

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th September 2024

Presenter

Robert Jones (Chairman)

Councillors

Alan Rigg (AR), Tyson Norman (TN), Liz Dias (LD), James Stanley (JT) and Yvonne Tilson (YT)

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk) and public participant, Jane Wheatley.

47/24	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Cllr Scott Robertson (SR)</p>	
48/24	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None</p>	
49/24	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th August 2024 The previous minutes were approved</p>	
50/24	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing The works are well underway at the Village Hall following a successful application to GDF. Further works are being considered however this is likely to involve another application. The next forum is due to be held 11/09/2024.</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing It is hoped that the works through the village will come to a close this week. White line painting is to be started towards the end of the week. Cllr Stanley has reported that a few people have been using Church House Lanning as a cut through with speed being noted as an issue.</p> <p>The following areas are to be reported to Cumberland Highways as requiring attention due to degrading road surfaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road towards the first cattle grid on Cold Fell - Flat Brow to Robin Bridge - Dual carriageway from Sellafield to traffic lights – the verges are overgrown - Low Prior Scales to Thornholme Farm - Abbey Road towards Long Walks has had a large amount of gravel wash down the drains - Gib Hill Farm to Midtown Barn – the previously laid surface earlier in the year has now washed away back to a shingle surface. <p>The next area for works under the A595 Levelling Up Scheme is Holmrook to Muncaster.</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing Online reporting appears to show unusually high activity in the area. It is thought that the reporting may include surrounding neighbourhoods including Egremont. Letter to be sent to the Cumbria Police Crime Commissioner to question the reporting and statistics available as these could be misleading and not a true representation.</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing There has been no meeting held. Sellafield have resumed their Beach Monitoring Programme. Questions are to be raised at the next meeting regarding sewage discharge.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing There are no updates on this matter – contact is to be made with Rev. Dorling to request an update.</p> <p>NDA - ongoing A response has now been received from NDA confirming that the tender for demolition of High Ling Bank is now being advertised with the condition of Longlands Farm to be monitored. Further information as per the requests made at the meeting in May are to be received by the end of the second week in September 24. Following receipt of this information, a meeting is to be arranged with the collective Parishes to discuss next steps.</p> <p>Heart of the Community fund – ongoing There are no further updates on an application.</p> <p>A quotation has now been received from a local gardener for tidying the area adjacent to the church by the river – it has been agreed for these works to be instructed however an initial cap of £600 is to be placed on the quote and reviewed. Works are to go ahead once Scott has spoken with Stewart Kenyon ref their current scope of works.</p> <p>Community Plan – ongoing As previously agreed, the regeneration of the community plan will be distributed on the reopening of the Village Hall</p> <p>Post Office Van – ongoing We are still awaiting further updates relating to the connectivity between the Post Office Van and the Village Hall.</p> <p>Sustrans – ongoing An updated report has now been received which is to be sent on to Gosforth Parish Council with the message that the project is conceptual at this stage. Clarity regarding the ownership of the report is to be sought from Sustrans.</p> <p>Remembrance Bench. Seascale and Sellafield Royal British Legion Branch have reached out offering for a bench of Remembrance to be installed within the village. It is felt that funds would be better spent on assisting veterans in need at this time. The Parish Council will consider an area for Remembrance in the future. Clerk to send a response to RBL.</p>	
51/24	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>7/2024/4038 – Laverock How – Siting of a Shepherd Hut as a Short Term Holiday Let There are no objections to this application.</p>	
52/24	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS The balances as held 2nd September 2024 were £19784.22 with a further £2500 in the amenities account.</p> <p>The following invoices are to be paid: Clerk Services - £135.42 Village Hall Committee – June and July 24 invoice -£48 Stewart Kenyon – Grass cutting – we are still awaiting an invoice, however it has been agreed for this to be paid as soon as received.</p>	
53/24	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS None</p>	
54/24	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None</p>	

55/24	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <p>South Cumerland Community Panel -more information is to be sought regarding this as to whether the Parish Council can have representation at these meetings, or for a representative to attend.</p> <p>Councillor Resignation – Cllr Tilson has requested to withdraw their resignation due to a change in circumstances – this has been agreed</p> <p>Bus Shelter repainting- Clerk to contact Skills4U to request a quote for the repainting of the bus shelters</p> <p>Grit bin – this is to be collected by Cllr Tyson and installed in the village square</p> <p>Mobile phone signal -it has been reported that there has been significant deterioration in connectivity on the EE network in the area. This has now been ongoing for some time and there is no resolution. Clerk to contact EE to request this is rectified as a priority.</p> <p>Sella Park Hotel – email of thanks to be passed on to Sella Park Hotel for allowing use of the venue for the Parish Council meeting whilst the Village Hall is unavailable.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>TN</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>
56/24	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 8th October 2024 at Sella Park Hotel.</p>	