

PONSONBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th January at 7.00pm in Calderbridge Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillor Ranald Stewart (RS) – Chairman

Councillors

George Crayston (GC)

Alan Rigg (AR)

Tyson Norman (TN)

Also present: Beckermeth Councillor Sam Meteer (SM), The Clerk Bobby Jones (RLJ)

		ACTION
1/17	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RESOLVED that Councillor Jones was unable to attend.	
2/17	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RESOLVED it be noted that no member declared any interests on items on the agenda.	
3/17	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2017 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Ponsonby Parish Council (PPC) held on 8 th December 2016 (pages CO-16-ac to CO-16-ad) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
4/17	PROGRESS REPORTS RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to acknowledge Cath Giel's email, thanking her for the recent clearing and anticipating this is in accordance with the residents presentation (RS will give date).	RLJ, RS
5/17	RESOLVED to defer the Parish Plan until Councillors Jones and Birks are able to talk.	BJ, DB
6/17	APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT RESOLVED that none were received.	
7/17	FINANCIAL RECORDS RESOLVED that the following were approved for payment a) Copeland Borough Council (Grass Cutting) £515.98 100545 b) Clerk's salary & expenses (21/11/16 – 20/12/16) £128.53 100546 c) CN group (Clerk Vacancy Ad in Whitehaven News) £225.06 100547	RLJ
8/17		RLJ
9/17	RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to adapt the Clerk Vacancy ad for the noticeboards - to change the colour to blue and enlarge it to A4 size. RESOLVED to accept the balance of accounts at 20 th December 2016: £11,526.06	

	SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS	
10/17	Crime Report RESOLVED to accept the CNC report is useful. The clerk will ask PC Stuart Burgess to continue producing this monthly.	RLJ
11/17	Project Servator Signs RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to wait for Councillors to give further suggestions for sign locations until 20 th January, then request these suggestions as well as just over the bridge at Pelham Drive.	ALL, RLJ
12/17	CBC Open Spaces Team RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to request a quote for this year.	RLJ
13/17	VOLUNTEERS / NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR RESOLVED to roll this to the next agenda due to their being none to date.	RLJ
14/17	ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS RESOLVED to accept the proposed Financial Regulations.	
15/17	APPROVAL OF BUDGET RESOLVED to accept the proposed budget.	
16/17	RESPONSE RE DRAIN AND DEBRIS CLEARING RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to thank Craig McCarron for his email and comment PPC is pleased to see further work will be carried out in the next financial year.	RLJ
17/17	PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION RESOLVED to accept there were no meetings over Christmas and that TN and RS will attend the PC meeting on 2 nd February, and RS will attend the 3 tier meeting summarizing comments from the NuGEN consultation.	TN, RS
	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / OPEN SESSION Councillor Meteer informed PPC of: the possibility of brown and black bin charges; opportunities for small businesses in rural areas to receive discretionary rate relief – they must apply to CBC after the budget consultation process is complete.	
	COUNCILLOR MATTERS Councillor Rigg presented a letter received from a parishioner re the National Grid proposed pylon route. The clerk will file the letter.	RLJ
	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING The date for the next ordinary meeting is confirmed as Thursday 9th February at 7pm in Calderbridge Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed 8.00pm Chairman..... Date.....	