

# PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Present

Bob Jones - Chairman

Councillors

Alan Rigg – Vice Chairman

Scott Robertson (SR)

Philip Stanley (PS)

Yvonne Tilson (YT)

Liz Dias (LD)

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk)

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| 155/21 | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br>Apologies received from Tyson Norman  |  |
| 156/21 | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b><br>None   |  |
| 157/21 | <b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b><br>Agreed  |  |
| 158/21 | <b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b><br><br><b>GDF – Ongoing</b><br>BJ attended the initial meeting and has signed the Partnership Agreement<br>Further understanding of involvement and job roles is required.<br>Meetings are likely to be in person, monthly. HW or other Councillors could attend in Chairman's absence.<br>£1m Community Fund to be made available via grants to search areas with application process.<br><br><b>Sellafield Emergency Plan – now resolved</b><br>The plan has been published<br><br><b>Crime Statistics – ongoing</b><br>A meeting still needs to be set up with Howard Rooms<br><br><b>Banking, VAT claim and Safeguarding – resolved</b><br>VAT reclaim has been paid - £1889.<br>Safeguarding audit has been completed and passed<br>HW to complete mandate to allow access to telephone banking<br><br><b>Parish Council Forum – ongoing</b><br>No further updates<br><br><b>Playdale – ongoing</b><br>Works have been instructed – Playdale have advised of a 10 week lead time so repairs will be completed in the new year. |  |
| 159/21 | <b>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</b><br><br><b>4/21/2512/0F1 - Sellafield</b> – Relocation of emergency siren – no opposition<br><br><b>7/2021/4129 – New Mill</b> – Officially rejected due to location of proposed parking and lack of provision for local housing   |  |
| 160/21 | <b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b><br>Cheques signed  |  |

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|               | It has been agreed for the Precept for 2022/2023 to remain the same or as close to 2021/2022 as possible.  |   |
| <b>161/21</b> | <p><b>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Church Closure</b><br/>The Diocese of Carlisle have sent notification of a proposal to close the village Church. An email is to be sent to the Parochial Parish Council (PCC) to query the ongoing use of the Church. PCC will be asked to respond by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The email to the PCC will notify them that Parishioners will be asked for their comments on the closure and the personal impact on the Parish. The deadline for Parishioners to respond to the Parish Clerk will be 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to allow time for these to be collated and presented at the next meeting.</p>  |   |
| <b>163/21</b> | <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION</b></p> <p><b>GDF – BJ</b> provided an update following his meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December. See comments at 158/21</p>   |   |
| <b>164/21</b> | <p><b>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>Benches on Long Walks</b><br/>This is an ongoing matter for SR to follow up</p> <p><b>Long Walks Flooding</b><br/>This is an ongoing matter. Engineers have been seen visiting the site on various occasions. HW to request update from Highways on progress</p> <p><b>Power Outages</b><br/>The recent power cuts saw parts of the Parish without power for 49 hours. There was a disappointing power response from Copeland Borough Council with support for residents during this time</p> <p><b>Sellafield</b><br/>There is an ongoing building emergency which has highlighted filters showing enhanced radiation levels. This currently is not a cause for concern as the areas are being well monitored and tested. This is a matter to be aware of.</p> <p><b>Low Level Waste Repository</b><br/>An email has been received from an external pressure group querying works being undertaken at the LLW. There are currently no immediate concerns regarding.</p> <p><b>Ponsonby Old Hall Turning</b><br/>This has flooded again. HW to make a further report to Highways. Parishioners have cleared the gutters but a road sweeper is now needed.</p> <p><b>Signage and walkways</b><br/>Email from Copeland advising they will assess the walkway. Following a recent incident with a cyclist, HW to request road sweeper through village due to build up of gravel following flooding.</p> <p><b>Lay-by</b><br/>It has been noted that there are fewer vehicles parking for long periods in the lay-by HW to email Paul Turner to query progress of parking restrictions.</p> | <p><b>SR</b></p> <p><b>HW</b></p> <p><b>HW</b></p> <p><b>HW</b></p> <p><b>HW</b></p> <p><b>HW</b></p> <p><b>HW</b></p> <p><b>HW</b></p> |
| <b>154/21</b> | <p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</p>  |   |

