

PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 7th April 2025

7pm

Parish Rooms

Minutes

Attendees	Mrs Athersmith Mrs Bell (Clerk) Mr Corbett	Mrs Slater Mr Stretch Mr Squires	Cllr Cooper		
	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	OWNER	DUE	
25-04/1 Apologies	Apologies were received and accepted from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Thompson (Chair) Mrs Corbett 				
25-04/2 Declarations of Councillors Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 				
25-04/3 Exclusion of Press and Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 				
25-04/4 Vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no vacancies noted and full membership observed. 				
25-04/5 Previous Minutes dated 10/03/2025 and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved and signed as a true reflection of the meeting 				
25-04/6 Public Participation by Question and Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council were informed of response to the telephone box library with a suggestion put forward as a possible site for a de-fib. It was noted as an excellent suggestion but with 4 already on the village (one being at the Miners Arms just opposite) lack of electricity supply to the telephone box and a additional responses to keep it as a book exchange, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB to respond to resident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	

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	<p>it was resolved to continue to monitor it as a book exchange.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council were informed of a request to consider publishing the minutes in the comm chat magazine. It was noted that the publication is not under control of the parish council and the suggestion would need forwarding to the comm chat committee. A committee member was in attendance and commented that the publication is not big enough to include the minutes and to do so would increase the print costs considerably. Council discussed options on making the minutes more accessible and consideration was given to putting a copy in village buildings such as the Reading Room, Memorial Hall, Miners Arms and that a notification should go into the comm chat informing residents that copies may be requested via the clerk if desired. It was resolved that PDF copies can be posted on the parish council social media sites. • Council were informed of a request to site a traffic mirror at the Park Field/ Main Road junction. Council were informed that the standard response had been sent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YA to arrange to put notification in comm chat that minutes are available on request. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next publication
25-04/7 District Councillors/ Elected Members Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cooper updated council on the annual budget and the impact it has had on Bus services. • Cllr Cooper updated council on the boundary review. • Cllr Cooper updated council on planning for houses at West End Lane. • Cllr Cooper updated council on Birkrigg Park defibs. • Cllr Cooper updated council on elections. • Cllr Cooper updated council on 20mph zones and the next round of applications to include Pennington and High Carley. • Cllr Cooper updated council on road safety around Park Field/ Main Road with potential for "Concealed Entrance" signs. 			

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25-04/8 Swarthmoor/ High Carley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council discussed the gate at Swarthmoor park having been identified as requiring replacement. It was resolved to gather quotes for the work. • It was resolved to re-visit potential issues leading from recent works at the wetland when the weather becomes wet again. • HSt updated council on the meeting held at the allotments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSt and KS to obtain quotes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSt, KS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
25-04/9 Pennington/ Loppergarth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council were informed of the continuing traffic issues around Pennington School that need addressing and plans to introduce passing places. 			
25-04/10 Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that issues obtaining quotes for wood worm treatment are ongoing and that self-treatment may need to be considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue trying to get quotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
25-04/11 Lighting/ Lighting Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was resolved to confirm that we would WAF to take over the responsibility for the Parish lighting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSI to contact WAF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meet
25-04/12 Road Safety/ SIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was resolved to continue looking into SIDs for Main Road necessary permissions and costings to be included in the next budget. 			
25-04/13 Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application 2025/0030/FPA – demolition of garage and erection of two storey rear extension with balcony and glass balustrading, formation of rear dormer and change of use of existing garage space to beauty treatment room at Smith Cottage Pennington was discussed and it was resolved to respond as per appendix 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB to respond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASAP
25-04/14 Financial Matters	<p>Financial Matters Balance as at 10/01/2025</p> <p>Payments <u>To resolve to note the following payments from Bank Statements</u> No bank statement received</p>	<u>£29,545.74</u>		

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	Reserves Buildings Maintenance Bus Shelters Maintenance Election Fees Playground Maintenance Car Parks Footpaths Allotments CLP Grants General Reserves Total <u>To resolve to consider/approve the following payments:</u>	£15,781.49 £1,813.73 £3,000.00 £2,418.80 £400.00 £400.00 £400.00 £250.00 £225.00 £4,856.72 <u>£29,545.74</u>		
25-04/15 Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council approved the proposed asset list, spending over £100 and £500, budget summary, VAT return and AGAR in principal awaiting the Internal Audit Report. 			
25-04/16 .GOV Domains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council were informed that .gov emails have been created and the website should be migrated within a week. Council thanked KS for his work in actioning the move. 			
25-04/17 Items for future agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Lights at the Miners 			
25-04/18 Date of Next Meeting	The next ordinary meeting was agreed for 12 th May 2025 – 7pm in the Parish Rooms.			

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PLANNING APPLICATION RESPONSE – Demolition of garage and erection of two storey rear extension with balcony and glass balustrading, formation of rear dormer and change of use of existing garage space to beauty treatment room at Smithy Cottage Pennington LA12 7NY.

At the meeting of Pennington Parish Council held on Monday 7th April 2025 planning application:

No: 2025/0030/FPA

Development: Demolition of garage and erection of two storey rear extension with balcony and glass balustrading, formation of rear dormer and change of use of existing garage space to beauty treatment room.

Location: Smithy Cottage Pennington LA12 7NY

Was discussed and it was resolved to **COMMENT** on the application.

The Parish Council notes that the application states there is ample off-road parking available, however, we wish to highlight that this particular stretch of road is already subject to significant on-road parking pressures.

Nearby businesses— including some slated for expansion—frequently contribute to the on-road parking congestion. In addition, local residents often rely on this road for overflow parking when their own off-road spaces are full. Furthermore, during events at the nearby Church such as services, weddings, and funerals, this road and the surrounding area become heavily parked.

Given the existing and increasing demand on parking in this area, the Parish Council requests that the applicant ensures that sufficient off-road parking is provided and utilised. This will help to prevent any additional strain on the already limited on-road parking capacity.

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