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| **PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **Monday 7th December 2020 – 7pm ZOOM MEETING**  **MINUTES** | | | | |
| **ATTENDEES** | Mr Bertram (Chair) Mr Stretch  Mrs Thompson (Vice Chair) Mrs Athersmith  Mrs Slater Mrs Bell (Clerk)  Cllr Willis (left meeting 7.30pm) 2 members of the public | | | |
| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTIONS** | **OWNER** | **DUE** |
| 1. **Welcome and Apologies** | * Apologies received and accepted from Mr Thompson |  |  |  |
| 1. **Declaration of Councillors Interests** | * None |  |  |  |
| 1. **Previous Minutes, Matters Arising and Actioned Items** | * It was confirmed that road markings around Pennington School have been completed. * Minutes agreed and will be signed at a later date due to Covid restrictions | * Mrs Bell to arrange minutes to be signed by Chairman | * LB | * ASAP |
| 1. **Vacancies** | * Ward of Swarthmoor -1 Vacancies * Ward of Pennington - 0 Vacancies |  |  |  |
| 1. **Public Participation by Question and Comment** | * A member of the public requested discussing parking issues in Loppergarth. * It was agreed to discuss this under point 10c * Cllr Willis updated the council on matters regarding the proposed roundabout at Cross-a-Moor. The main points that were raised were: * Cumbria County Council has requested more detailed road plan/ map to replace the one that was sent to residents in December. * Although an initial site visit was carried out and concerns over road safety and the junctions from Park Road and Park Field onto Main Road were recognised, Cumbria County Council and Highways England are due to carry out an additional road safety audit. * Once more detailed plans have been received; this will help in what mitigating measures might be needed to counter increased risk to road users and residents in this area. * Although Cumbria County Council is responsible for the roads off and adjoining the A590, Highways England is responsible for the works being carried out. This might lead to confusion over who can answer specific questions/ concerns. * It was recommended that all questions/ concerns be sent to the Highways England contact on the letter sent to residents, Cllr Willis at Cumbria County Council and the Parish Council to ensure they reach the right person. * Cllr Willis stated that a public consultation is expected to take place in the new year to gather concerns from the community (depending on Covid restrictions). * Mrs Athersmith discussed the proposed “Kick-Start” programme that had been put forward by a resident. It was requested that details be emailed to the clerk and the item be put on the next agenda. | * Mrs Bell to add item to the next agenda. | * LB | **3040**   * Next meeting |
| 1. **Police Report** | * PCSO Madden forwarded the police report via email. It reported: * 1 concern for welfare with referral to appropriate services. * 1 Highway disruption in the form of a broken down vehicle (recovered). * 1 suspicious vehicle – all in order. * 1 report of suspicious activity in the form of males using chainsaws late in the evening in a rural location. All was in order (contractors working for Network Rail). * 1 report of criminal damage where a vehicle was scratched whilst parked unattended overnight on the highway. * 2 incidents relating the manner of driving, both where enquiries are ongoing. * 1 road related offence with a disqualified driver, the vehicle was uplifted. * Crime prevention is ongoing in the forms of: * Covid 19 patrols and enforcement by officers during the second lockdown. * Rural reassurance patrols re: farm thefts. * HGV/ insecure loads Op – monitoring of HGV continues and visits to companies as required. Stop checks carried out wk commencing 9th November 2020. All vehicles stopped were in order and no offences disclosed. * Dog fouling offences continue. * Monitoring of parking and uninsured vehicles around Swarthmoor (enforcement action taken as necessary). |  |  |  |
| 1. **Covid Update** | * All members agreed that they were happy to continue meeting via Zoom until restrictions are lifted and the Parish Council can hold physical meetings. |  |  | **3041** |
| 1. **Community Led Plan** | * Mrs Thompson informed members that the CLP team are due to be meeting via Zoom and will keep the Parish Council up to date. |  |  |  |
| 1. **Swarthmoor and High Carley a. Playground Report b. Basketball Area** | * None received at the time of meeting. * Nothing to report |  |  |  |
| 1. **Loppergarth and Pennington**  * **Playground Report** * **Playground Equipment** * **Parking** * **Tree replacement** | * None received at the time of meeting. * Members were informed that there has been a delay in the manufacture of the play equipment. * The rubber matting has been delivered. * 1 member of the public raised issues with regard to parking in Loppergarth and the problems encountered in trying to locate the owner of a piece of land identified as potential area for parking. * As there has been no success in locating the owner. The member of the public requested that the Parish Council allow her daughter to look into the issue and requested that all information gathered so far be sent to her via email. * Mrs Thompson thanked the member of the public and extended thanks to her daughter for offering her services. * Mrs Thompson suggested that it would be useful to arrange a virtual meeting with her at a mutually convenient time. * The member of the public raised the issue that the community group would not be able to own the land; this would need to be the responsibility of the Parish Council and it was requested that the Parish Council consider this. * It was suggested that Cumbria County Council be contacted to ensure they had no objections to this. * Apologies were extended to Mrs Slater for any unnecessary and negative responses encountered from residents whilst trying to locate the land-owner. * Members were informed that the tree surgeon had had confirmation to continue with the work. * Members agreed on the wording “This tree was planted as a celebration of strength, resilience, new beginnings and hope” with the date of planting. | * Mrs Bell to forward all information regarding the land to the email address provided by the resident. * Mrs Bell to contact CCC * Mrs Bell to forward the wording to the stone-mason. | * LB * LB * LB | * ASAP * ASAP   **3042**   * Ongoing |
| 1. **Sunnyside and Parish Rooms** | * A cleaning rota for the Parish Rooms was discussed. To be re-visited in the new-year once Covid restrictions have been lifted. * Mrs Bell informed members that she had spoken to Mrs Woods with regard to the number of users and how bookings are currently managed. It was agreed to leave it as it is for the being and to re-visit in the new-year once Covid restrictions have been lifted. |  |  |  |
| 1. **Highways**  * **Proposed Roundabout**   **Cross-a-Moor**   * **Impact on Pennington School** | * It was decided that a standardised response to concerns from the community and information for the website, social media sites and Community Chat would be put in place. * It was agreed to inform the community that an email distribution list would be put in place for anyone who wants to be kept up to date with new information. Anyone wanting to be included should email the clerk. * This item is to be kept on the agenda and Cllr Willis to be asked to comment on the impact the work would have on Pennington School. |  |  |  |
| 1. **Invoices and Receipts** | * Schedule attached to the agenda. |  |  |  |
| 1. **Planning** | * Mrs Slater briefly discussed the plans for the proposed new dwellings on land south-east of Birkrigg Park and made a comment as to whether the arboretum would be for use by the public or home-owners alone. |  |  |  |
| 1. **Correspondence/ Emails** | * Mrs Bell informed members of the resignation of Ms McCleery from CALC and thanked Mrs Thompson for organising to send a card of thanks and best wishes. * Mrs Bell informed members of the issues around a street sign on Pennington Lane which sits on the boundary between SLDC and BBC. This is ongoing and Mrs Bell will inform members of any progress in this matter. * Mrs Bell informed members that there had been reports of issues with no street lighting between High Carley and Lindal in Furness. Mrs Bell had received correspondence from Highways England to confirm that this was being investigated. |  |  |  |
| 1. **Unitary Authority**  * **Response** * **Questions for Elected Members** | * Mrs Bell informed members that a response had been sent to Giles Archibald supporting the Bay Unitary Authority proposal. * It was suggested that all question that were raised be kept for future consultation events. |  |  |  |
| 1. **Standards Matter Response** | * The Standards Matter 2 questionnaire was discussed and it was decided that due to busy schedules, a brief response be sent. | * Mrs Bell to respond. | * LB | * Next meeting |
| 1. **Website Content**  * **Emergency Plan** * **Policies** | * Mrs Thompson and Mrs Slater informed members of the scheduled meeting for 14th December at 7pm to discuss updating the policy. * Mrs Bell suggested reviewing the website and including any standard policies that are required by the Parish Council. This is an ongoing item and will be discussed in the new-year. * Mr Stretch informed members that he regularly checks the defibrillators in the village and needs to contact Pennington School to discuss if/ when theirs is checked. | * Mrs Bell to contact Pennington School to discuss the defibrillator. | * LB | * Ongoing |
| 1. **Whinfield Flooding** | * No further information received at the time of meeting * Meeting closed 20:45 |  |  |  |
| **Date of Next Meeting and items for the Agenda** | * Monday 18th January 2021 * Kick Start Community Plan |  |  |  |
| **Signed Clerk:** |  | **Date:** |  | |
| **Signed Chairman:** |  | **Date:** |  | |

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