

**PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
**7pm**  
**Parish Rooms**

**Minutes**

<b>Attendees</b>	Mrs Athersmith Mrs Bell (Clerk) Mrs Slater	Mr Stretch Mrs Thompson (Chair) Cllr Cooper	Cllr Brereton 2 members of the public		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>DUE</b>	
24-01/1 Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apologies received and accepted from Mr Davidson</li> </ul>				
24-01/2 Declarations of Councillors Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>				
24-01/3 Exclusion of the Press and Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>				
24-01/4 Vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following vacancies were noted:</li> <li>Swarthmoor Ward – 2 vacancies</li> <li>Pennington Ward – 0 vacancies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vacancies to be advertised on the website and requested to be advertised via CommChat and school newsletter.</li> </ul>			
24-01/5 Previous Minutes dated 04/12/23 and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes signed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.</li> </ul>				
24-01/6 Public Participation by Question and Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 member of the public raised concerns that following the upcoming closure of the last bank in Ulverston, many will rely on internet banking with poor connectivity in remote and rural areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was suggested that it may be helpful to gather what speeds are achieved in</li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Brereton gave an update on Fibrus who have won the contract to bring fibre fast full fibre broadband to local/ rural areas along with discussions with a local champion for connectivity.</li> </ul>	<p>different postcodes to help identify the most affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More updates to follow by Spring.</li> </ul>		
24-01/7 District Councillors/ Elected Members Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Cooper confirmed that issues around Moorgarth are still ongoing.</li> <li>• Cllr Cooper confirmed that speed calming and monitoring are still ongoing.</li> <li>• Cllr s Cooper and Brereton addressed concerns in relation to road conditions around Pennington and suggested that the PC enquire about the higher lever super user set up on HIMS to help with reporting issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to enquire about the latest upgrade HIMS user system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASAP</li> </ul>
24-01/8 Swarthmoor/ High Carley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation was requested that councillors had received the new Teams link for the NH meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January as the time had changed from 3.30 – 4pm.</li> <li>• It was reported that a pane is missing from bus shelter 4 (Crosslands Park).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to look at replacement options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>
24-01/9 Pennington/ Loppergarth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council were informed that a request has been made for updates on the planned work to Loppergarth Carpark.</li> </ul>			
24-01/10 Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was reported that it appears that the Parish Rooms are being accessed by user groups with no bookings or payment being left.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to change the keycode with a view to change it on a weekly/ regular basis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>
24-01/11 Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report.</li> </ul>			
24-01/12 Financial Matters	<p><b>Financial Matters</b> <b>Balance as at 10/11/2023</b></p> <p><b>Payments</b> <u>To resolve to note the following payments from Bank Statements</u> <u>11/11/2023 – 08/12/2023</u> Clerk working from home back pay Salary back pay</p>	<p><b><u>£34,415.50</u></b></p> <p>£312.00 £340.00</p>		

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Poppy Wreath Donation	£50.00		
SSE Streetlights	£59.75		
Salary	£565.93		
Expenses	£0.26		
Waterplus Parish Rooms	£35.75		
Waterplus Allotments	£11.02		
1 and 1 Ionos website	£8.39		
<b>Total Bank Statement Expenditure</b>	<b><u>£1,383.10</u></b>		
<b>Receipts</b>			
<u>To resolve to note the following receipts from Bank Statements</u>			
<u>11/11/2023 – 08/12/2023</u>			
WAF carpark repairs grant	£1,450.00		
Allotments x 2	£64.00		
Sunnyside Rent	£465.00		
<b>Total Bank Statement Receipts</b>	<b><u>£1,979.00</u></b>		
<b>Bank Statement Balance at 08/12/2023</b>	<b><u>£35,011.40</u></b>		
<u>Cashbook Payments</u>			
SLCC Membership	£149.00		
AJG council insurance	£1,384.58		
AJG property owners insurance	£777.61		
<b>Total Cashbook Payments</b>	<b><u>£2,311.19</u></b>		
<u>Cashbook Receipts</u>			
Sunnyside rent	£465.00		
Allotment x 1	£32.00		
<b>Total Cashbook Receipts</b>	<b><u>£497.00</u></b>		
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>£3,694.29</u></b>		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>£2,476.00</u></b>		

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	<p><b>Running Balance</b></p> <p><b>Reserves</b></p> <p>General</p> <p>Buildings Maintenance</p> <p>CIL</p> <p>Bus Shelters Maintenance</p> <p>Election Fees</p> <p>Playground Maintenance</p> <p><b>Total</b></p> <p><u>To resolve to consider/approve the following payments:</u></p>	<p><b><u>£33,197.21</u></b></p> <p>£2,000.00</p> <p>£13,326.49</p> <p>£7,121.78</p> <p>£1,521.73</p> <p>£2,000.00</p> <p>£1,987.30</p> <p><b><u>£27,957.30</u></b></p>		
24-01/13 From Previous Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to review room hire rates on a regular basis and after any improvements have been made to the facilities.</li> <li>• Council to advertise the Parish Rooms.</li> <li>• Clerk to look into Unity banking.</li> </ul>			
24-01/14 Policy Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following policies were considered and re-adopted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appraisal Policy</li> <li>• Recruitment procedure</li> <li>• Sickness and Absence Policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
24-01/15 Draft Budget/ Precept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following receipt of the Council Tax Base figures, Council resolved to approve the proposed budget and precept.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to forward the information to WAF.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate</li> </ul>
24-01/16 Items for future agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadband connectivity and connectivity champions</li> <li>• Parking on Morrgarth</li> <li>• Higher user login for HIMS</li> <li>• D-Day celebrations</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul>			
24-01/17 Date of Next Meeting	The next ordinary meeting was requested for 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 7pm in the Parish Rooms.			
Meeting closed at 20:30				

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