

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9th September 2025

Presenter

Scott Robertson (Chairman)

Councillors

Cllr Alan Rigg (AR), Cllr Liz Dias (LD) and Cllr Tyson Norman (TN)

37/25	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received from Vice Chair Robert Jones and public participant, Jane Wheatley</p>	
38/25	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None</p>	
39/25	<p>MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL: HELD ON 8TH July 2025 The previous minutes were approved</p>	
40/25	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing There are no further updates regarding the progress of GDF itself.</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing Chairman Robertson met with a representative from National Highways to discuss road safety between Calderbridge and Blackbeck. Road safety monitoring is to take place. Concerns regarding the height of vegetation at Nursery Road end, narrow footpaths and the re-siting of 30mph signs were also discussed. We await the outcome of the monitoring.</p> <p>Following works completed to Abbey Road, water is now pooling and running into the village hall car park. This has already been reported.</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing No further updates</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing There are no updates to report</p> <p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing There are no further updates currently.</p> <p>NDA - ongoing A meeting request has been received by NDA we are awaiting a response regarding a proposed date.</p> <p>Heart of the Community fund and outdoor spaces The PC have been awarded grant funding totalling £35209 for works for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repairs to the wall and the installation of fencing - Updates to the play area - Painting of the external of the village hall <p>Some works have already been instructed. Clerk to instruct Playdale and pay deposit.</p> <p>There was some discussion regarding Phase 2 of the grant application. Quotes have been received for additional works. These are to be collated and a proposal for all items put forward at the next meeting.</p> <p>Sustrans – ongoing Sustrans have now submitted an application to GDF for funding for a feasibility study for the installation of a multi-use path with the intention of connecting the communities of Gosforth –</p>	HW

	<p>Calderbridge – Beckermat. We are awaiting the outcome of this funding application.</p> <p>Community Plan – ongoing Feedback has now been collated and a report published following the village hall open day. Areas for improvement have been identified with some of the items raised already being addressed. More events have been requested. Discussion surrounding the purchase of an A3 printer/scanner to allow more flexibility for advertising. A volunteer has also been identified for assistance with Social Media content. Agreement reached for a new village WhatsApp group to be created specifically for news and events. The current group is to remain active for general conversation</p>	
41/25	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT None received.</p>	
42/25	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS The balances as held on 2nd September 2025 were £15701.39 with a further £2500 in the amenities account. NJC pay agreement has been adopted from April 2025 in line with SCP pay band 6.</p> <p>The following invoices have been/are to be paid: 1) Clerk Services – July 2025 - £196.04 2) Pip Roberts – Costco receipt for Community Open day - £37.47 3) Stewart Kenyon - invoice received 13/08/25 - £380 – paid 14/08/25 4) Clerk Services – August 2025 - £115.31 5) Village Hall Hire – July 2025 - £24.00 6) Robinson +Co - £84.00 7) Stewart Kenyon – services completed in August 2025 - £380</p>	
43/25	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS Bus Service Some residents have received correspondence regarding a new bus service. Funding has been obtained for this however a bus operator is yet to be appointed.</p> <p>Egremont Neighbourhood Police Meeting We have been asked to provide representatives at this local meeting. SR and TN to attend</p>	SR/TN
44/25	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Councillor Vacancy The Councillor vacancy remains available.</p>	
45/25	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS Bins at Gib Hill The bins were emptied however during August these were again not collected. Since reporting to Cumberland Council the recycling has been emptied into general wate.</p> <p>Grit Bin Clerk to enquire as to the cost of sourcing grit and filling the grit bin.</p> <p>Defibrillator Pads The current pads are nearing their date of expiration and replacement pads are required. Agreed for one further set to be purchased.</p> <p>Christmas lights Replacement Christmas lights are required. SR to obtain some quotes for a sturdy/ weatherproof set of lights.</p>	HW HW SR
46/25	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 7pm</p>	