b>	<p><b>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>4/23/2180/0F1</b> – Sellafield – demolition of metals recycling facility office – <b>no objections</b></p>	
<b>33/23</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b> SR confirmed the balances as held on 4<sup>th</sup> July - £17293.42 with a further £2500 in the amenities account. Invoice for Robinsons of £72 to be paid along with the Village Hall invoices for May and June 23 totalling £43 and Clerk Services of £146.36 Wayne Dixon has been instructed and payment of £1161.40 has been paid for materials with a further £500 to be paid upon completion of the works for labour costs.</p> <p>We are awaiting a quote from Craystons regarding the possible installation of a mill wheel picnic bench. Costs are estimated to be around £1500 + VAT – all Councillors agreed to proceed with these works</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> <p>A query has been raised regarding a cheque for £650 which was cashed for the Willow Tunnel 28/4/22 which appears in the account as a credit. SR to make further enquiries regarding this to confirm whether the cheque was actually cashed.</p> <p>HW to meet with Chairman and SR on 8<sup>th</sup> August to discuss funds within the amenities account</p>	<b>SR</b>
<b>34/23</b>	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</b></p> <p>A query has been received from a resident regarding a crane which appears in eyeline over Infell wood. After further investigation it looks as though this is the crane on Sellafield site.</p> <p>Notification has been received from the environment agency regarding a change in status to “<i>prolonged dry weather</i>”.</p>	
<b>35/23</b>	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION</b></p> <p><b>Parish Council Forum</b> LD is to attend the next forum meeting and report back.</p>	<b>LD</b>
<b>36/23</b>	<p><b>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</b> <b>Beckermat Road end</b> – Councillor Rigg has reported that the grass is overgrown causing difficulties in seeing vehicles on the A595 when joining from Beckermat. HW to report to highways</p>	<b>HW</b>
<b>37/23</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm.</p>	

