

# PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Present

Robert Jones – Chairman

## Councillors

Scott Robertson (SR – Vice Chair) Alan Rigg (AR), Liz Dias (LD) and Yvonne Tilson (YT), Tyson Norman (TN), and James Stanley (JS)

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk) and public participant Chrissey Burnett

28/23	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> None</p>	
29/23	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest</p>	
30/23	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> The previous minutes were approved and signed</p>	
31/23	<p><b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>GDF – ongoing</b> There has been one further meeting with a change in contact for the Partnership Forum. This is now Sam Pollen.</p> <p>Further funds have been issued within the local area and community engagement is continuing.</p> <p><b>HIGHWAYS – ongoing</b> Issues reported by Pelham House were reported and repaired swiftly. The road between Stakes Bridge and Calder woodland is overgrown and requires cutting back</p> <p>Enquiries have been made as to whether Parish Councils and/or Clerks will be able to have access to a highways adoption database</p> <p>There has been no response from National Highways – a formal letter is therefore to be sent highlighting the flooding by Leys Croft and Moss Side. Clarification regarding the usage of Blackbeck roundabout to also be sought.</p> <p><b>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing</b> After the meeting, crimes within the area were checked for August 2023 – this is the latest data available. There were 0 crimes reported.</p> <p>TN has spoken with Pelham House who have reported that lead from Pelham House lodge is repeatedly being stolen. It is not clear when this occurred.</p> <p><b>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing</b> There was no meeting in September and therefore no further updates</p> <p><b>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing</b> There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p><b>PLAYGROUND and Playdale - ongoing</b> Following the recent inspection report there are a number of areas highlight as possible finger entrapments. HW to return to Playdale to ask for them to visit the site to rectify this. Further clarification to be sought on the maintenance of the matting.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p>Agreement made for an independent playground inspector to be sought with a view to move away from Playdale.</p> <p>HW to contact Jacksons Timber for quote to replace the vertical poles on the existing playground. These are to be in tanalised hardwood.</p> <p>The cradle swing requires replacement and the suspension bushes on the larger swing require greasing. HW to source a new seat and TN to attend to suspension bushes.</p> <p>There has recently been a lot of waste left on the playing field. Chairman to speak to village hall committee to reach an agreement for waste disposal of items from the playing field bins.</p> <p><b>LAND OWNERS – ongoing</b> Due to lack of response, Chairman and TN to speak to Landowners directly to discuss potential areas for development.</p> <p><b>SUSTRANS – ongoing</b> YT and SR attended an online meeting with Sustrans to discuss the project. A local meeting has now been arranged for 12/10/23 to discuss possible options. Sustrans are in the process of liaising with Highways and feasibility studies are still underway. It is hoped that the meeting will highlight the need for connecting the communities and display that current options available may not be suitable.</p> <p><b>GOAL POSTS – ongoing</b> It has been reported that the nets and the barriers are still in situ. It has been reported further that the goal posts are extremely worn and are posing a potential danger. Request to be made to Pelham House for the goal posts to be removed for safety.</p> <p><b>Post Office mobile van – ongoing</b> There continue to be ongoing issues with the signal connection in the Post Office van. There has been no response to the email contact sent by both the Chairman and Clerk. Further chase email to be sent offering the use of the village hall WIFI.</p> <p><b>Low Flying Helicopters – ongoing</b> There has been concern over the lack of community engagement from CNC and this has been raised with them. Hazel Deans has been detailed as a contact within CNC. Consideration is being given for an alert system for CNC/Police exercises within the area. CNC have advised they are considering a project similar to Servator for future engagement.</p> <p><b>Community Plan – ongoing</b> Meeting to finalise Community Plan has been set for 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7pm.</p> <p><b>Bus Shelter – ongoing</b> Works have now been completed at the Ponsonby bus shelter and we are awaiting an invoice. Works are required to the Bus Shelter within Calderbridge.</p> <p><b>GARDEN AREAS and telephone box - ongoing</b> The steps down towards the garden area by the telephone box require re-setting. They have dropped and are exposing the metal casings for the steps. YT to contact a builder in the village to quote for works required to re-set the steps. Planting for pollinators have also allocated £300 towards shrubs and plug plants – these are to be installed late October in the garden area and adjacent to the Village Hall. Resident Chrissey Burnett to oversee this project.</p>	<p>TN</p> <p>TN</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>
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	<p>The closure mechanism on the telephone box is open causing the door to swing. This is to be repaired and invoice to be sent to Clerk.</p> <p><b>Light Pollution from Energy Coast Industrial Park - ongoing</b> There has been no reply from Haile and Wilton PC so HW to send a letter raising concerns regarding light pollution in the area.</p> <p><b>Heart of the Community fund</b> Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting on 09/10/23 to discuss a grant which has been made available from the Cumberland Community fund. A grant of £80000 has been awarded to the Parish of Ponsonby and Calderbridge with a view for funds to be granted to projects beneficial to the residents and community. The fund must be applied for and projects completed by March 2026. Applications to be submitted by the Parish Council – they cannot be submitted by residents. Possible projects to be discussed and considered in the near future.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>
32/23	<p><b>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>04/2023/2135/OFI -Barn Adjacent to Sella Grange</b> -no objections raised to the change of use and support to application given</p> <p><b>04/23/9005 – Construction of Box Encapsulation Plant Product Store 2 (BEPPS2) –</b> request to be made for an extension to the consultation period until 17/10/2023</p> <p><b>04/23/2265/DOC -Listed building consent for repair, rebuild and stabilisation of Pelham House walled garden</b> – updated application following bat and ecological surveys – no issues raised and application is supported.</p>	
33/23	<p><b>FINANCIAL RECORDS</b> SR confirmed the balances as held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 - £19598.19 with a further £2500 in the amenities account. VAT refund has been awarded for £9349 for the period 01 April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.</p> <p>Invoice of £555 received from Stewart Kenyon for works completed in August and September. £72 paid to Robinsons for Accounts and Payroll. Parish Clerk expenses of £135.14 paid.</p>	
34/23	<p><b>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</b></p> <p>None</p>	
35/23	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION</b></p> <p><b>NDA and allotments</b> TN attended the latest meeting with NDA. Concerns have been raised regarding the condition of the walls around the walled garden. There has been a suggestion that due to safety, the allotments may have to close whilst repairs are underway. Further information has been requested as to the expected time frames for repair. There is concern regarding NDA and the owned properties within the area. HW to write to Gosforth, Drigg, Seascale and Beckermest Parishes to request a meeting to discuss NDA properties within their parishes.</p>	<p>HW</p>
	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>Resident Chrissey Burnett has highlighted there is a lot of gravel on the footpaths into the village heading South from the traffic lights. A request has been made for this to be attended to</p>	
36/23	<p><b>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>Playground bench</b> The bench closes to the baby swing set is to be moved and a new concrete pad</p>	

	<p>installed in the playground – SR to action this.</p> <p><b>Mill Wheel</b> The mill wheel is still awaiting collection although this has been chased</p> <p><b>POPPIES</b> It has been requested for contact to be made with the Seascale and Sellafield Royal British Legion to discuss displaying Poppies within the village.</p>	
<p><b>37/23</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm for the Community Plan Meeting and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm for the Parish Council meeting.</p>	