

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parton Parish Council held on 17th November 2010

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

2 Announcements and Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Ostle and Peel and from Ward Cllr Metherell

3 Approval of the minutes of the October 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. To co-opt new councillors. It was agreed to co-opt John Bellfield and Louisa Bestford to the council.

6. Public Participation

a) Ward/County Councillors. With reference to the Robin Rigg fund raised by Ward Cllr Dixon at the last meeting the clerk said that he had spoken to an officer of the Cumbria Community Foundation who administered the fund and had been told only Allerdale parishes were entitled to apply. Ward Cllr Dixon asked for more information. County Cllr Ross said that estimates had been obtained for a replacement footbridge over Lowca Beck and that whilst the Capital Fund would go some way to meeting the cost additional grant aid had been sought from both the Copeland Borough Council who administered the Coalfields fund and from the Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust. Ward Cllr Bowman made a declaration of personal interest as a member of the CWMET grant panel. County Cllr Ross said he did not expect the matter to go before the local committee until 2011. The clerk said he had spoken to Mrs Pritchard who said she was preparing a report for the December 2010 meeting. The council agreed that any ongoing costs once the work had been completed should be shared between Lowca PC and Parton PC and accepted that there may be additional insurance costs. County Cllr Ross said that the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting would be held on the 30th November 2010 in Moresby but the venue had not been confirmed.

b) Public None

7. Police Issues. The clerk said that he had spoken to PC Hellier who gave apologies for both herself and PCSO Fishpool. Mrs Young said she had a verbal report from Mark Fishpool. He had reported a theft of a bag from Foundry Road, incidents of anti social behaviour by young people on the railway station and reports of domestic problems where a log had been created. It had also been reported that as a result of a window being broken that the alleged perpetrator had a window in his parent's property damaged. The chairman said that the matting ties under the swings on Brewery Brow had been cut but despite obtaining a crime number the police who had attended the incident appeared reluctant to pursue the issue.

8. Traffic/Highways

a) Surface Water A595 The clerk said that it was obvious that the letter box type drains on the trunk road that were installed in the last year were not suitable and that rain water was not getting away. Ward Cllr Bowman said he would take the matter up with the Highways Agency.

b) POPE submission. The clerk said that he had asked the locality worker for the Howgate ward if he would make further enquiries about the date of the start of the evaluation.

c) Better Highways project. The clerk said that he was making enquiries as to whether the highway steward scheme had now ended with the introduction of highway teams

d) Winter Gritting Service. The clerk referred to a letter received from the county council indicating that the Parish Salt Scheme would not be operating in the winter of 2010/2011 but that a group of cabinet members would meet will consider in the event of bad weather whether the scheme should be reintroduced. Concern was expressed by councillors given the problems with the Brows and it was agreed that the county council highways network manager should be contacted.

9. Planning Applications a) An application for a single story garage to the side of 1 Foundry Road had been received. There were no objections but the clerk was asked to make enquiries as to whether there were regulations covering the distance from the garage entrance to the highway. b) Notification had been received extending the time limit for commencement of a development on land beside the Lowther Arms Main Street Parton

10. Estate Inspection The clerk referred to the letter circulated with the agenda from the Home group. Mr Young declared a personal interest as the trade union officer representing the direct labour force at The Home group. He said that the letter did not reflect the position concerning the garage site and said he remained unhappy about the situation.

11. Correspondence

a) A boundary review by the county council had been initiated and parish councils were being consulted initially on the number councillors required. It was agreed that at this stage no comments should be made.

b) Copeland Borough Council had issued a leaflet asking residents to consider whether they would consider standing in the ward council elections in May 2011.

c) RWE the developer who had acquired land at Braystones and Kirksanton had written to explain their position on the latest government consultation on nuclear new build.

d) Product information had been received from Record RSS Ltd and Scotsturf Ltd

e) Minutes of the joint meeting between local councils and county councillors for the Copeland area had been received.

f) Papers for the annual general meeting of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils had been received.

g) Further information from the MRWS partnership had been received.

h) The district council had forwarded their response to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority strategy consultation paper

i) The district council are to introduce a policy briefing document to be issued on a regular basis and the first of such documents had been forwarded.

j) HSBC had written informing the council of regulatory changes.

11 Cheques to be approved for payment

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| 100755 | Copeland B C | (Grass Cutting) | £134.60 |
| 100756 | J C Shaw | (Salary October) | £180.00 |
| 100757 | J C Shaw | (Expenses) | £7.68 |

12 Parish Councillor's Matters

- a) Mrs Heskett said she was sure the whole council would want to congratulate the chairman Cllr Quayle on his success of winning first prize in the Home Housing positive action awards and Mrs Rogan who gained second prize in the same category.
- b) Mrs Young advised the council that she was meeting officers from both the district and county council given that the Playbuilder money might now be available.
- c) Mrs Heskett asked whether any traffic regulation was being broken by the owner of a catering van parked on Criffel Road by running his cable across the road. Mr Quayle said he would make enquiries.
- d) Mr Young said that he had again reported cars left at the junction of Criffel Road and the main road with for sale stickers. He said that the police had taken action.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm. The next meeting was arranged for **Wednesday the 8th December 2010** at the Village Hall Parton.

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