

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7th January 2025

Presenter

Robert Jones (Chairman)

Councillors

Alan Rigg (AR), Liz Dias (LD), and Yvonne Tilson (YT), Cllr Scott Robertson (SR)

67/24	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Councillor James Stanley</p>	
68/24	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None</p>	
69/24	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th November 2024 The previous minutes were approved</p>	
70/24	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing The NDA have issued details of their <i>Property Protection Scheme</i>. This would come into effect if a GDF is built within the area. It is anticipated that through January 25, the search area for GDF will become more focused. We await further communication on this.</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing National Highways have now attended a meeting with Cllr Robertson who are aware of the works required along the A595 heading North out of the village towards Beckermat. No update has been received following this meeting – Clerk to chase.</p> <p>It is noted that <i>Road Closed</i> signage isn't being changed during the day – these are for works relating to the Levelling Up Fund.</p> <p>The road at Robin Bridge (towards Haile) is flooding regularly with the road now being washed away and sharp edges. Clerk to raise a further report to Cumberland Highways along with the above mentioned point.</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing A reply has been received from Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner advising that they are liaising with <i>Crimemapper</i> to further understand the statistics used for reporting. We are awaiting a response.</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing A meeting has been held with similar topics for discussion as previously raised. There has been a request for consideration for empty buses travelling to and from Sellafeld site and the surrounding areas to also transport the general public.</p> <p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing Contact has been received from Rev. Dorling to advise that consideration is being give to closing the Churchyard for safety. There are no further updates regarding the Church closure.</p> <p>NDA - ongoing There are no further updates or correspondence from NDA. Clerk to send a further chase email</p> <p>Heart of the Community fund and Community Plan – ongoing We are awaiting quotes for a replacement of the fence adjacent to the road, along with replacement timber for the existing play ground. Clerk to distribute the quotes once received.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p>Sustrans – ongoing The notes have been agreed following the meeting previously held between Gosforth PC and Sustrans. An invitation to discuss <i>cycling in West Cumbria</i> has been received for 21st February 2024. There will be a representative from the Parish Council attending this meeting.</p> <p>Community Plan – ongoing Following the completion of works to the Village Hall the community plan again needs to be resurrected. Dates for a meeting are to be discussed at the next PC meeting in Feb 25.</p> <p>Ward boundary review - ongoing Cumberland Council are currently in the process of consulting on ward boundaries. We await further draft proposals and acknowledge the need to maintain communities with common interests.</p> <p>Precept - Resolved It is noted that the Precept of £5589 has not been increased for at least the last 2 years. There have been significant increases in costs and as a result, a request for a Precept of £6000 has been submitted.</p>	
71/24	APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT NONE	
72/24	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS The balances as held on 1st January 2025 were £14296.73 with a further £2500 in the amenities account.</p> <p>The following invoices have been/are to be paid:</p> <p>Clerk Services – for November 2024 – paid 10th November 24 - £174.03 Sarah Autie – Gardening works – paid 2nd December 2024 - £330 Information Commissioners Office – GDPR fee – paid 10th December 2024 - £40.00 Work4You – Bush shelter repainting – paid 13th December 2024 - £1380 Cumberland Council – Play area Inspections – paid 13th December 2024 - £78.00 Clerk Services – December 2024 – to be paid £121.83</p>	
73/24	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>Fibrus Following the previous meeting Fibrus have been responsive to queries and continue to maintain open dialogue with the PC</p> <p>Jacksons Timber The Parish Council wish to thank Jacksons Timber for the kind donation of the village Christmas Tree.</p>	
74/24	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Stakehold group The next stakeholder meeting is to be held in February 2025.</p>	
75/24	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <p>Grit bin The newly sited Grit bin is to be filled – Councillor Robertson to make arrangements for this.</p>	SR
76/24	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 11th February 2024 at the Village Hall.</p>	