

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parton Parish Council Held on the 9th March 2011

1. Attendance: Chairman Cllr. Quayle, Cllrs Bellfield, Bestford, Heskett, Morton, Ostle, Stewart, V Young, K Young, Ward Cllrs Bowman and Dixon, County Cllr Ross and the Clerk.

2 Announcements and Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Neen, Peel, Rogan and from Ward Cllr Metherell

3 Approval of the minutes of the February 2011 meeting: The minutes of the meeting were agreed subject to an amendment at 13(a) so that the sentence starts “Mrs Bestford asked.....”

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

5. Parish Council Elections The clerk said that parish council elections would be held on the 5th May 2011 with nomination forms to be at the Copeland Council offices by noon on the 4th April 2011. He said that he would not receive blank forms until the week of the 14th March 2011 and it was agreed that the clerk would be at the village hall between 7pm and 8pm on the 22nd March 2011 when form would be available to collect and complete.

6. Public Participation

a) Ward/County Councillors. Cllr Dixon said that he was concerned that because of financial constraints no work on pot holes would be undertaken until 1st April 2011. He further expressed concern that some rural bus routes are to be withdrawn including the Workington to Whitehaven route via Low Moresby and Pica. Ward Cllr Bowman said that the Howgate Distington partnership had agreed a community benefits package in respect of the Fairfield Wind Farm. County Cllr Ross referred to the loss of the route 222 bus service

b) Public None

7. Police Issues. The chairman welcomed Sgt Ashley Bennett to the meeting. Sgt Bennett said he had the role of support sergeant to the designated community based officers who following restructuring would be deployed on a daily basis from Whitehaven. He said that with PC Hellier moving to Penrith the designated P C would be PC Mike Gayle who he hoped would be able to attend the next meeting. Sgt Bennett said that there had been 2 anti-social behaviour and 2 criminal damage logs in the parish but there was general concern about theft of oil and diesel in the area

8 Finance The chairman and Mrs Young made declarations of a personal interest as members of the village hall management committee.

a.) Village Hall Floor. The clerk said that he had looked at the accounts for 2004 and reported in respect of the work undertaken on the village hall floor grants for £6400

had been received and the bill of £6611.47 met by the village hall management committee. In these circumstances it was proposed and agreed that half the cost of the recent work on the village hall floor should be met by the parish council.

b.) Grit Spreader Mr Bellfield showed the parish council a grit spreader of the type that it was considered should be purchased. It was agreed that two should be bought with in winter one being used in the top of the village and one in the area of Main Street/Foundry road

9. Main Street Play Area Mrs Young said that a decision had been taken to ask Hags to carry out the work to install new equipment at the play area. Hags had been the favoured supplier when the consultation had been undertaken. The equipment had to be in place by the 31st July 2011 but the supplier had said they would aim to complete the work between Easter and the summer school holidays. Mrs Young said she hoped the official opening could be fixed for the date of the fun day.

10 Traffic/Highways The clerk said that no decision had been taken as to where to place the grit bins. He said that he would contact Cumbria Highways. The clerk said that Jamie Reed had written to the Department for Transport concerning the post opening project evaluation for the Parton Lillyhall improvement scheme and he understood he was awaiting a reply.

11. Correspondence

a) The district council had advised that the cost of grass cutting for the parish would be £221.88 for the next financial year. It was agreed to accept the quotation.

b) The agenda for the annual meeting between the parishes and the district council had been received. The meeting was to be held on the 14th March 2011 and the clerk said he needed to know who would attend by noon on the 14th March 2011

c) Haig Colliery Mining Museum had written requesting a donation. It was agreed to send £100.00.

d) The county council had written explaining that because of financial constraints the 222 bus from Workington to Whitehaven via Pica was to be withdrawn. They said that Rural Wheels was available for people in the parish.

e) The county council had written promoting the voluntary social car scheme.

f) A product information leaflet from Wickstead had been received

g) The BDO audit briefing had been received

h) The planning application for the extension of the play area had been received

12 Cheques to be approved for payment

100769	Darren Williamson	(Electrical Work)	£1008.00
100770	J C Shaw	(Salary February)	£180.00
100771	North West Air Ambulance	(Donation)	£100.00
100772	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£34.21
100772	Parton Village Hall	(Refunds)	£2676.50

13 Parish Councillor's Matters

a) The clerk said that the parish lengthsmen was ready to start and it was agreed to ask that work be carried out on the path from the non conformist graveyard to the water treatment plant.

b) Mr Stewart said that the kerb at the corner of Criffel Road and Brewery Brow

needed attention.

c) He asked when the field wall on the A595 opposite Brewery Brow was going to be fixed.

d) Mr Morton said that the damaged wall at the junction of Seven Acres and Parton Brow remained in the same state.

e) He said that there continued to be problems with the street lighting on Parton Brow

f) Mrs Heskett said that the catering van on Criffel road was jacked up and the cable uncovered. The chairman said he would pursue the matter.

g) Mrs Bestford complained that the dog fouling on Foundry road and on the foreshore was particularly bad. The clerk said he would contact the enforcement officer to consider whether any further bins could be sited in the village.

h) She said that more use should be made of the notice board.

i) Mrs Young asked that an item be included in the next agenda to consider a donation to the fun day appeal.

j) The chairman said that the wall down Brewery Brow was now bowing and the highways people should examine the wall.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm. The next meeting was arranged for **Wednesday the 13th April 2011** at the Village Hall Parton.

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

