

PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 16th December 2024
7pm
Parish Rooms

Minutes

Attendees	Mrs Athersmith Mrs Slater Mrs Bell (Clerk) Mr Stretch Mr Corbett			
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	OWNER	DUE
24-12/1 Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Thompson (Chair) Mrs Corbett 			
24-12/2 Declarations of Councillors Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 			
24-12/3 Exclusion of Press and Public	Item 24-12/16 where personal and financial information will be discussed. There were no members of the public or press in attendance so the item was discussed during the normal course of the meeting.			
24-12/4 Vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no vacancies noted and full membership observed. 			
24-12/5 Previous Minutes dated 04/11/24 and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes signed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. 			
24-12/6 Public Participation by Question and Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were informed that thanks have been received from members of the public for the new benches. Members were informed that thanks have been received from members of the public for the grant towards installation of the defibs at Birkrigg Park. Members were informed of complaints relating to the inaction of WAF Council in relation to potholes and hedge cutting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB to forward comments to Cllr MB and Cllr BC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were informed that thanks and best wishes have been received from a member of the public. 			
24-12/7 District Councillors/ Elected Members Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. 			
24-12/8 Swarthmoor/ High Carley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were informed that the grounds maintenance company are putting a quote together for cutting back and maintaining the brambles and trees at the basketball court. Council were informed that all benches have now been installed and paid for. Council were informed of the broken gate at Millenium Gardens. It was resolved to gather public responses regarding the telephone box library through social media and the Comm Chat magazine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RC to report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASAP
24-12/9 Pennington/ Loppergarth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council were informed of the feedback in relation to the mud kitchen at Loppergarth Playground. Recommendation towards activity panels around the outside was made and signposted to possible grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB to contact LCG. LB to investigate Grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASAP
24-12/10 Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council were informed that the painting has started. Council were informed that the woodworm appears to be more widespread and may need further investigation and treatment before replacing doors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB to investigate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing
24-12/11 Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024/230 medical 3/FPA change of use to indoor sports, recreation and fitness facility and provision of medical or health services use class (E(d) and (e)) – at Methodist Church on Goad Street It was resolved to make the following response as detailed in appendix 1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB to send the response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASAP
24-12/12 Financial Matters	Financial Matters Balance as at 10/10/2024	<u>£35,295.74</u>		

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	<p>Payments <u>To resolve to note the following payments from Bank Statements</u> <u>11/10/2024 – 08/11/2024</u> Expenses E.on Next – Parish Rooms CW Roofing – Sunnyside Barge Boards Travel – CALC AGM Installation of Benches SSE – Streetlighting Salary and WFH 1 and 1 Ionos Website 1 and 1 Ionos Website Total Bank Statement Expenditure</p> <p>Receipts <u>To resolve to note the following receipts from Bank Statements</u> <u>11/10/2024 – 08/11/2024</u> Room hire Sunnyside Rent Total Bank Statement Receipts</p> <p>Bank Statement Balance at 08/11/2024</p> <p><u>Cashbook Payments</u> Back Pay SLCC Membership SLCC Internal Audit Course CALC New Chair Training Painting Supplies RBL Poppy Wreath</p>	<p>£6.80 £33.52 £240.00 £54.90 £440.00 £61.91 £566.19 £20.38 £2.69 <u>£1,426.39</u></p> <p>£24.00 £470.00 <u>£494.00</u></p> <p><u>£34,363.35</u></p> <p>£231.15 £148.00 £144.00 £30.00 £165.00 £20.00</p>		
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	BPRA Defib Grant	£850.00		
	Total Cashbook Payments	<u>£1,588.15</u>		
	<u>Anticipated Payments</u>			
	Salary and WFH	£759.63		
	Waterplus Allotments	£23.39		
	1 and 1 Ionos	£8.39		
	SSE Streetlights	£63.99		
	Calc Training	£30.00		
	Total Anticipated Payments	<u>£885.40</u>		
	<u>Cashbook Receipts</u>			
	Sunnyside Rent	£470.00		
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	Sunnyside Rent	£470.00		
	Total Anticipated Receipts	<u>£470.00</u>		
	Total Payments	<u>£3,899.94</u>		
	Total Receipts	<u>£1,434.00</u>		
	Running Balance	<u>£32,829.80</u>		
	Reserves			
	Buildings Maintenance	£15,597.67		
	Bus Shelters Maintenance	£1,813.73		
	Election Fees	£3,000.00		
	Playground Maintenance	£2,418.80		
	Car Parks	£400.00		
	Footpaths	£400.00		
	Allotments	£400.00		
	CLP	£250.00		
	Grants	£225.00		

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	General Reserves Daily Running Reserves Total <u>To resolve to consider/approve the following payments:</u> It was resolved to approve the following payments: CALC training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic Tools - Internal Controls - GDPR 	£5729.80 £2,594.80 <u>£32,829.80</u> £130.00		
24-12/13 Finance - Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following changes to the budget which included increase of water rates and rents, it was resolved by majority vote to approve the budget. 			
24-12/14 Finance - Precept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following receipt of the Council Tax Base and changes to the budget following increase of water rates and rents, it was resolved by majority vote to approve the Budget and Precept Request as: Anticipated Expenditure Expected Income Reserves Held Anticipated Bank Balance at Year End Needed to Cover costs General Reserves required at between 3-12 months Precept required Increase on last year Cost per Band D Household per Year This is half for a Band A and double for a Band H Increase on last year for the year 	£24,595.44 £7,746.49 £25,375.20 £28,851.51 £11,848.95 £5,000 £16,848.95 £2,354.59 £21.29 £2.33		
24-12/15 .GOV Domains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigations into the costs related to swapping to .gov are still ongoing. To carry to next meeting. 			
24-12/16 Rent Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was resolved to consider this item - confidential item as recorded in document PPC-Conf-1 24-12/16 			
24-12/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was resolved to re-adopt the following policies: 			

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Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-option Procedure - Non Compliance With The Code of Conduct 			
24-12/18 Items for future agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group for Road Safety • Outcome of the Speed Report • EV Charge Points 			
24-12/19 Date of Next Meeting	Due to unavailability of the Clerk, the next ordinary meeting was agreed for 20 th January 2025 – 7pm in the Parish Rooms.			

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Appendix 1

PLANNING APPLICATION RESPONSE – METHODIST CHURCH, GOAD STREET, SWARTHMOOR, LA12 0JA – 2024/2303/FPA

At the meeting of Pennington Parish Council held on Monday 16th December 2024 planning application:

No: 2024/2303/FPA

Development: Change of use from Church [use class F1] to use for indoor sport, recreation and fitness and the provision of medical or health services [use class E [D] and [E]]

Location: Methodist Church, Goad Street, Swarthmoor, LA12 0JA

Was discussed and it was resolved to **OBJECT** to this application based on the following material considerations:

Material Considerations:**Traffic and Parking**

The location of the development site is on the corner of more than one very narrow street that have already been identified as areas with significant parking issues. Encouraging additional users to this facility will not only impact on the residents of Goad Street and neighbouring streets, but will potentially pose increased issues for services such as waste collection/ recycling services and emergency services.

The Reading Rooms, Miners Arms, and Football Field who's patrons also use the surrounding highways for parking also need to be considered here, if their programme of events, classes or training days clash, this will have a significant impact on the number of parked vehicles and potential obstructions to residents parking, properties and junctions. This is already identified as having considerable impact on traffic and parking as far as Fox Street, Moorgarth, Park Road, both Park Avenues and Park Field.

Highway Safety

With the potential for the increase in traffic and parking, this inevitably leads to highway safety concerns, there are large numbers of children who walk, scoot and cycle around the village, the streets that will be impacted most (Park Road and Fox Street) are the main routes to the children's play park and safety must be considered as a priority.

Noise

Consideration should be given to the level of noise pollution generated by fitness/ recreation/ leisure facilities. This includes amplified music, loud phonation and structure borne sound. Consideration should be given to the potential negative impact this may have on the wellbeing of neighbouring residents, including any residual sound that may continue once the facility has closed.

Consideration should then be given to appropriate and considerate business hours and timing of classes.

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