

PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 10th October 2022
7pm
Parish Rooms

Minutes

Attendees	Mrs Athersmith Mrs Bell (Clerk) Mr Davidson Mrs Slater Mr Stretch	Mrs Thompson (Chair) Cllr Willis Cllr Cooper PC Madden	Community Sergeant Mellard 15 members of the public		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	OWNER	DUE	
22-10/1 Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies received from members of the Loppergarth Community Group 				
22-10/2 Declarations of Councillors Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Stretch 22-9/8 				
22-10/3 Exclusion of the Press and Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no items that required exclusion from the Press or the Public 				
22-10/4 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 on the website and requested to be advertised via CommChat and school newsletter. 			
22-10/5 Previous Minutes dated 18-07-2022 and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noticeboards ongoing Footpath issues reported via the online system and updates provided to concerned residents. Minutes agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and signed as such. 				
At the discretion of the Chair, items 22-10/6 and 22-10/7 were re-ordered to allow public participation to be heard first.					
22-10/6 Public Participation by Question and Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public spoke in relation to the Bus Shelter at Birkrigg Park – item to be discussed by Council in item 22-10/9 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the public spoke in support of the housing development at Loppergarth. • At the discretion of the Chair, a Member of the public was permitted to provide an update of events relating to Cowran Farm Campsite. 			
22-10/7 Police Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCSO Madden and Community Sergeant Mellard updated Council on recent instances of antisocial behaviour. 			
22-10/8 District Councillors/ Elected Members Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Willis updated Council on lines and signs/ marking. • Cllr Willis was asked of the possibility of re-instating the original footpath at Cross-a-Moor, cleaning of the war memorial, and the re-instating the bus layby at Cross-a-Moor. • Cllr Willis commented on the crossing to the wetland area and the consultation with the environment agency. • Cllr Cooper informed Council that due to staff shortages, responses and decisions to planning applications may be delayed. • Issues with accessing documents on the planning portal were raised. 			
22-10/9 Swarthmoor/ High Carley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues raised in public participation relating to Birkrigg Park Bus Shelter were addressed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Parish Council have recognised the need to retain a shelter and on 20/06/2022 resolved to uphold the decision to replace the Birkrigg Park bus shelter. - Retaining and repairing the shelter has been discussed in the past (as minuted) and on the advice of infrastructure specialists, Council decided against replacing the panels with alternative materials. - Different designs and structures have been discussed with various companies, and a range of quotes received. - On request, Council previously confirmed that the shelter is covered by the council's insurance policy and any new structure will also be covered. • Ownership of the shelter by the Parish Council and the right to remove, replace and/ or relocate it has been confirmed through CCC and a solicitor. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No special motion was moved by council to reverse the decision on replacing the shelter and therefore, in accordance with Standing Order 6 – Previous Resolutions, the original decision to replace it was upheld. • It was confirmed that grant funding is available for bus service/ infrastructure and a grant application will be submitted.. • Council agreed to give residents the opportunity to offer input into aspects of the configuration of the new shelter based on quotes received and provided at the meeting. • The decision of the Parish Council to replace the shelter is hereby noted as final and updates will be provided as necessary. • Playground report was received, a new issue was raised with deteriorating gate post. Quotes were requested but only 1 received as detailed in finances. Additional quote to be requested. • A request was made to consider employing a 15 year old to maintain the playground grass. Consideration was given to employment law and it was decided to reconsider the request in 12 months. • A request for information on hedge cutting was received and responded to by Mrs Slater. • Confirmation that the final bus shelter on A590 Crosslands Park has been completed. 			
22-10/10 Pennington/ Loppergarth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground report received with no new issues reported. • Quote for replacement timbers discussed and it was agreed to obtain additional quotes. 			
22-10/11 Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overgrown trees encroaching on Sunnyside property/ garage. • Leaking porch/ flashing • It was agreed to contact a builder to investigate these issues along with others raised in the Risk Assessment. These include: Ivy growth, guttering, potential causes of damp, update/ repair of heaters, grants for solar panels, painting and decorating, skip for removal of general waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk and Council to engage with local tradesmen for quotes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing

<p>22-10/12 Planning Matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL/2022/0846 – single storey rear and side extension, external chimney and additional off road parking at 29 Trinkeld Avenue. • SL/2022/0634 – siting of temporary agricultural workers dwelling and associated foul drainage treatment plant, extension to existing agricultural building and regularisation of a former commercial building for agricultural use. – Grant with Conditions • TR/2022/0120 – fell 3 ash trees at 7 Carley Close – grant with conditions. • SL/2022/0707 – loft conversion and development certificate for single storey rear extension at Ulverston Road – grant with conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council has no comment to make. 		
<p>22-10/13 Financial Matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments in total £1,817.21 Eon Next Parish Rooms electricity £166.74 Clerk Salary £452.40 Eon Next old account balance £57.25 CALC Code of Conduct training £15.00 Waterplus allotments £12.15 1 and 1 Ionos website £8.39 ICO £35.00 Clerks Salary £452.40 Expenses – Parish Rooms drop box £40.98 Waterplus allotments £12.15 1 and 1 Ionos website £8.39 Alan Morphet playground wall repairs £540.00 Waterplus Parish Rooms £16.36 • The following payments were discussed for approval: Training consideration: Budget and Precept setting £30.00 Clerks Training £60.00 Repairs to playground gate post £200.00 Playground painting £450.00 Loppergarth slide timbers/ replacement £1,500.00 • Receipts in total £1,100.00 Band room hire (June) £60.00 Downstairs room hire £40.00 Sunnyside rent (June) £465.00 			

	<p>Band room hire (July) £60.00 Downstairs room hire £10.00 Sunnyside rent (July) £465.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balances as of 10th June 2022 £33,601.88 • Balances as of 10th August 2022 £32,884.67 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusion of Audit was noted. • It was resolved to better identify and allocate reserves as £7121.78 CIL £10,000 covid grant to be allocated to building reserves with 50% of the rental income being added to the buildings reserves to begin planning for already identified and emergency repairs Left over BSOG's to be reserved for ongoing maintenance of bus shelters. 			
22-10/14 Adoption of Council Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was resolved to adopt the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Habitual and vexatious communications/ complaints policy. - Complaints/ Appeals Procedure - Communications Strategy - Freedom of Information Policy - Health and Safety Policy - Risk Management Policy • Council agreed to implement the Habitual and Vexatious Communications/ Complaints Policy as necessary. 			
22-10/15 Telephone Box Book Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council were updated on issues relating to the telephone box book exchange. • It was agreed to maintain it at present with a view to re-furbishing it in the future. 			
22-10/16 Items for Future Agendas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heating hubs/ cost of living/ energy crisis support • Housing development at Cross-a-Moor • Community Led Plan • King's Coronation 			
22-10/17 Date of Next Meeting	The next ordinary meeting was requested for 14 th November 2022 – 7pm in the Parish Rooms			

Signed Chair.....Date.....Signed Clerk.....Date.....