

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parton Parish Council held on the 14th April 2010

1. Attendance: Chairman Cllr. Quayle, Cllrs Heskett, Morton, Peel, Rogan, Stalker, V.Young, Ward Cllrs Bowman, County Cllr Ross, and the Clerk.

2 Announcements and Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Stewart (ill), Neen (Shift), Warneford (Child care), K. Young (Work) and from Ward Cllrs Dixon and Metherell.

3 Approval of the minutes of the last meetings: The minutes of the March meeting were agreed

4. Declaration of Interests. It was agreed that declaration of interests would be made if issues on the agenda arose.

5. To co-opt new councillors The clerk said there remained one vacancy on the council

6. Police Issues. The PCSO Fishpool apologised for the absence of P C Hellier. He said that there had been a number of crimes reported in the last month. There had been a burglary at the school when a shed had been broken into and four bikes used by the younger children taken Two had been recovered and those responsible were known. A bike had been stolen on Seven Acres. There had been four incidents of criminal damage. He said a number of logs for anti-social behaviour had been recorded and there were still reports of obstruction by cars left for sale on the junction of Criffel Road and the A595. PCSO said that the event at the village hall earlier in the month had proved very successful and over £350 raised for the Parton Fun Day.

7. Traffic/Highways

a) Parking at School The school governors reported that this issue was still causing problems and it was agreed that the Copeland BC enforcement officer would be asked if any action had been taken following the meeting with the parish council in January.

b) PCSO Fishpool said that the police were concerned about speeding leaving the Howgate roundabout and action had been taken recently when cars had been stopped and advised.

c). Flooding. County Cllr Ross said that he had asked for the drain at the bottom of the Ghyll to be cleared by the highways authorities but he was not certain whether action had been taken He said he would follow it up.

8. Play Areas Brewery Brow/Main Street The chairman said that the swings on Brewery Brow had now been installed and use was being made of them without so far complaints from nearby householders. It was noted that youngsters were using the land more than before. Mrs Young said that she was looking at costs for a mugger to be installed on the foreshore. She said that she needed to obtain measurements and then see how funding could be obtained. She said that she was to be interviewed following her application for funding under the Playbuilder project in the next week or so and would make a subsequent application to Awards for All for additional

equipment. Mrs Young said that she had drafted a ‘Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy’ statement which following consideration by the council was adopted and signed by the chairman

9 a) Notice Board The clerk said that he had asked Works 4 You Ltd to order the notice board for the wall by the village hall.

b) Bus Shelter Mrs Young said she had been successful with a grant application to the Youth Capital Fund administered by the county council and together with the clerk and the chairman had met with Kevin Cosgrove from Cumbria Highways on the proposed site at Criffel Road. She said that Mr Cosgrove had said he would contact and advise the relevant parties and would inform the clerk when work to erect the shelter could go ahead.

c) Hydro Scheme Village Hall The clerk said he had received an e-mail from Capita Symonds advising that if the Village Hall were to go ahead with a scheme to generate energy from the Ghyll an easement agreement with the district council would need to be obtained. He said that he had received further advice from the development control officer at the district council that land drainage consent from the Environment Agency together with an abstraction licence and an impoundment licence both from the Environment Agency would be required. He said that none of these were mentioned in the feasibility study and that he would seek a meeting with the district council. County Cllr Ross who introduced the author of the feasibility study to the parish council said he would attend the meeting.

11. Correspondence

a) The affiliation fees request from Cumbria Playing Fields Association had been received.

b) The legal officer at the district council had indicated that the guidance to councillors on their responsibilities as members of outside bodies equally applied to school governors appointed by minor authorities.

c) A planning application to erect a store/workshop to the rear of 2 Screel View Parton had been received There were no objections although concern was expressed that there may be some noise.

d) The Highways Agency had sent a copy of the journey planner March to May 2010

e) A request to submit a claim for additional grant aid from the concurrent services scheme had been received. The clerk said given the timescale he had completed the application form and returned the document.

f) A copy of the district council’s corporate implementation plan had been received

g) Minutes from the joint meeting between the parish and town councils and the district council had been received.

h) Audit papers had been received from the external auditor.

i) Copies of the district council’s standards committee’s first annual report had been received.

j) AON Ltd had written advising that the administration of the insurance policy had been transferred to them from Allianz Insurance Plc. The renewal cost had increased by £19.97

12. Public Participation

a) Ward/County Councillors Ward Cllr Bowman asked whether the waste collection charges had now been dropped. The chairman said that an invoice had been received despite Janice Carrol accepting that a mistake had been made. County Cllr Ross said

that arrangements for neighbourhood forum meetings would be made once the general election had taken place.

b) Public None

13 Cheques to be approved for payment

100729	J C Shaw	(Salary March)	£180.00
100730	Copeland Rail Users Group	(Subscription)	£10.00
100731	Aon Ltd	(Insurance)	£350.03
100732	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£141.89
100733	Works 4 You Ltd	(Notice Boards)	£997.66
100734	Cumbria P F Association	(Subscription)	£15.50

14 Parish Councillor's Matters

a) The clerk said that the district council were still to report back following the complaint about the preponderance of rats in the village.

b) The chairman raised the problem concerning a number of fences on land managed by the social housing association. These were behind Firth View and behind Ross View. The clerk said he would try to arrange a meeting.

c) Mrs Heskett drew attention to the directional sign at Bankyard road which was in a dangerous state.

d) Mr Morton raised issues concerning the wall towards the football field which needed to be demolished, the fence at the top of the Ghyll behind the bungalows which was in need of repair, that the recycling bins at the side of the play area which were left in an untidy state by the contractors when they were emptied and the state of the steps leading from Seven Acres to Parton Brow

e) Mr Peel complained about the speeding by Stagecoach along Criffel Road.

f) Mrs Young said that the Fun Day was to be held on the 30th May 2010 and she was hoping that councillors and the clerk would volunteer to assist on the day. It was agreed that an application for a donation should be stood over to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm. The next meeting was arranged for **Wednesday the 12th May 2010** at the Village Hall Parton.

Chairman.....Date.....

