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| **PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****Monday 8th March 2021 – 7pm****ZOOM MEETING****MINUTES** |
| **ATTENDEES** | Mr Bertram (Chair) Cllr Willis – left 7.40pmMrs Thompson (Vice Chair) Mr Stretch – left 8.10pmMrs Slater Mrs Bell (Clerk)Mrs Athersmith 1 member of the public |
| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTIONS** | **OWNER** | **DUE** |
| 1. **Welcome and Apologies**
 | * Mr Bertram opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.
* Apologies received and accepted from Mr Thompson
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| 1. **Declaration of Councillors Interests**
 | * None
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| 1. **Previous Minutes, Matters Arising and Actioned Items**
 | * Mrs Bell confirmed that she received a cheque from a member of the public and will arrange it to be forwarded to the CLP group.
* Mrs Bell confirmed that she will write to thank the member of public.
* Mrs Bell informed members that she has received confirmation from the PCC that once lockdown restrictions have been lifted, services at Pennington Church are planned for the first and third Sundays (3pm) of the month alternating with St John’s Osmotherley. Communion by extension would be once a month. This was agreed by representatives of the PCC and will be for a trial period of 6 months, after which the situation will be reviewed.
* Mrs Bell informed members that removal of the hedgerows had been postponed. Cllr Willis confirmed that this was due to full environmental impact survey was required and will take place as part of the Main construction work.
* Mrs Bell confirmed that she had contacted Cllr Willis regarding the state of the roads/ drains. Members had been asked to report individual drains etc via the relevant online portal with photographic evidence.
* Mrs Bell Stated that she is still to resource litter picking equipment and that she had witnessed individuals litter picking on a various occasions over the past week.
* Mrs Bell confirmed that she had contacted the allotment holder who requested taking over an adjacent plot and advised them to contact Mr Stretch to be added to the waiting list.
* Mrs Bell confirmed that the Internal Auditor had agreed to complete it again this year.
* The minutes were agreed and will be arranged for signing by the Chairman at a later date due to Covid Restrictions.
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| 1. **Vacancies**
 | * Ward of Swarthmoor -1 Vacancies
* Ward of Pennington - 0 Vacancies
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| 1. **Public Participation by Question and Comment**
 | * The order of the Agenda was amended by agreement of the Chairman to cover items 12 and 17 at this point. Please refer to Items 12 and 17 for details.
* A member of the public informed the Parish Council that they wanted to donate funds directly to the Loppergarth and Swarthmoor play areas.
* Mrs Bell informed members that due to other commitments, she had not managed to attend the CALC meeting on Thursday 4th March and will forward the minutes as soon as they have been received.
* Mrs Bell informed members that the Parish Council Laptop needs either replacing or repairing due to the keyboard, mousepad and internal fan being faulty. Members agreed to purchase a new device. 1 member of the public expressed a desire to donate toward replacing the laptop.
* The Parish Council thanked the member of the public for this kind gesture.
* Mrs Slater requested information on the removal and replacement of 2 trees at the Millennium Gardens. Mr Stretch confirmed that 2 diseased trees had been removed and replaced.
 | * Mrs Bell to forward contact details of each group.
* Mrs Bell to forward CALC minutes.
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| 1. **Police Report**
 | * Mrs Bell confirmed that she had received and forwarded the Police Newsletter to members.
* It was stated that it appears to be a standard format for the whole of the County with no figures specific to our area.
* Mrs Slater raised concern over the number of “concern for welfare” incidents.
* Members will compare next months’ figures.
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| 1. **Covid Update**
 | * A discussion was had regarding returning to face-to-face meetings.
* Mrs Bell informed members that no further guidance has been received and as so, face-to-face meetings should resume from 8th May 2021.
* Options that were discussed were:
* Using the Parish Rooms for limited attendees with a live stream. The lack of adequate internet connection makes this the least acceptable option.
* Using the Memorial Hall as it is a larger more Covid secure venue with separate entrance, exit and more floor space etc.
* Using a venue that is already set up with appropriate Risk Assessments and policies for holding meetings etc.
* To adjust the meeting dates and hold a meeting in August as opposed to May.
 | * Mrs Bell to gather information on appropriate venues.
 | * LB
 | * ASAP

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| 1. **Community Led Plan/ Kick Start Plan**
 | * Mrs Thompson confirmed that a meeting had been held on February 18th.
* Mrs Thompson reported on plans for Pennington School children to write to members of the community but with GDPR, it was decided that members of the community should request a letter.
* Mrs Thompson reported that the initiatives with Pennington school were CLP initiatives with the input from school and hopefully parents will be notified in due course.
* Mrs Thompson reported that work has begun on the Kickstart Plan.
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| 1. **Swarthmoor and High Carley a. Playground Reportb. Basketball Areac. Allotments**
 | * Playground Report received
* Flat swings needed nuts replacing – Peter Clarke to look into replacing these.
* Mrs Bell informed members that she will chase a response from Allotment Plot 10 holder.
* Mrs Bell informed members that Plot 5 holder hasn’t returned a signed agreement or payment.
* A suggestion was made to consider funding an allotment plot for Pennington School if one was available.
* Due to Mr Stretch having a waiting list, it was deemed not possible to take this into consideration at he the current time.
* Mrs Bell informed members that she has been contacted by SLDC with regard to the responsible parties of the Bus Shelter at High Carley.
* A discussion was had regarding the broken panes and possible alternatives such as metal panels.
* Mrs Slater raised concerns over the poor condition of the Millennium Gardens and requested that the PC investigate funding and the possibility of tidying up the area.
* It was stated that the PC are not responsible for this area however, Mrs Thompson suggested contacting Ulverston Town Council or SLDC to find out who maintains this area and whether the funds for doing so could be diverted to the PC.
 | * Mrs Bell to chase response.
* Mrs Bell to send a reminder.
* Mrs Thompson to contact a member of the High Carley Community Group in the first instance.
* Mrs Bell to contact UTC and SLDC.
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| 1. **Loppergarth and Pennington**
* **Playground Report**
* **Playground Equipment**
* **Parking**

* **Tree/ Plaque Donation**
* **Notice Boards**
* **Church**
 | * Playground Report received.
* Mrs Bell informed members that the delivery of the new play equipment still hasn’t been received.
* Mrs Bell has emailed the company who have stated that non-standard items were ordered in December and delayed due to overseas shipping and Covid restrictions.
* Mrs Bell voiced concerns that the order was placed with the company well before December.
* It was agreed to review at the next meeting if still not delivered.
* Mrs Thompson informed members that she had met with Ms Dawes regarding the un-registered land identified as possible parking in Loppergarth.
* Mrs Thompson has contact details of the architects and has agreed to contact them.
* Ms Dawes has agreed to research archives and records in the library and contact SLDC planning office.
* It was agreed that a site visit would be helpful in identifying additional possible sites and a community meeting was discussed for when lockdown is lifted.
* Mr Bertram stated that he believes that there is a covenant on the children’s playground which would restrict the conversion of this area into parking.
* The tree and plaque are still ongoing.
* Mrs Bell informed members that Mr Dawson will investigate the notice boards and report back.
* Mr Bertram discussed the possibility of using the bus shelter as a notice board.
* Mrs Bell reported the response from the PCC as detailed in item 3.
* Mrs Slater thanked Cllr Willis for her response to the reports of damaged roads and drains but raised issues with not being able to report multiple areas at once using the online system.
* Mrs Slater informed members that there were issues regarding drainage in the areas of Copse Lane to Greenmoor and Beckside Farm and Fellside Farm driveway to Low Greaves. Mrs Slater requested support from Cllr Willis in dealing with these issues.
* Cllr Willis stated that water running from land, is usually the landowner’s responsibility and suggested that the PC write to the landowner in the first instance but also suggested the possibility of involving the NFU in communications with landowners.
* Mrs Willis agreed to conduct a site visit with Mrs Slater.
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| 1. **Sunnyside and Parish Rooms**
 | * Rent received. Nothing to report.
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| 1. **Highways**
* **Proposed Roundabout**

**Cross-a-Moor** | * Cllr Willis confirmed that the removal of vegetation works ha been postponed due to a full environmental impact assessment being needed. The work will now take place as part as the main works (phase 3).
* Cllr Willis stated that CCC and HE are working to establish communications over individual areas of responsibility.
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| 1. **Invoices and Receipts**
 | * Schedule attached to the agenda, no issues reported.
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| 1. **Planning**
 | * 2 applications reported. Schedule attached.
* Mrs Slater reported that she had attended the CALC Planning course.
* It was reported that the planning application for houses at Cross-a-Moor would have expired and that the PC should be aware of any new applications that are made.
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| 1. **Correspondence/ Emails**
 | * Mrs Bell informed members that it appeared that the planned temporary road closure to Main Street Pennington had not gone ahead.
* Mrs Bell informed members that County and District elections have been postponed until May 2022 due to Local Government Reform however Town and Parish Council elections have been unaffected.
* Mrs Bell informed members of the RHS Roots of Remembrance initiative to plant trees in memory of those who have passed away during the pandemic.
* Mrs Thompson requested planting a tree in Swarthmoor, Loppergarth and Birkrigg Park on behalf of the PC. This was agreed.
* Mrs Bell informed members that the chancellor had been asked to back the Eden North Project planned for the former Bubbles Swimming Pool site in Morecambe. £70million had been requested towards the £125million project which will bring a wide range of benefits including cultural, economic, environmental and educational.
* Mrs Thompson confirmed that the Morecambe Bay Curriculum and Earnse Bay Development projects are supported by and receiving financial backing from the Eden North Project.
 | * Mrs Thompson to price and purchase trees.
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| 1. **Model DesignCode – PC2-21**
 | * Mrs Thompson briefly discussed the Model Design Code which includes 17 in depth questions to consult on.
* Due to the consultation deadline, members agreed to support NALC’s submission.
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| 1. **Unitary Authority**
* **Update**
 | * The Secretary of State has introduced a consultation on the 4 proposals.
* There is a CALC event being held on 18th March 2021 7-9pm with principal authority members who will be discussing each proposal with a Q and A session to follow.
* Cllr Willis gave a brief opinion on the best and most beneficial option, which she believes is a single unitary council.
* Many areas including Children’s Services, Education, Adult Social Care, Highways, Waste, Libraries/ Registrars, Cumbria Fire and Rescue and Cumbria Holdings could be complicated if solutions had to found through more than one unitary authority and be complicated further by the Bay Authority boundary.
* Other areas discussed were that the LGR should deliver more efficient and improved services for the residents of Cumbria and that a single point of contact for all council services would be more beneficial.
* A single unitary authority would provide ‘one voice’ for Cumbria Nationally and with Government and Cumbria already has an identity with younger generations which relate to Cumbria and not Lancashire.
* Concerns were raised that South Lakeland could potentially be left behind if included in larder areas as the case would be with the Bay Authority.
* Mrs Thompson raised concerns that the information from CCC on the single unitary authority was not comprehensive and gave very little information about the vision for Cumbria.
* Concerns were raised that contrary to information received, there still is reason believe that a single unitary authority would be Carlisle or Kendal Centric.
* The PC agreed that individual responses to the consultation would be acceptable as opposed to a PC response.
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| 1. **Website Content**
* **Emergency Plan**
* **Policies**
 | * Mrs Slater informed members that an Emergency Plan meeting had been held and a new member of the community had joined.
* Mrs Slater requested that links be added to the website.
* Mrs Slater informed members that investigations were being made through Mr Wilson about linking to other Emergency Plans.
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 | * Mrs Athersmith to contact Mr Wilson.
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| 1. **Climate Change**
* **Carbon Footprint Tool**
* **Greening Campaign**
 | * Mrs Slater informed members that the Carbon Footprint Tool is now live and accessible.
* Mrs Slater commented that this tool would be helpful in forming responses to big developments.
* Mrs Slater informed members that she has signed up for additional events including the Zero Carbon Communities event on 26th March 2021.
* Mrs Slater informed members that consideration could be given to smaller changes in the first instance such as changing to LED lights and tree planting.
* A brief discussion was had regarding the Greening Campaign however, it was noted that the cost increases significantly with increased involvement.
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| 1. **Whinfield Flooding**
 | * Cllr Willis agreed to make further enquiries.
 | * Mrs Bell to forward details of previous conversations to Cllr Willis.
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 | * Ongoing
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| **Date of Next Meeting and items for the Agenda** | * Monday 19th April 2021 – 7pm Zoom
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| **Signed Clerk:** |  | **Date:** |  |
| **Signed Chairman:** |  | **Date:** |  |

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