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| **PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCILFull Meeting****Monday 12th October 2020 – 7pm****Zoom Meeting****MINUTES** |
| **ATTENDEES** | Mr Bertram (Chairperson) Mrs Athersmith 1 Member of the publicMrs Thompson (Vice Chair) Mrs Bell (Clerk)Mr Stretch Mrs Willis (Councillor) |
| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTIONS** | **OWNER** | **DUE** |
| 1. **Welcome and Apologies**
 | * Mr Bertram welcomed everyone to the meeting.
* Apologies received and accepted from Mr Thompson
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| 1. **Declaration of Councillors Interests**
 | * None
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| 1. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**
 | * Mrs Bell still to chase Electricity Northwest regarding the missing street light at Rowe Head.
* Mr Stretch had secured a quote for £150 for a replacement bin on Rufus Lane. It was agreed to go ahead with the quote.
* Repairs to the second step on Swarthmoor Park are still ongoing, Mrs Bell to chase.
* All other actions have been completed and the minutes were agreed as correct.
* Minutes to be signed at a later date due to Covid restrictions.
 | * LB to chase response.
* HS to arrange replacement bin as quoted.
* LB to chase repairs.
* LB and SB to arrange signing of minutes.
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* HS
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* SB, LB
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| 1. **Vacancies**
 | * Ward of Swarthmoor – 1 Vacancies
* Ward of Pennington - 1 Vacancies
* Mrs Bell informed the parish council that confirmation had been received from SLDC that the Pennington vacancy could be filled by co-option.
* Mrs Bell informed the parish council that 1 application had been received from Mrs Slater (application had been sent to members via e-mail previous to the meeting).
* All council members present agreed to c-opt Mrs Slater onto the parish council.
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| 1. **Public Participation by Question and Answer**
 | * Mrs Willis discussed the issues regarding parking around the top of Moorgarth/ Fox Street area and stated that although it could possibly take a little time as a Traffic Regulation Order would be needed, approval has been granted for double yellow lines outside of the Miner’s Arms Pub.
* Mrs Willis requested any feedback from the parish council with regard to a planning application at Diamond Yard, Lindal in Furness. No comments were made by the parish council.

**3028*** Mrs Willis informed the parish council that no further information regarding the planned round-a-bout at Cross-a-Moor was available at present as there has been costing issues at the design stage resulting in the need for the underwriting of a significant amount of money to cover the short fall. Mrs Willis stated that CCC are working very closely with Highways England and will continue to keep us informed.
* Mrs Willis gave a brief update on the Local Government Reform and stated that all councils in Cumbria had been sent a letter from the Government asking for their proposals.
* Mrs Willis stated that under a unitary Authority, there would be the potential for more powers and budget to be devolved to parish/ town councils.
* Mrs Willis stated that there is no certainty that the unitary authority would be Carlisle or Kendal centric but stated that local committees would be made up of locally elected members (the government would like elected mayors) giving more of a voice to these areas.
* Mrs Thompson questioned Mrs Willis with regard to guidance on submitting a business case and what would be best for parish councils and the implications of a unitary authority.
* Mrs Willis discussed the consultation document and stated that she had no real concerns as she believes that more budget and powers will be devolved down to parish and town councils.
* Mrs Willis informed the parish council that following actions by Cumbria Constabulary and SLDC Enforcement regarding unsafe loads, there has been a reduction in the amount of rubbish on the roads.
* Mrs Willis left the meeting at 7:45pm
* Mrs Bell brought forward a comment that had been received by a member of the public. It was stated that due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, please could we encourage residents and members of the public to continue to show their support and respect for our key workers from the NHS to those in education and those working in the country and field. The resident urged people to be aware, remain vigilant and follow guidance.
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| 1. **Police Report**
 | * Mrs Bell informed the parish council of the police report received from PCSO Madden.
* There were 3 cases of concern for welfare, 2 in order and 1 that resulted in a referral to mental health services. Highway disruption and gravel on the highway. 1 road related incident escalating to minor assault. 1 case of harassment where parties were know to each other – break down of a relationship. 1 suspicious vehicle, owner identified and all in order.
* Crime prevention measures in the form of: continued Covid 19 patrols, continued patrols at Pennington School, rural patrols regarding farm thefts and updating details for database, continued monitoring of HGV and insecure loads with visits to companies as required, continued dog fouling patrols with further patrols planned for Oct/ Nov and continued patrols relating to parking/ uninsured vehicles on the highway, tethered trailer at Crosslands Close and the removal of uninsured and SORN vehicle on Park Road.
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| 1. **Covid Update - Meetings**
 | * A brief discussion was had regarding how meetings should be delivered due to the ongoing Covid pandemic.
* It was agreed to continue using Zoom and providing joining details so members of the public can attend virtually.
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| 1. **Community Led Plan**
 | * Mrs Thompson informed the parish council that no progress had been made as no meetings held due to the current Covid pandemic.
* Mrs Thompson agreed to inform us as soon as she had any updates.
 | * LT to provide updates as soon as she can.
 | * LT
 | * Ongoing
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| 1. **Swarthmoor/ High Carley**
* **Playground Report**
* **Basketball Area**
 | * Mrs Bell informed the parish council that due to vacation and isolation following his return, Mr Clarke had been unable to complete the playground inspections but will do so at his earliest opportunity.
* Mrs Bell informed the parish council of the discussion with Mr Clarke regarding re-vamping the basketball area. It was stated that moving the basketball net would be costly and would bring no benefit. It was agreed that the net should remain where it is.
* Mrs Bell also shared some prices with regard to outdoor gym equipment which could be installed around the outside of the hard area opposite the basketball net. No decision was reached so further discussions will be required.
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| 1. **Loppergarth/ Pennington**
* **Playground Report**
* **Playground Equipment**
* **Parking**
 | * Mrs Bell informed the parish council that due to vacation and isolation following his return, Mr Clarke had been unable to complete the playground inspections but will do so at his earliest opportunity.
* Mrs Bell confirmed that the replacement play equipment for Loppergarth Park had been ordered and should be delivered sometime around the end of November/ beginning of December.
* Mrs Bell informed the parish council that she had spent some time trying to locate the owners of the land in Loppergarth identified as parking potential. Unfortunately, all of her leads had resulted in no positive outcome.
* Mrs Slater offered to speak with the farmer who uses this land for grazing to try and find further information.
 | * HS to speak with farmer regarding plot of land.
 | * HS
 | **3030*** Ongoing
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| 1. **Sunnyside and the Parish Rooms**
 | * Mrs Bell informed the parish council that there appeared to be significant damage to the ceiling in the parish rooms. It was agreed to contact the builder to investigate.
* Mrs Bell also informed the parish council that the parish rooms were in need of a good clean. It was agreed that regular inspections of Sunnyside should be carried out and that the tenancy agreement should be revisited.
* It was also agreed that a letter should be left upstairs for the band requesting their contact details.
* Mrs Thompson suggested contacting Mrs Woods regarding the bookings and number of users in the parish rooms.
 | * LB to contact the builder.
* Parish council to revisit the tenancy agreement.
* LB to leave a note for the band.
* LB to contact Mrs Wood
 | * LB
* PC
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| 1. **Highways**
* **Proposed round-a-bout at Cross-a-Moor**
 | * Mrs Willis updated the parish council on this in item 5.
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| 1. **Invoices/ Receipts**
 | * Question was raised regarding the bus shelter at Birkrigg Park.
 | * LB to contact Wards to chase.
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 | * Ongoing
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| 1. **Planning**
 | * Nothing raised.
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| 1. **Correspondence/ E-mails**
 | * Mrs Bell informed that parish council that a number of requests had been received from Moorgarth residents with regard to increasing the parking. Mrs Bell confirmed that she is the process of putting together a case to send to South Lakes Housing requesting consideration be given to using a small amount of the green on Moorgarth to increase the number of parking bays.
* There was a brief discussion on the house of commons briefing regarding grants for parks.
* Mrs Bell informed the parish council that she had received a number of emails from the Lindal and Marton parish clerk regarding cars for sale being parked on the verge at Pennington Lane. Mrs Bell confirmed that she had been given information from PCSO Madden that the case had been referred to her colleagues and that the cars were not parked illegally or causing any obstruction.
* Mrs Bell informed the parish council that a request had been received for a donation to the NWAAS. The request was not accepted this time.
* A request had been received for a donation of a tree plaque for a replacement tree near the stocks outside the church. It was suggested that the plaque reference that the tree was planted during the Covid pandemic as a sign of the community’s strength and hope of kindness to all.
* Members of the parish council discussed which tree should be planted and a number of varieties were discussed and it was agreed to leave the final decision the tree surgeon who is donating/ planting it.
* Mrs Bell informed the parish council of the remuneration panel deliberation. No comments were made.
* Mrs Bell informed the parish council that confirmation had been received that Highways had completed work on the A590 through Ulverston.
* Mrs Bell informed the parish council of a covered public footpath sign at Walthwaite Lane, Pennington. Mrs Thompson informed the parish council that the covering was due to be removed within the following week.
 | * HS to forward the house of commons briefing with information on grants.
* LB to gather prices for a plaque.
 | * HS
* LB
 | * Ongoing

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| 1. **Climate Change Action Plan**
 | * Mrs Thompson informed the parish council that Ulverston Town Council had declared a climate emergency and voiced concern over the rationale behind the decision. Mrs Thompson stated that she had spoken with an officer from Ulverston Town Council and it was agreed that funding into greener energy for the parish council should be re-visited.
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| 1. **Local Government Reform**
 | * It was discussed that it is important to raise awareness of the impact and understanding and to be able to communicate this with the parish.
* Mrs Thompson revisited the letter that Mrs Willis had discussed in item 5.
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| 1. **Formulation of Budget and Decision on Precept**
 | * The budget for 2021-2022 was considered. It was reported that the parish council, taking into account one-off items, spent £7975.11 in 2019-2022. A 10% adjustment for inflation was added together with a contingency amount of £1000 giving a total of £9772.50 for the expected standard parish expenditure for 2021-2022.
* The parish council considered possible income for the year but it was decided that future rental income should not be included as this was not guaranteed. The current amount in the bank realised £20,005.68
* The precept for 2020-2021 was £5245.81. Having considered the current, ever-changing situation and Covid pandemic. It was decided to raise the precept by a nominal 1%. This produces an increase of £52.46 giving a precept for the year of £5298.27. The rise would mean an increase of a matter of pence per household giving a yearly amount of £5-£6 per household.

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| 1. **Risk Management Policy**
 | * The Risk Management Policy was agreed .
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| 1. **Parish Rooms Risk Assessment**
 | * Mrs Bell informed the parish council that herself and Mrs Thompson had carried out the Parish Rooms Risk Assessment and that all was in order.
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| 1. **Whinfield Flooding**
 | * Mrs Bell informed the parish council that she is still waiting on a response from the Countryside Access team with regard to this matter.
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| 1. **Cross-a-Moor War Memorial Centenary 2020**
 | * Mrs Thompson informed the parish council that due to Covid restrictions, no formal service was held however, a wreath was laid and blessed by Mr Wilson and a full community event will be arranged once restrictions have been lifted.
* Mrs Thompson took photographs which will be put on the website/ social media sites along with the kind words offered by Mr Wilson.
 | * Mrs Thompson to forward photos and the prayer to be included on the social media sites and website.
 | * LT
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| **Date of Next Meeting** | * 9th November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom
 | * LB to forward invitation.
 | * LB
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| **Signed Clerk:** |  | **Date:** |  |
| **Signed Chairman:** |  | **Date:** |  |