

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 12th December 2023

Present

Robert Jones (Chairman)

Councillors

Alan Rigg (AR), Liz Dias (LD) and Yvonne Tilson (YT), Scott Robertson (SR) and Tyson Norman (TN),
Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk)

38/23	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE James Stanley</p>	
39/23	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest</p>	
40/23	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th November 2023 The previous minutes were approved and signed</p>	
41/23	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing The latest community partnership meeting was held 11/12/23. There are no further results from the seismic survey. £1m in funding has been awarded to local projects and charities in the GDF search area.</p> <p>It has been agreed between the Councillors, and should the Village Hall Committee agree, an application for GDF funding for improvements to the village hall is to be made.</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing It has been noted that traffic monitoring strips were laid by the lay-by in New Mill. HW to make contact with Highways to obtain traffic data</p> <p>Concerns have been raised again regarding flooding at Moss Side. This continues to be an issue and resulted in a further vehicle crash within the last week. HW to send a letter to Highways England requesting a site visit to talk through concerns as online reporting is not being actioned.</p> <p>There has been a request for the road to be swept throughout the village as debris has built up. Pot holes from Gib Hill to Town End farm have been filled but this is short term temporary solution – HW to query longer term options</p> <p>Correction – the pot holes have been assessed but not repaired – further reports regarding the road condition have been made.</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing 3 further crimes have been reported in the last month. These are within a 1 mile radius of the postcode CA20 1DN and includes Sellafield</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing There has been no further correspondence on this item.</p> <p>PLAYGROUND and Playdale - ongoing Contractor attended the site 11th and 12th December. It appears that there is problem with some of the manufactured parts causing the finger entrapments.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p>The poles have now been replaced. The cradle swing seat which was instructed on 21/11/23 has not been replaced. Complaint to be raised with Playdale by HW.</p> <p>Some discussion was had regarding the ownership of the playground and whether the Parish Council were in agreement that this should be explored and discussed further with the Village Hall committee. HW to look into legalities surrounding ownership</p> <p>SUSTRANS – ongoing Supporting information has been received from Gosforth Parish Council which will now be submitted to Sustrans. This new data will therefore be considered although there are no further updates at this stage</p> <p>Low Flying Helicopters and Sellafield Site Emergency Exercise – ongoing Information has been received that CNC intend to resurrect the Project Servator programme however no further information on this has been received.</p> <p>Community Plan – ongoing The Community Plan has nearly been finalised with a view for this to be published and a public meeting held in January 2024. Chairman is to draft a letter to explain the updates to the Community plan.</p> <p>Heart of the Community Fund – ongoing There are no further updates on this – quotes are to be actioned</p> <p>Community Plan – ongoing Further discussion was had regarding the community plan – a newsletter is to be distributed with updated details on progress within the community. A meeting will look to be held March/April time with a view to gain further momentum.</p> <p>NDA Meeting HW has been in correspondence with neighbouring parishes regarding the condition of properties owned by NDA. An initial meeting has been set up on 16th January at 7pm.</p> <p>Precept It has been agreed not to increase the Precept for the financial year 23-24. This will remain at £5589 for the next financial year.</p>	HW
42/23	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>04/2023/2354/0N1 – Stephney Farm – Resurfacing of yard area No objections</p> <p>04/2023/2353/0N1 – Stephney Farm – creation of track Request further information as to whether there are any additional plans for diversification which may need to be considered as part of the planning consultation. HW to make contact</p> <p>There has already been a farm track created which joins the road at Robin Bridge – no planning application was received for this track. There are concerns surrounding visibility for adjoining traffic when leaving this track.</p> <p>04/23/9005 – Construction of Box Encapsulation Plant Product Store 2 (BEPPS2) – highlighted issues have now been addressed. Had these been included in the original planning documentation then this would not have created further delays.</p> <p>07/2023/4081 – Laverock How – Installation of 14 ground mounted surface panels and 6kw wind turbine –</p>	

	All in agreement to the solar panels however there is objection to the wind turbine. Given that this area falls within the LDNP, consideration needs to be given to the impact on the landscape. Due to the already heightened elevation, this wind mill would create a negative impact on the landscape.	
43/23	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS</p> <p>SR confirmed the balances as held on 4th December 2023 was £16973.70 with a further £2500 in the amenities account.</p> <p>The following invoices are to be paid: Clerk Services - £147.84 Defibrillator Battery - £246 – paid on 04/12/23 Information Commissioners Office - £40 Playdale - £478.40 – this is not to be paid until issues resolved with Playdale</p>	
44/23	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>None</p>	
45/23	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION</p> <p>None</p>	
	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>None</p>	
46/23	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <p>A kerb stone by the houses close to the bridge is loose. This poses a danger to vehicle. HW to action with Highways</p> <p>During the recent cold weather, the village square was extremely icy and posed a danger to pedestrians and vehicles. HW to contact Highways to request the installation of a grit bin within the village</p> <p>The streetlight at Ponsonby Road end has no identification number. HW to action with Highways</p>	
47/23	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 16th January at 5.45pm for a swift 6pm start.</p>	