

**PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**7pm**  
**Parish Rooms**

**Minutes**

<b>Attendees</b>	Mrs Athersmith Mr Davidson Mrs Slater Mr Stretch	Mrs Thompson (Chair) Cllr Cooper Cllr Brereton 3 members of the public		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>DUE</b>
24-04/1 Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apologies received and accepted from Mrs Bell (Clerk)</li> </ul>			
24-04/2 Declarations of Councillors Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>			
24-04/3 Exclusion of the Press and Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>			
24-04/4 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>		
24-04/5 Previous Minutes dated 11/03/24 and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes signed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.</li> <li>Broadband Champion - a member of the community has come forward</li> <li>Website - ongoing changes</li> </ul>			
24-04/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birkrigg Park - have a defibrillator, Waiting on street lighting team to install.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Cooper</li> </ul>		

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<p>Public Participation by Question and Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road sweeper has been to clean the roads within the estate.</li> <li>• The protected trees that were felled, still waiting on a response from WAF</li> <li>• Pothole - very dangerous and flooded has been reported, wall surrounding the area has started to collapse on to the road. Encouraged to call WAF to follow up with Highways.</li> <li>• Speed signs - the question was asked about purchasing 20mph speed signs, BC has wheelie bins 20mph signs he can source.</li> </ul>			
<p>24-04/7 District Councillors/ Elected Members Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issue around no green bin collection at Crosslands Close and parts of Swarthmoor. WAF Waste department reported back there has been sickness and vehicles off the road. It was noted the bins have been collected recently.</li> <li>• Flooding at Birkrigg Park (and through to Urswick), the water table is high hence no water is draining away. Once a few weeks of dry weather appears, BC has requested gully sucking in the area, drain cleaning etc.</li> <li>• The X112 bus service has received a £5000 grant.</li> <li>• WAF Bus consultation survey is live, public and online consultations are happening. Residents of Swarthmoor that have been affected by the closure of the Stagecoach decision to remove the Sunday bus service are strongly encouraged to complete the survey. WAF will look at all the feedback and make considerations from the feedback received. It was resolved to write to WAF in response to Stagecoach’s decision regarding the Sunday service.</li> <li>• Recent Jet patching (pothole repairs) completed during wet weather has not been successful. Recommended to log a HIMS request to note any failures. BC &amp; MB are strongly emphasising the issues around Pennington, Swathmoor and Birkrigg Park to Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSlA</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moorgarth - BC working closely with enforcement team and PC/Clerk</li> <li>Openreach installation of extra poles for the fibre optic rollout. PC's and residents are to keep an eye out on unnecessary pole additions in the area.</li> </ul>			
24-04/8 Swarthmoor/ High Carley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area was inspected regarding the suggestion by Mr Clarke to add pathways - budget, inclusive options and type of toppings need to be carefully considered. Revisit following further investigation.</li> <li>It was noted the gate is showing signs of rot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LT</li> <li>HStr</li> </ul>		
24-04/9 Pennington/ Loppergarth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted on the playground report, tree branches and briars need attending to.</li> <li>The majority of the lanes are riddled with dangerously large potholes, the recent failed jet patching was highlighted to the elected members. The road from Pennington reservoir to Horace Farm has been logged in HIMS. No response or action received or occurred. Elected members were informed of this dangerous situation.</li> <li>A resident has come forward to offer their help with monitoring the defibrillator when installed in Loppergarth.</li> </ul>			
24-04/10 Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part of the gable has blown off in the high winds - quotes to be sought asap.</li> <li>Woodworm in toilet doors - investigate further</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk</li> </ul>		
24-04/11 Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024/0425/FPA – erection of 3 stables in 1 block on an existing hard standing at land off Pennington Lane LA12 ORR</li> <li>It was resolved to not support this application based on the following material considerations: Highway Safety Traffic and Parking Appearance and Scale of the Development Effect on Wildlife and Conservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk</li> <li>Full response to be published as supporting material for the minutes.</li> </ul>		

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<p>24-04/12 Financial Matters</p>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b> <b>Balance as at 11/08/2023</b></p> <p><b>Payments</b> <u>To resolve to note the following payments from Bank Statements</u> <u>10/02/2024 – 08/03/2024</u></p> <p>Salary WFH allowance Ulverston Townlands Rent SSE Streetlighting SSE Streetlighting Waterplus – Parish Rooms 1 and 1 Ionos Website RS Groundworks <b>Total Bank Statement Expenditure</b></p> <p><b>Receipts</b> <u>To resolve to note the following receipts from Bank Statements</u> <u>10/02/2024 – 08/03/2024</u></p> <p>Grazing Land Allotment x 1 Allotment x 2 Sunnyside Rent <b>Total Bank Statement Receipts</b></p> <p><b>Bank Statement Balance at 08/03/2024</b></p> <p><u>Cashbook Payments</u> Grant – Commchat WJones – Perspex Pane Expenses – printer paper</p>	<p><b><u>£32,504.63</u></b></p> <p>£540.19 £26.00 £30.00 £63.87 £63.87 £361.78 £8.39 £1,740.00 <b><u>£2,834.10</u></b></p> <p>£315.00 £32.00 £64.00 £470.00 <b><u>£881.00</u></b></p> <p><b><u>£30,551.53</u></b></p> <p>£150.00 £108.00 £14.70</p>		
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	<b>Total Cashbook Payments</b>  <u>Cashbook Receipts</u> Sunnyside Rent Room Hire <b>Total Cashbook Receipts</b>  <b>Total Payments</b> <b>Total Receipts</b>  <b>Running Balance</b>  <b>Reserves</b> General Buildings Maintenance CIL Bus Shelters Maintenance Election Fees Playground Maintenance <b>Total</b>  <u>To resolve to consider/approve the following payments:</u>	<b><u>£272.70</u></b>  £470.00 £70.00 <b><u>£540.00</u></b>  <b><u>£3,106.80</u></b> <b><u>£1,421.00</u></b>  <b><u>£30,818.83</u></b>  £2,000.00 £14,530.76 £7,121.78 £1,521.73 £2,000.00 £1,298.80 <b><u>£28,473.07</u></b>		
24-04/13 Finances/ AGAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was resolved to agree to appoint the internal auditor</li> <li>Notes for Annual Audit - approved</li> </ul>			
24-04/14 Policy Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following policies were considered and re-adopted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Emergency Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
24-04/15 Items for future agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loppergarth Defibrillator</li> <li>CLP Group Update</li> <li>Allotments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HStr</li> </ul>		
24-04/16 Date of Next Meeting	The next ordinary meeting was requested for 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 7pm in the Parish Rooms			

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