

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 13th May 2025

Presenter

Robert Jones (Chairman)

Councillors

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

17/25	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Stanley and local resident Pip Roberts</p>	
18/25	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p>	
19/25	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th April 2025 The previous minutes were approved</p>	
20/25	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing There has been little in the way of updates received from GDF. The Chairman has corresponded with GFD on several items which have been raised – they will take this information away for review. Information regarding spoil and waste removal is available on the GDF website for review.</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing We are in the process of setting up a meeting between the PC and Cumberland Highways regarding several areas of concern in the village. Not limited to: Robin Bridge Gib Hill Abbey Road</p> <p>A speed survey is also to be requested following the speed limit change.</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 We have now received printed map details from NDA. Clerk to contact PC representatives to set up a meeting to discuss this. Once the PC reps have convened then a meeting with NDA is to be requested (likely July).</p> <p>Heart of the Community fund and outdoor spaces We are awaiting further quotes regarding the work. Clerk to collate the information and start submitting the application.</p> <p>Sustrans – ongoing Cllr Robertson attended a further meeting to discuss the multi-use path. Sustrans are in the process of submitting an application to GDF. Clerk to write a letter of support. It has been clarified that the Parish Council would not be in a position to adopt the multi-use path however they will be able to maintain vegetation throughout the year. The proposed map can be shared publicly.</p>	<p>RJ</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p>Community Plan – ongoing A village hall open day has been proposed for 28th June. Further details regarding this are to be distributed separately.</p> <p>AGAR and accounts The Notice of Public Rights is to be published. The accounting statements have been discussed and agreed with all Councillors present. The following completion of the audit, the AGAR is to be signed and submitted.</p>	
21/25	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>04/25/2141/OFI– Griffin Park, Calderbridge – extension and reconfiguration of existing car park, memorial garden and associated landscaping – there are no objections to this proposal.</p>	
22/25	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS The balances as held on 6th May 2025 were £18195.96 with a further £2500 in the amenities account.</p> <p>The following invoices have been/are to be paid: Village Hall Hire – April 2025 - £24.00 Clerk Services – April 2025 - £194.55 Stewart Kenyon – Grass cutting- £380 Robinson+Co – PAYE accounting - £78.00 H Webb – ink cartridges - £30.54</p>	
23/25	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>Playground inspections We have received an updated quote for the playground inspections for the financial year 2025-2026. All agreed for this to continue.</p> <p>Citizens event in Carlisle – Cumbria Wildlife Trust – Clerk has distributed information regarding this event</p>	
24/25	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Councillor Vacancy We now have a vacancy for one Parish Councillor. Expressions of interest are to be received by the next meeting: 10th June 2025.</p> <p>Bin A local resident has raised concerns regarding an unemptied bin at Ponsonby Road End. Clerk to make contact with Cumberland Council.</p>	
25/25	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS None</p>	
26/25	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 10th June 2025 at the Village Hall.</p>	