

PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 13th September 2021

7pm

Parish Rooms

Minutes

Attendees	Mrs Bell (Clerk) Mr Bertram (Chair) Cllr Cooper	Mr Davidson Mrs Slater Mr Stretch	Mrs Thompson (Vice-Chair) Cllr Willis 5 members of the public		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	OWNER	DUE	
1. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies received and accepted from Mrs Athersmith and Cllr Airey 				
2. Declarations of Councillors Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Bell stated an interest in item 12.1 Sunnyside and Parish Rooms 				
3. Vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swarthmoor Ward – 1 vacancy Pennington Ward – 0 vacancies 				
4. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Thompson informed members that representatives from the Parish Council had met with Cumbria County Council's Community Development Officer with regard to different grants and funding opportunities to help with maintain the Reading Rooms as a community asset. Following initial discussions, Rev. Bing has expressed his openness to discussion however, engagement with the trustees is still ongoing. Minutes agreed as a true reflection of the meeting held on 12th July 2021. Minutes signed as correct. 				
5. Public Participation by question and comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Willis reported that she had received concerns over the safety of road users following the continuous white lines at Cross-a-Moor being replaced with broken lines. Cllr Willis reported that she had received concerns regarding the safety of road users around the Carley Lane junction in relation to traffic management 				

	<p>systems in place during construction of the round-a-bout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Willis reported that she had received an anonymous text message one evening relating to noise pollution caused by evening work on the round-a-bout. • Cllr Willis reported a complaint received in relation to overgrown hedges along the A590 (Ulverston Road) between Cross-a-Moor and Swarthmoor. • A member of the public and representative of the Loppergarth Community Group reported that a meeting is due to be held in the coming week with regard to ongoing discussions surrounding parking in the village. • The member of the public suggested a questionnaire drop to residents. • The member of the public requested the support of the Parish Council on the matter of parking. • The Parish Council agreed to help in certain aspects of this matter, however reiterated that they would not be able to purchase the land. • Mrs Thompson suggested that a Covid safe meeting be held for residents to have balanced discussions with the possibility of inviting officials from Cumbria County Council and Highways England for advice. • Another representative of the Loppergarth Community Group reported that Brigsteer Parish Council has recently acquired parking and suggested contacting them for information. • One member of the public offered a donation for the Parish Council to pass on to a group of their choice. • The Parish Council thanked the member of the public for their generosity. • The residents from Craigroy discussed amendments to their planning application which included reduction in the height, dormer windows positioned to reduce the visual impact and the use of obscure glass in one, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell to contact Highways England to discuss the hedges being cut back. • Cllr Willis suggested that C. Last might contact Brigsteer P.C • Mrs Bell to write to thank the member of the public for the donation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB • LB to contact CL • LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASAP • Next meeting • ASAP
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	<p>removal of the first floor development over the garage and aesthetic changes (amended application attached and available from the planning office).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craigroy residents believe they have effectively and adequately addressed the concerns raised from the original application and attended the meeting to seek the support from the Parish Council and residents. • Craigroy residents raised concern that original objections would remain in place unless retracted/ updated. • The Parish Council thanked the residents for their careful consideration in amending the application, one concern raised was that the original plans had been removed from the SLDC website so no direct comparison could be made. • Cllr Willis and 2 members of the public left at 8pm 			
6. Members Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Davidson had forwarded a report on a number of footpaths. • The only concerns raised were a broken sign at High Greaves and a missing sign at Rosside. • Mrs Bell reported that she had had a request from the park warden for reimbursement of a small lawn tractor at a cost of £250. • The Parish Council discussed the request but rejected it on the following basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Parish Council have already provided a mower and strimmer and have regularly maintained them. - The Parish Council would be responsible for possible costly repairs to the equipment. - It is believed that the Parish Council already own equipment of this kind which was purchased for the church – this needs to be investigated. • Mr Bertram reported that he had received a thank you card for the sponsorship donation for a county sporting event in July. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell to report the damage • Mrs Bell to Contact the warden to firstly thank him for all of the hard work he puts in and his continued support and to inform him of the Parish Council’s decision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB • LB • LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASAP • ASAP • Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Slater requested an update on the squirrel benches • Mrs Slater reported instances of bench activity on fox Street. This has been reported to Cumbria Constabulary. • Mr Stretch and 2 members of the public left at 8.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell to chase a response from Ulverston Town Council. 		
7. Covid Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to raise. 			
8. Police Crime Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Thompson offered feedback from Cumbria Constabulary with regard to the Police.uk website and advice on the reporting of crime figures by the Parish Council. • It was agreed that Mrs Bell will contact PCSO Madden for a brief update on community issues for each meeting and that due to sensitive nature of some of the information, specific crime details should not be reported at the Parish Council meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell to contact PCSO Madden regularly for community information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing Each meeting
9. Community Led Plan/ Kickstart Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that a meeting was planned for September. • No other information to report. 			
10. Swarthmoor/ High Carley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground report has been received. No additional issues raised. • Mrs Bell reported that the football club were very grateful for the offer of the bus shelter from Birkrigg Park. • Nothing to raise in relation to Park Road allotments. • Mrs Bell reported on the cost of coating the bus shelters at - single colour £600 per shelter, 2 colours £900 per shelter. • Mrs Bell also reported on the vinyl posters that had been recommended. • Mrs Bell reported that grants are available for replacing the shelters and quotes are being sought. • Cllr Cooper requested information on the possible designs of the shelters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell to contact Mr Atkinson regarding its removal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell reported that although the sizes are likely to remain the same, the design may change to allow better access for wheelchairs/ pushchairs and seating for older/ less mobile residents. • Mrs Slater requested that consideration be given to incorporating laybys. • Mrs Slater reported on the meeting held with residents and SLDC regarding the Millennium Gardens. • Mrs Slater reported that the tree officer had agreed for the seeded trees to be removed and replaced with lower, bee friendly plants and for additional trees such as blossom to be planted in the adjacent triangular garden to create an orchard type area. • It was confirmed that the maintenance of the garden will remain the responsibility of SLDC. • Mr Stretch confirmed that the vandalism to the AED at Trinkeld Avenue had been reported to the police but had not yet received any response. • Mrs Bell reported that the damaged wall at Crosslands Close is still ongoing and will continue to chase Cumbria County Council on the progress of its repair. 			
11. Loppergarth/ Pennington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground inspection has been received. A representative of Loppergarth Community Group requested a copy of the reports. • Mrs Bell reported that a quote of £1500 has been received in relation to replacing timbers on the Cabin/ Slide at Loppergarth. • Mr Bertram agreed to pay 50% towards the replacement equipment. • Loppergarth Community Group to contact the playground inspector to discuss alternative repairs. • Mrs Bell confirmed a refund of £102 from Broxap although no response has been received with regard to the disclaimer requested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell to forward inspection reports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loppergarth Community Group informed members that they are holding their AGM on Thursday 16th September. • Mrs Bell reported on issues relating to parking on Bank Terrace Lindal. It was agreed to contact PCSO Madden before letters are sent to residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell to contact PCSO Madden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
12. Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell reported that 2 wasps nest have removed from Sunnyside by FES at a cost of £90. • Mrs Bell reported that the Electrical Installation Condition Report on the Parish Rooms is overdue. • It was agreed that the electrician be contacted to carry out the work and to seek advice on smoke alarms and CO2 alarms. • Mrs Bell reported that clarification on the agreement with the band is needed – cost, times used, use of the office etc • Mr Davidson stated that they should carry their own liability insurance and proof of which should be provided to the Parish Council. • Mrs Thompson agreed to look into conditions of hire of community buildings. • Mrs Bell reported that YFC are using the hall on Wednesday evenings and confirmation of contact details and costs need to be discussed with the group. • Mrs Bell reported that interest from other groups has also been received. • Mrs Bell reported that she had received a recommendation from Duddon Fire to wall mount the fire extinguishers. This was quoted at £30. • This was passed by all members present. • Mrs Slater reported that she has received a quote to replace light fittings to LED in order to reduce costs and carbon footprint. It was agreed to submit the quote to BWECT for a grant. • Mrs Slater reported that she has received quotes for joinery work and cleaning of the Parish Rooms floors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Bell to arrange for the work to be completed. • Mrs Thompson • Mrs Bell to contact Duddon Fire. • Mrs Slater to submit the grant application on behalf of the Parish Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB • LT • LB • HSI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASAP • Ongoing • ASAP • Next Meet

	The information can be used for grant applications for rejuvenating community halls.			
13. Planning Matters				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matters arising from previous applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and comment on new applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craigroy as discussed in item 5 Additions and repairs to yard at Seaview – no comments. Single Storey extension to 8 Bracken Grove – no comments. 2 Detached dwellings at Beckthorn, Ulverston Road – no comments to date. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note decisions on applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levy View rejected. 			
14. Financial Matters				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments Made 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 and 1 Ionos website - £8.39 Clerk Salary - £266.24 Swattyfest Raffle - £27.00 HSP Milners Welcome Pack - £45.00 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments to Approve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duddon Fire Wall Brackets - £30.00 approved Playground repairs - £1500.00 as discussed in item 11 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments Due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duddon Fire inspection - £39.00 Ulverston Townlands half year rent - £30.00 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receipts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunnyside Rent - £465.00 Handmade Places - £102.00 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As at 10/08/2021 balance shown as £17,045.97 			
15. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaint regarding overgrown hedges on Back Fox Street – resolved. Concerns regarding lanes becoming a rat-race during the construction of the round-a-bout. Responses sent. Concerns that a stretch of hedge at Cross-a-Moor had mistakenly been removed. Resolved. 			
16. Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Slater reported that concerns had been raised regarding the height of the temporary traffic lights and poor visibility for motorists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Bell to contact the Customer Liaison Officer for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASAP

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that a number of incident had been logged where motorists had driven through red lights. • Mrs Bell informed members that a progress review meeting was being held by Highways England every Thursday and any feedback would be forwarded to the Clerk and subsequently distributed to council members. • Mrs Slater reported that the protective barrier has been erected around the memorial cross. • It was commented that a gated entrance has been left so continued access is possible. • It was also reported that the protective fence can be removed prior to remembrance Sunday and repositioned afterwards. 	Highways England to discuss raising them.		
17. Emergency Plan Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Slater forwarded an update prior to the meeting. • No comments raised. 			
18. Local Plan Review Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was confirmed that a meeting was planned via teams on 27th September at 7pm. • It was stated that responses would be accepted after the deadline. 			
19. Local Government Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cooper explained the 2 new unitary authorities, with Barrow, Eden and South Lakeland making up an east unitary authority and Allerdale, Copeland and Carlisle making up the west. • Cllr Cooper stated that new authority elections will take place in May 2022 and that the district council will be abolished as of 1st April 2023. • Cllr Cooper confirmed that an appeal/ challenge had been made in response to the decision however, the appeal had been dismissed. 			
20. Remuneration Panel Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 			
21. Items for Future Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xmas Trees • Parking Consultation Events • Mrs Thompson extended thanks for the cleaning of the Parish Rooms. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All members in attendance agreed to the purchase of painting supplies for the Parish Rooms. 			
22. Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting was planned for 11 th October 2021 – 7pm in the Parish Rooms – subject to change in Covid restrictions and legal requirements.			

Signed Chairman..... Date.....

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