

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parton Parish Council held 12th January 2011

1. Attendance: Chairman Cllr. Quayle, Cllrs Bellfield, Bestford, Heskett, Morton Neen, Peel, Ward Cllrs Bowman and Dixon, County Cllr Ross and the Clerk.

2 Announcements and Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Ostle, Rogan, Mr. Young, Mrs Young and from Ward Cllr Metherell.

3 Approval of the minutes of the December 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 Dixon said that he did not believe the parish had been well served by the highways authorities during the recent bad weather. County Cllr Ross said that gritting had been done in the area but that grit bins were in short supply. Ward Cllr Bowman gave advanced notice that he would be raise at the next Howgate meeting the distribution of the County Cllrs Capital Grant.

b) Public None

6. Police Issues. Neither PC Hellier nor PCSO Fishpool was in attendance. Mrs Heskett said she had spoken to PCSO Fishpool who had reported two criminal damages and one attempted burglary together with a number of anti-social behaviour logs. He had said that other matters reported were a road traffic accident and mud on the road from the Quarry. He had said that PCSO funding had been confirmed for the next two years. Mrs Bestford said she had noticed graffiti on the Wagon Way.

7. Traffic/Highways

a) Salt and Gritting The chairman said that due to the very severe weather and as a matter of urgency the village hall management committee had purchased grit bins which when delivered would be placed in the worst affected areas in the village. The clerk said the question of payment arose and a substantive item with a recommendation would be included in the February 2011 agenda.

8 Howgate Ward Steward The clerk said that the funding for a parish environment worker had now been received. He said at the next meeting of the Howgate/Distington partnership which was fixed for the 1st February 2011 arrangements would be finalised. He said that the worker would concentrate on repair and improvement work rather than litter picking and grass cutting. The clerk said that there was a contribution from the parishes which in the first year for Parton would be £95.33

9. Correspondence

- a) The borough council had forwarded their council plan and budget consultation for 2011/2012. It was copied and circulated to councillors
- b) Notification had been received that an application for a single story garage beside 1 Foundry Road Parton had been granted.
- c) Information about the Royal British Legion's Great Poppy Weekend event had been received.

12 Cheques to be approved for payment

100761	J C Shaw	(Salary December)	£180.00
100762	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£52.74
100763	Parton Village Hall	(Rent)	£260.00

13 Parish Councillor's Matters

- a) The chairman said that two items of expenditure in the village hall would be discussed at the next parish council meeting meanwhile he would contact the Cumbria community foundation to enquire as to a grant for the new boiler.
- b) Mr Morton asked whether Cumbria Highways were responsible for rebuilding the wall at the junction of Seven Acres and Parton Brow. The clerk said enquiries would be made.
- c) Mr Morton reported that only limited progress was being made towards new changing rooms at the football ground
- d) Mr Morton said that the problem with dog waste was worse than ever.
- e) Mr Bellfield gave notice that an item concerning the purchase of a grit spreader should be included in the next agenda.
- f) Mrs Bestford said that the railway station steps (the tread) were too narrow and that there was no disabled entrance. The clerk said that he would contact Copeland Rail Users Group.
- g) Mrs Bestford said that the problem of cars parking on the footpath, and obstructing pedestrians, whilst waiting for children leaving the school had recurred. The clerk said that he would ask the head teacher to raise the matter with the school governors
- h) The chairman asked that enquiries be made about the grant that the media had reported was available to the parish council for beach conservation

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm. The next meeting was arranged for **Wednesday the 9th February 2011** at the Village Hall Parton.

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

