

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 11th April 2023

Present

Robert Jones – Chairman

Councillors

Alan Rigg (AR), Philip Stanley, (PS), Yvonne Tilson (YT), Tyson Norman (TN), Scott Robertson (SR) and Liz Dias (LD)

Also Present: Hannah Webb (Clerk)

To action:

01/23	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None	
02/23	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest	
03/23	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th March 2023 Previous minutes were agreed.	
04/23	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing The Partnership Forums are continuing. There are unlikely to be further updates until July 2023 when the result of the geological surveys should become available. A grant for an upgrade to the village playing field has been submitted and we are awaiting the outcome</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing No further updates</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing No further updates at this time</p> <p>PELHAM HOUSE There is a meeting at Pelham House on 19th April to discuss the updated on the site development</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing A report from a resident has been received raising concerns regarding speeding throughout the A595 section of New Mill. HW to contact Cumbria Police to request speed monitoring in the area or to explore data collection regarding vehicle speeds. Corrosion of crash barriers along “dual carriageway” section from Sellafield to Calderbridge to be re-reported. There is also a lot of overgrowth on the kerb and debris along this road</p> <p>Low Prior Scales is impassable when flooded due to the drainage. There are also numerous pot holes and overgrown trees from Calder Woodlands. HW to report to Highways</p> <p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE and War Memorial – ongoing Chairman has been sent a report on the condition of the Church along with estimates for repair works. There have been no further updates from the Parochial Council as to next steps.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>HW</p>

	<p>SMALL REACTOR SITE- ongoing Environment Agency are undertaking surveys however there are no further updates at this time.</p> <p>GRANT APPLICATIONS – Social Impact fund and Playground There are still no further updates regarding funding from the Social Impact fund. It is hoped now the LGR has been completed further information will be received. As above, the application for funding for the playground has been submitted to GDF and we are awaiting a response.</p> <p>CALDER ABBEY – ongoing NDA Property manager Chris Kenyon has confirmed that the Abbey is currently owned by Rymer Cooper. Further investigations are ongoing.</p> <p>VILLAGE MEETING and CORONATION - ongoing Flyer has been distributed to all households notifying them of the date of the village meeting – 25th April at 7pm. No responses regarding Coronation celebrations.</p> <p>ELECTIONS Confirmation has been received that the Parish Council Election is not contested. We will be welcoming James Stanley in place of Philip Stanley who has been a long standing Parish Councillor for the last 50 or so years.</p> <p>NEW MILL SMITHY LDNP have opened an enforcement case following concerns regarding the planning breach. Notification of the case opening has been received however there are no further updates.</p> <p>AGAR The annual governance report for the accounts is due by 30th June 2023. It has been agreed for Ranauld Stewart to audit the accounts. HW to ensure these are ready.</p> <p>TREE PRESERVATION ORDER REQUEST A local resident approached the Parish Clerk to request a tree preservation order be placed on the trees on the South side of the River Calder. They are concerned that tree felling and removal of roots would increase the risk of flooding and property damage. Philip and James Stanley who manage the land confirmed there is no intentions to fell further trees unless they pose a danger or are required for safety. The felling which has taken place was to prevent damage to properties from overgrown branches and a leaning tree. The Stanleys are managing the river bank and confirm any larger scale felling would require a felling license.</p> <p>SUSTRANS YT provided an update following an email received from the North Regional Manager who confirmed that a feasibility study has been undertaken to understand route options for a village connecting path/cycleway. YT is meeting with Sustrans on 5th May to discuss this further.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>YT</p>
05/23	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>7/2023/4027 – Scalderskew – remove small lean-to and erect general purpose/sheep building – no objections</p>	
06/23	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS</p> <p>Balance of £10733.23 confirmed with £2500 in the amenities account. Online banking payments made for Clerk Services, Village Hall hire for March. Payments to be made for CALC annual subscription and to A. McCully for flags</p>	

07/23	SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS None	
08/23	PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION None	
09/23	COUNCILLOR MATTERS Sincere thanks to be passed on to Philip Stanley for his 50+ years of service as a Parish Councillor. We now welcome Philip's son, James Stanley as a Parish Councillor from 5 th May 2023.	
10/23	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 9 th May at 7pm.	