

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 8th April 2025

Presenter

Robert Jones (Chairman)

Councillors

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

01/25	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Norman and Cllr Stanley.</p>	
02/25	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Vice Chairman Roberston has purchased a second property in the village. An updated declaration of interest form is to be completed and submitted.</p>	
03/25	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th March 2025 The previous minutes were approved with an additional note of thanks to Yvonne Tilson for their contribution to the Parish Council. We wish you well in your future endeavours.</p>	
10/25	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing Feedback has been sent to GDF regarding the points raised at the last meeting. There is concern around the lack of involvement/engagement from GDF regarding these issues. We await a response</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing Snagging items have been fed back to Cumberland Highways.</p> <p>No reply from Cumberland ref a meeting to discuss the condition of the road by Robin Bridge – Clerk to ring to request a meeting</p> <p>A595 Levelling up works are nearing completion.</p> <p>CRIME STATISTICS – ongoing No further updates</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing There are no updates to report</p> <p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p>NDA - ongoing We have still not received any reply from NDA. Further chase email to be sent. Chairman to explore alternative ways of contact.</p> <p>Heart of the Community fund and outdoor spaces Works to the swings have been instructed. A further quote has been received for the play area. Additional quotes are to be obtained for the wall/fence. Quotes for painting of the hall (external) are to be obtained</p> <p>Sustrans – ongoing At this time there are no further updates however SR is to attend a meeting on 14th April with Sustrans. Feedback to be given following this</p> <p>Community Plan – ongoing A meeting is to be held separately from the PC meeting to discuss the progression of this in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee.</p>	<p>HW</p> <p>RJ</p> <p>RJ/SR</p> <p>SR</p>

11/25	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>4/25/2111/OFI – Sellafield, Seascale -Permanent retention of a 3 storey modular building There are no objections to this proposal.</p>	
12/25	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS</p> <p>The balances as held on 31st March 2025 were £13343.15 with a further £2500 in the amenities account.</p> <p>The following invoices have been/are to be paid: Village Hall Hire – March 2025 - £24.00 Clerk Services – March 2025 - £200.13 Zurich Insurance – Policy Renewal - £304 One.com -website - £227.04 CALC – annual subscription - £164.40</p> <p>The accounts will be ready for auditing in preparation for the completion of the AGAR from 20th April 2025 Official notification of the AGAR for 2024-2025 has now been received.</p>	
13/25	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>Devolution Notification regarding a consultation for devolution have now been received. Those who wish to comment are able to do so.</p> <p>Business waste Provision must be made for recycling. This is to be explored further with the Village Hall Committee</p>	
14/25	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Councillor Vacancy We now have a vacancy for one Parish Councillor. Expressions of interest are to be received by the next meeting: 13th May 2025.</p>	
15/25	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <p>Flags The Union Jack is to be replaced</p> <p>Telephone box Concerns have been raised surrounding the condition of the telephone box. This is to be passed across for action on the Community Plan and an ongoing use to be determined.</p> <p>Escaped animals Concern has been raised regarding a dog which is escaping repeatedly from a local residence. Concern is to be raised to the relevant authorities regarding this.</p>	
16/25	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 13th May 2025 at the Village Hall.</p>	