

PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 14th March 2022

7pm

Parish Rooms

Minutes

Attendees	Mrs Athersmith Mrs Bell (Clerk) Mr Davidson Mrs Slater				Mr Stretch Mrs Thompson (Chair) 4 Members of the public
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	OWNER	DUE	
1. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies received from Cllr Willis, Cllr Cooper and a representative of the Reading Rooms and Loppergarth Community Group.All apologies accepted.				
2. Declarations of Councillors Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs Thompson declared an interest in the agenda item Footpaths.Mr Davidson declared an interest in the agenda item Planning Applications – Main Street Loppergarth.				
3. Vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Swarthmoor Ward – 2 vacancies.Pennington Ward – 0 vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vacancies to be advertised through the CommChat magazine seeking community representation through LGR.			
4. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Emergency Plan to be sent to the Clerk for the website.Clerk to chase cooker measurements for Sunnyside.Clerk to arrange change of signatories on accounts. Mrs Athersmith agreed to become a signatory.Website still to be reviewed and updated.Minutes were signed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting/ resolutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HSI to forward Emergency Plan.Clerk to chase electrician.Clerk to arrange change of signatories.All councillors to review website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HSIClerkClerkAll	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OngoingOngoingNext MeetOngoing	
5. District Councillor Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Cooper sent an update on the Moorgarth/ Fox Street verges/ parking and will continue to provide updates as appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Cooper to provide updates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Cooper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ongoing	
6. Public Participation by question and comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A request was made for a sponsored community event - £100 pledged from the Parish Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clerk to arrange a cheque for payment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Next Meet	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public sent a donation for the Parish Council to distribute to a community group. • Report of potholes by Brown's butchers and road subsidence at Whitegates. Recommendation for members of the public to report through HIMS. • A request was made for clarification on the wording regarding freedom camping – site certificate/ license. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to arrange payment to community group. • Clerk to report through HIMS. • HSI to clarify wording from previous correspondence with Natural England/ Freedom Camping. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk • Clerk • HSI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meet • Ongoing • Next Meet
7. Swarthmoor Reading Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was confirmed that the Reading Rooms are fully open with the vast majority of groups having returned. • An update sent from a representative of the management committee stated that work is underway to draft a new constitution through Voluntary Action Cumbria and the Diocese. • It was agreed to remove this as a regular agenda item. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actions • No actions • Clerk to remove from agenda. 		
8. Members Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing removal of tree at the churchyard and the replacement tree was raised. • A statement was issued from the CommChat editorial team stating their intent to stand down after a handover period with no further involvement from 2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to make contact with the resident. • Official thanks to be issued on behalf of the parish council reiterating the agreed funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk • Clerk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meet • Next Meet
9. Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest edition has been forwarded to members and the link to be added to the website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to add information to website when available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
10. Community Led Plan/ Kickstart Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Athersmith confirmed that the Easter 'Bunny Trail' will go ahead. • Mrs Slater informed members of Jubilee plans and will update after gauging community and Memorial Hall committee responses. • Mrs Thompson discussed an annual review of the CLP to include agenda items that could be incorporated into the plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Slater to provide updates. • PC to work with CLP to help review the plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSI • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meet • Ongoing
11. Swarthmoor/ High Carley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground report received. No additional issues raised. • One allotment agreement has been returned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to contact grounds/ maintenance regarding the junior unit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meet

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One allotment holder has returned the plot – a statement has been issued thanking Mr Stretch for his continued hard work and support to the allotment plots. Mrs Slater provided an update on the Millennium Gardens and raised planters. Clerk provided an update on the remaining bus shelter. Clerk informed members of a request to provide more bins. The cost of £500 per bin is a large amount of the annual budget so other options to be considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to respond to the plot holder. Mrs Slater to investigate funding/ grants to replace raised beds. Mr Stretch to contact joiner for potential price. Clerk to contact Cllr Cooper to seek funding possibilities or the possibility of relocating existing bins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk HSI/ HSt Clerk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meet Ongoing Ongoing
12. Loppergarth/ Pennington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground report received. No additional issues reported. Replacement swing collected but not yet installed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to chase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meet
13. Footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath report received. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to chase padlocked gate from Holebiggerah to Bracken Wood. 		
14. Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk reported that the heater in the Parish Rooms has been fixed back to the wall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions 		
15. 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"> No actions 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and comment on new applications 	<p>SL/2022/0162 – Replacement/ rebuilding of garage to form garage and workshop at 16 Main Street Loppergarth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Thompson issued an official apology to the residents of 16 Main Street regarding a clerical error which led to comments being posted on the planning portal in response to their planning application. The comments have since been removed and Mrs Thompson has visited the applicants to discuss the issue, confirm the correct procedures and to conduct a site visit. A list of objections forwarded to the Parish Council from residents with regard to the application was presented to both members and a representative of the applicants. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the objections were only received a very short time before the meeting, councillors were granted time to read through the objections. The representative confirmed the current use of the development site as a garage as questioned in the objections but due to the number and complexity of the issues raised, councillors requested additional time to study the objections and refer back to the planning application in order to make a considered decision on their response. No agreement on a response was reached at the meeting. <p>SL/2022/0180 – Regulate the use of land for the recreational keeping of horses and construction of an all weather exercise surface with fencing at land on Carley Lane Pennington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was resolved to respond as follows: In principal, there are no objections to this application, providing that this is for personal use only. If this became a riding school, there would be considerable issues with traffic and parking. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note decisions on applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL/2022/0092 - Single storey extension at 5 West Green – Granted. SL/2021/1177 – Cattle building extension at land south west of Whinfield Farm – Granted with conditions. SL/2021/1177 – Agriculture building at Whinfield Farm – Granted with conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions 		
16. Financial Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments Made 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk's expenses £13.49 Ulverston Townlands £30.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments to Approve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments Due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receipts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Room rent Jan £60.00 Parish Room rent Feb £60.00 Allotment rent £30.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunnyside rent £465.00 Donation (Cllr Cooper) £500.00 Parish Room hire x 5 £30.00 			
• Balances	• £21,342.81 as at 10/01/2022	• No actions		
17. Correspondence	• Mrs Athersmith informed members of issues with drainage on Main Road and offered an update on actions being taken.	• No actions.		
18. Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was confirmed that construction workers had been stood down to allow an investigation into an incident to take place. No official statement has been issued by HE. Concerns were raised about the number of vehicles still making the right hand turn onto Main Road and the safety of pedestrians using the crossing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No actions. Clerk to contact HE. 	• Clerk	• Next Meet
19. Parking Consultation Events	• Mrs Thompson updated members on HE and CCC planned consultations in the area and how they can link with consultation events that include the parish.	• No actions.		
20. Review Website Content	• Parish Councillors to conduct a review of the website.	• All councillors to action.	• All	• Ongoing
21. Items for Future Agendas	• To link action plan to CLP after May meeting.			
22. Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting was planned for 11 th April 2022 – 7pm in the Parish Rooms			

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

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