

# **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parton Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

**1. Attendance:** Chairman Cllr. Quayle, Cllrs Bellfield, Bestford, Neen, Peel, Rogan, V. Young, Ward Cllr Bowman and the Clerk.

**2 Announcements and Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllrs Heskett, Ostle, and K Young and from Ward Cllrs Dixon and Methereil and County Cllr Ross

**3 Approval of the minutes of the November 2010 meeting:** The minutes of the meeting were agreed

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

## **5. Public Participation**

**a) Ward/County Councillors.** Cllr Bowman asked to speak when the Traffic and Highways agenda item was reached. The clerk said he had contacted Mrs Muscat at the Cumbria Community Foundation who had referred him to the CCF website in connection with the Robin Rigg fund.

**b) Public** None

**6. Police Issues.** Neither PC Hellier nor PCSO Fishpool was in attendance. Mrs Young said she had not received a response to the complaint that was made about the Brewery Brow play area. The clerk and Ward Cllr Bowman both referred to the reorganisation that was planned for the deployment of police officers in the area. The question of the PCSO's and how they would operate was raised. Mrs Young said that the youth club would look to send a letter on behalf of the community commenting on how effective the police had been in the village and expressing concern that the changes planned would result in a poorer service. The clerk said that a liaison forum was to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Distington Community Centre when this issue would be raised.

## **7. Traffic/Highways**

**a) Salt and Gritting** Mrs Bestford referred to the note that had been circulated on her behalf She said tat the parish council should put a system in place which would support the more vulnerable in the village. Following discussion it was agreed that a laminated notice would be placed in the notice boards beside the village hall and inside the bus shelter explaining what was planned and seeking support. The clerk referred to the letter from the county council that he had circulated concerning the dropping of a salt grit mix for use by local people. It was agreed that before such a request was made the county council would be asked to replace the bin by Screele. View and fill both that bin and the one at the top of Brewery Brow

**b) POPE submission.** The clerk said that the Highways Agency had decided to move to either a 3 year or 5 year review and to abandon the 12 month post opening project evaluation. He said he had asked for an appointment with Jamie Reed MP and once a

date was fixed he would advise the council

c) Surface Water A595 ward Cllr Bowman said he had spoken to a representative of the Highways Agency contractors about the problems that had been encountered since the surface water drains had been replaced. He had been told that the contractor was aware of the problem and that the issue together with problems of water flowing from the fields and down Rectory Brow was being addressed. The contractor had also said that the wall at the corner of the trunk road and Rectory Brow was to be repaired.

**8 Managing Radioactive Waste Safely.** The clerk said that a discussion pack had been received and Moresby PC had agreed subject the views of Parton to hold a joint discussion and complete the questionnaire. It was agreed to hold the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January starting at 7.15 pm at Parton village hall.

**9. Celebrating Community Spaces** The chairman said that £500 had been offered from the North West Together We Can fund and because the application had to be in without delay to be paid before the end of the year he had advised the district council who were administering the fund that the grant would be used to renew the lighting in the village hall.

**10 Budget and Precept** The clerk referred to the papers that accompanied the agenda. Following discussion it was agreed to precept £10k as last year. It was agreed to consider what projects would be financed in the year 2011/2012 when it became clearer what services the district council would drop.

#### **11. Correspondence**

- a) The precept request from the district council had been received
- b) Information from AON about village hall insurance had been received.
- c) Product information from Glasdon and Hags had been received
- d) Notification of the County Council budget consultation had been received and was distributed.
- e) The county council had forwarded a copy of the guide to public transport Oct 2010 to Aug 2011.

#### **12 Cheques to be approved for payment**

100758	Printpoint	(Stationery)	£246.13
100759	J C Shaw	(Salary November)	£180.00
100760	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£16.40

#### **13 Parish Councillor's Matters**

- a) Mrs Bestford asked that United Utilities be advised that one of the drains in the Square was overflowing and causing problems in icy weather.
- b) Mr Young said that she had held meetings with officers from the district and county councils and it would appear that the Playbuilder grant may now be safe. She said she had also met a representative from the Big Lottery Community Spaces fund in connection with another grant which if successful made result in the purchase of a mugger. It was agreed that if this second application was successful the parish council would be the accountable body in the same way it was the accountable body for the Playbuilder.
- c) Mrs Bestford said that the railway station steps were in need of repair.
- d) The chairman said he had followed up the matter of the burger van and the environmental safety officer had to check the van itself but otherwise everything was in order.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm. The next meeting was arranged for **Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011** at the Village Hall Parton.

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