

PENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 21st July 2025

7pm

Parish Rooms

Minutes

Attendees	Mrs Athersmith Mrs Bell (Clerk)	Mrs Slater Mr Squires	Mr Stretch 2 member of the public		
	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS	OWNER	DUE	
25-07/1 Apologies	Apologies were received and accepted from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies were noted from Cllr Cooper and Cllr Brereton 				
25-07/2 Declarations of Councillors Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 				
25-07/3 Exclusion of Press and Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 				
25-07/4 Vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Vacancy on the Swarthmoor Ward The elections team have notified us that no election was called and the vacancy can therefore be filled by co-option 				
25-07/5 Previous Minutes dated 09/06/2025 and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved and signed as a true reflection of the meeting 				
25-07/6 Public Participation by Question and Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the public requested update on the salt piles at Loppergarth. A member of the public provided an update of WAFC's response regarding planning permission for boat storage at Cowran Farm. A member of the public requested consideration to allow the installation of activity board/s and boards on the slide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to contact PC 			

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	<p>ramp at Loppergarth playground. It was resolved to add this to the September agenda for discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One member of the public informed council that the planning application at Ewbank, Main Road had been withdrawn before it reached the planning committee. 			
25-07/7 District Councillors/ Elected Members Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Cooper provided updates via email relating to Moorgarth parking, Swarthmoor 20mph limits, ongoing additional 20mp limit for consideration at Pennington and High Carley, road safety improvements, Trinkeld bus stop, 155 new houses at Cross-a-Moor. 			
25-07/8 Swarthmoor/ High Carley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that there is graffiti on the basketball post It was noted that the style has been reported as rotting. It was resolved to remove the step as the grass on the football pitch side does not get cut causing the step to rot. It was resolved to call a meeting of allotment holders to discuss ongoing maintenance of the plots. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSt to investigate removing the step and replacing with normal fence or leaving a gap for access. HSt to arrange and inform council of the date 		
25-07/9 Pennington/ Loppergarth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the Harry Christian Bench has been damaged and resolved to try and inform the family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to find contact details 		
25-07/10 Sunnyside/ Parish Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council were informed that the Clerk had used delegated powers to authorise roof repairs at Sunnyside. Council were informed that Clerk had used delegated powers to authorise replacement septic tank lid due to safety concerns. 			
25-07/11 Planning Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that there no applications to consider. 			
25-07/12 Financial Matters	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>Balance as at 10/04/2025</p> <p>Payments</p> <p><u>To resolve to note the following payments from Bank Statements 10/05/2025 – 10/06/2025</u></p> <p>SSE Streetlighting</p>	<p><u>£28,835.83</u></p> <p>£61.91</p>		

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	Salary and WFH	£759.63		
	Waterplus allotments	£15.49		
	Ionos	£10.80		
	Total Statement Expenditure	<u>£847.83</u>		
	Receipts			
	To resolve to note the following receipts from Bank			
	<u>Statements 10/05/2025 – 10/06/2025</u>			
	Sunnyside Rent	£470.00		
	Total Bank Statement Receipts	<u>£470.00</u>		
	Bank Statement Balance at 10/06/2025	<u>£45,384.98</u>		
	<u>Anticipated Payments</u>			
	Salary and WFH	£759.63		
	Waterplus Allotments	£15.49		
	1 and 1 Ionos	£10.80		
	SSE Streetlights	£63.99		
	<u>Anticipated Receipts</u>			
	Sunnyside Rent	£470.00		
	Reserves			
	Buildings Maintenance	£17,721.49		
	Bus Shelters Maintenance	£1,913.73		
	Election Fees	£3,500.00		
	Playground Maintenance	£3,799.80		
	Car Parks	£900.00		
	Footpaths	£500.00		
	Allotments	£900.00		
	CLP	£500.00		
	Grants	£475.00		
	General Reserves	£5,000.00		

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	<p>General Spend allocation</p> <p>Due to ongoing issues with Lloyds Bank and inability to open a new Lloyds account, it was resolved to begin the process of opening a Unity account.</p> <p><u>To resolve to consider/approve the following payments:</u></p>	£10,174.96		
25-07/13 .GOV Domains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the .gov website and domains are up and running with confirmation of access from EC and RC. 			
25-07/14 Swarthmoor Park Gate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council are still awaiting quotes. 			
25-07/15 Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All allotments have now been paid. HSt requested a plan of the allotments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to provide a plan 		
25-07/16 SIDS Machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was resolved to gather quotes and to contact BC for advice re installing/ siting them and to consider the impact of costs in the budget meeting. 			
25-07/17 Telephone Box Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda. 			
25-07/18 Items for Future Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July policies to carry to September Loppergarth Park Harry Christian Bench 			
25-07/19 Date of Next Meeting	The next ordinary meeting of the council back and was agreed for 8 th September 2025 – 7pm in the Parish Rooms.			

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