

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th February 2026

Scott Robertson (Chairman)

Councillors

Vice-chair Robert Jones, Cllr Alan Rigg (AR), Cllr Tyson Norman (TN) and Cllr Jane Wheatley

77/25	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Received from Cllr Liz Dias (LD)</p>	
78/25	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None</p>	
79/25	<p>MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING : HELD ON 20th January 2026 The previous minutes were approved</p>	
80/25	<p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>GDF – ongoing Cllr Jones attended the latest forum meeting. A decision is likely to be made within the next 3 months as to whether the area is viable. This then will be presented to Government. There are questions to which the answers remain outstanding such as if the GDF isn't approved then what will future storage look like and is there a "Plan B".</p> <p>HIGHWAYS – ongoing National Highways have completed a further visit to Mr Stubbings however there are no further updates at this time.</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – ongoing There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p>St. BRIDGETS CHURCH CLOSURE – ongoing There are no further updates at this time.</p> <p>NDA - ongoing There are no further updates.</p> <p>Heart of the Community fund and outdoor spaces Works are progressing with the bar area and works to the village hall repainting are due to start shortly. It has been agreed for 2 picnic benches to be installed within the Riverside Garden – one with disabled access and one standard bench. There are to be an additional 2 standalone planters.</p> <p>The A3 printer, laptop, ink and paper have been purchased by Cllr Robertson. The total cost for these were £742.44. Invoice is to be sent on to the Clerk for payment.</p> <p>Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust (Sustrans) – ongoing There are no further updates on this item. Cllr Robertson to send a chase email</p> <p>Assertion 10 Cllr Robertson will be attending training on this item. Dialogue is to continue with Hugo Fox surrounding the website and the transfer of this to a new server. Contact form on the website is to direct enquiries to the Clerk.</p> <p>Councillor Vacancy The notice period for the Councillor vacancy is due to end shortly. If no one volunteers for this role, there will be the opportunity to co-opt a Councillor at the next meeting.</p>	<p>SR</p> <p>SR</p>

81/25	<p>APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>4/25/2408/DOC – Yottenfews Car Park, Sellafield – partial discharge of Condition 2 of planning application 40/08/2298/0</p> <p>Whilst there are no objections, we need to ensure that Cumberland are satisfied with the plan. Clerk to respond to ensure that we can establish what impact the Pioneer Park proposals have on this planning application and has that been considered in full?</p>	HW
82/25	<p>FINANCIAL RECORDS</p> <p>The balances as held on 4th February 2026: £24647.75 with a further £2500 in the amenities account</p> <p>The following invoices have been/are to be paid:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Clerk Services – January 2026 - £145.40 2) Village Hall Committee – December 2025 and January 2026 - £48.00 3) Mr A McCully – Flags - £12.97 (paid 04/02/26) 4) Mr S Robertson – Laptop, A3 Printer, paper and ink - £742.44 	
83/25	<p>SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS</p> <p>Pioneer Park</p> <p>The marketing exercise has generated a lot of interest. £1m funding has been allocated from NDA to allow for the development of a Master Plan. We need to ensure that the local community are kept up to date and “in the loop” with plans and the potential impact on the area. It unanimously agreed to set up a working group with Beckermeth with Thornhill Parish Council to work as a collective to ensure that both Parishes are kept informed of progress.</p>	
84/25	<p>PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Grass cutting contract</p> <p>Works 4 You have submitted a quotation for the grass cutting within the Parish. This is not financially viable as it is approximately ¾ of the Precept. Stewart Kenyon has proposed to continue the contract with a 2% increase on costs from last year. This has been unanimously agreed.</p>	HW
85/25	<p>COUNCILLOR MATTERS</p> <p>Refuse collection</p> <p>This continues to be an issue and has not been resolved. Collections have moved to monthly however the bin size is not sufficient. Email to be sent to Cumberland Council on behalf of the residents to express concern.</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>It has been reported that the road barriers on the road from Calderbridge-Sellafield are severely degraded. There is a large build up of road debris which is preventing the carriageway from being used, thus creating a single lane of traffic. Clerk to report to Highways.</p>	
86/25	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The proposed and agreed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 7pm.</p>	