

PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 9th January 2023
7pm
Parish Rooms

Minutes

Attendees	Mrs Athersmith Mrs Bell (Clerk) Mr Davidson Mrs Slater	Mr Stretch Mrs Thompson (Chair) 1 Members of the public		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	OWNER	DUE
23-01/1 Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Cooper 			
23-01/2 Declarations of Councillors Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 			
23-01/3 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 			
23-10/4 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. 		
23-01/5 Previous Minutes dated 14-11-2022 and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local builder has begun remedial works at Sunnyside. The full cost will be within delegated power to spend (£500). LT to meet with locality officer at Swarthmoor Park on 13/01/23 to discuss works required. Council approved the letter to Storey Homes. Minutes signed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB to send letter to Storey Homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASAP
23-01/6 Public Participation by Question and Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 member of the public requested an update on Birkrigg Park Bus Shelter, flooding and road signage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As detailed under item 23-01/08 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 member of the public requested information on defibrillators and the possibility of having one located on the Birkrigg Park Estate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information to be sent to the resident. 		
23-01/7 District Councillors/ Elected Members Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 			
23-01/8 Swarthmoor/ High Carley Pennington/ Loppergarth Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation that the replacement shelter will be installed on 17/01/2023. Confirmation that: As voted by residents – Council resolved to agree the colour of the shelter as all black. Having received advice to consider the impact of 2 full sides given the possibility that the shelter may be re-positioned, possible impact on visibility from the junction and professional recommendation to consider 2 half sides, Council considered both views and resolved to agree 1 full side and 1 half side. Confirmation that Cllr Cooper will add speed/ road signs at High Carley to his list of work once WAF assumes responsibility for local highways in April. Confirmation that flooding around High Carley has been a long recognised issue. Consent of the landowner is required in order to carry out remedial works which has historically been declined. Council were made aware of issues relating to dogs off-lead and dog fouling at the wetland area. Work completed at Sunnyside as recorded in item 23-01/5 Confirmation that external light at the Parish Rooms has been fitted and that a timer will be fitted at a later date. Confirmation that the keysafe has been fitted at the Parish Rooms. Council were informed that the builder has commented on the state of the front aspect of the roof of Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms and has suggested consideration be given to replacement in the near future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents to be encouraged to report via the online reporting system and elected members. 		

23-01/9 Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL/2022/0132 – Single storey rear extension at 30 Trinkeld Avenue SL/2022/0160 – Discharge of conditions 3 and 4 at Whinfield Farm (SL/2022/0634) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has no comment to make. Notice of decision received To request a copy of the plans for batching plant and HGV route. 		
23-01/10 Financial Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments in total £868.45 Duddon Fire – service and replacements £116.40 Clerks expenses stationery £63.48 Npower Streetlighting £78.64 Ellies Flowers Condolence £35.00 CALC Training £90.00 Salary £452.40 Waterplus allotments £12.15 1 and 1 Ionos Website £20.38 The following payments were discussed for approval: Playground painting £450.00 Loppergarth Slide Timbers £1500 Receipts in total £1060.50 Room hire £40.00 Downstairs room hire £9.00 Donation £30.00 Sunnyside rent (Aug) £465.00 Room hire £31.50 Room hire £20.00 Sunnyside Rent £465.00 Balances as of 9th October 2022 £26,638.86 Balances as of 10th November 2022 £26,830.91 			
23-01/11 Budget and Precept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In consideration of the proposed budget that was agreed in principal at the November meeting, it was resolved by proposer, seconder and majority vote to increase the precept request to £13,298.77 this equates to approximately £17.50 per Band D property per year/ 			

	<p>£1.75 per month (an increase of approximately £10.50 per year/ £1.06 per month).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that this allows for anticipated costs and income relating to each budget line to be covered adequately. • It was agreed that a small general reserve of £1,000 be held as election costs may be waived by the new unitary council therefore an additional £2000 will be made available for general reserves and £1000 that was identified under administration for potential legal costs may also be available for general reserves. This would therefore provide general reserves of £4000. • It was agreed that if additional funding were required for unexpected projects, CIL funding should be used where possible, the building reserves could be pulled from and grant funding possibilities be investigated where possible. • Council resolved to work towards building and maintaining general reserves. 			
23-01/12 Community Infrastructure Levy Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council identified and discussed community engagement in prioritising areas for spending in relation to CIL funding. • Benches, Parish Rooms refurbishment and ... were discussed. Council resolved to cost benches as a first priority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to obtain prices for benches. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
23-01/13 Adoption of Council Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was resolved to adopt the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appraisal Policy - Recruitment Policy -Sickness/ Absence Policy -Equality Policy to be adopted at the February meeting. 			
23-01/14 Items for Future Agendas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Led Plan • King's Coronation 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting closed at 8.35pm 			
23-01/18 Date of Next Meeting	The next ordinary meeting was requested for 13 th February 2023 – 7pm in the Parish Rooms			

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