

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parton Parish Council held on 13th October 2010

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

There were two members of the public present.

2 Announcements and Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Neen and Peel and from Ward Cllrs Bowman and Metherell

3 Approval of the minutes of the September 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. None

6 Beach Monitoring The chairman welcomed Howard Rooms and Martin Clough from Sellafeld Limited who had agreed to attend to explain the beach monitoring exercise that was to be undertaken. Howard said that this year's beach monitoring programme agreed with the Environmental Agency was to include Parton beach. Martin said that beach monitoring had been conducted on the Cumbria coast since 1983/84 He said that since 2006 they have adopted an improved technique with new equipment. He said that 250 hectares were monitored each year throughout the Cumbria coast and on the Scottish side of the Solway. He said normally a vehicle would be used but with restricted access to the beach at Parton hand held equipment would be used. He said two teams of two men would be working for 3 or 4 days starting on the 14th October 2010. He said that the area monitored would be the sandy areas between the high and low water marks. He said monitoring across the rocky areas was not normally productive and they did not monitor marine life. Howard said that if anything of note was found the council would be advised and all data was routinely posted on the Sellafeld website.

7. Public Participation

a) Ward/County Councillors. Ward Cllr Dixon asked that Cumbria Community Foundation be approached and their grants officer be asked to speak at a future meeting about the Robin Rigg fund. This was agreed. County Cllr Ross said prior to the application for an extension to the time limit for working at Lambhill quarry which was to be heard on the 20th October 2010 he and the area engineer had met the proposed operator on site. It had been agreed that a grate should be fitted at the entrance of the culvert into which Lambhill Ghyll flows and a condition to that effect would be included in the notification of the granting of the application. County Cllr Ross said there was a meeting at Lowca Beck which he had not been able to attend but he understood that Lowca parish council would seek estimates for the work to replace the bridge and that an extension of time to submit applications for the capital fund had been obtained.

b) Public None

8. Police Issues. PCSO Fishpool gave the apologies from PC Hellier and went on to detail the logs compiled in the last month. He said two road traffic accidents had been reported one of which had resulted in a conviction for a driving offence. He said there had been a theft and two criminal damage incidents. He said PC Hellier was concerned about an increase in activities by teenagers with laser pens. He said that he would be working with the fire service and the local authority in the lead up to bonfire night He said that the senior officer in the area was holding an on line web chat on the 19th October 2010 between 6pm and 8pm on www.cumbria.police.uk/westmeeting He said that a youth had been arrested for damage to the bus shelter but because of lack of evidence he had been released. PCSO said he would approach the probation service with a view to offenders cleaning the play area of litter and graffiti.

8a Finance Sub Committee The clerk referred to the note of the meeting of the finance sub-committee held on the 23rd September 2010. He said that they had convened and taken a decision as a matter of urgency given that the district council were pressing the issue of safety at the swings. The minute was ratified.

9. Traffic/Highways

a) Bus Shelter The chairman said that work on the bus shelter was to be completed by a local man. The vandalism matter was raised at item 8.

b) POPE submission. The clerk said that the submission had been received by the Highways Agency and he had spoken to the project director who said that the POPE team had not yet arranged a date to start. County Cllr Ross said he had spoken to the area engineer who confirmed the position.

10 Concurrent Services The clerk said that rather belatedly he had received a letter from the district council indicating that the scheme would run as in previous years beginning on the 1st April 2010. It was agreed that claims in respect of landscape work, improvements to the village hall and for a notice board and the bus shelter would be made.

10. Correspondence

a) Action with Communities in Cumbria had written advising the date of their annual general meeting.

b) Cumbria CVS had written advising of the Copeland Community Fund Launch and a funding fair to be held on the 14th October 2010 at Millom

c) ACT had written about Community Exchanges Grant.

d) Calc had forwarded their training programme to July 2011

e) Notification of a Calc event with the Penrith MP talking about the Big Society had been received.

f) The county council had forwarded a newsletter which was copied round to councillors

g) The district council had written asking for views about polling stations in the parish. The clerk said because the closing dates for comments had passed before the meeting he had responded after receiving comments verbally especially those who had voted at the general election in a private house in Seven Acres.

h) Notification of the granting of a planning application for the conversion of stores and part dwelling into a separate dwelling at 22 Foundry Road had been received.

- i) Product information from Wickstead had been received.
- j) The Society of Local Council Clerks had written with information about services available to parish clerks.
- k) Friends of the Lake District had written about the Green Spaces project.
- l) Information from the county council about their budget consultation had been received.

11 Cheques to be approved for payment

100749	Printpoint	(Stationery)	£26.94
100750	Tullnet	(Website)	£50.00
100751	Garrick Engineering	(Bus Shelter)	£4825.70
100752	Ken Clark	(Bus Shelter)	£1400.00
100753	J C Shaw	(Salary September)	£180.00
100754	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£133.80

12 Parish Councillor's Matters

- a) Mrs Young reported that the environmental health officer had spoken to her about complaints of air pollution. It was noted that the farmer had been muck spreading.
- b) Mr Young asked that the clerk contact Home Housing concerning no parking signs that had appeared in the garage area behind Criffel Road.
- c) Mrs Rogan asked that her name be put forward to replace Mrs Warneford as one of the parish council nominated school governors. This was agreed. Miss Ostle said she was continuing as the second parish council school governor but was not certain that the school had been advised.
- d) The chairman said that the Ghyll footpath was now in real need of clearing of vegetation.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm. The next meeting was arranged for **Wednesday the 17th November 2010** at the Village Hall Parton.

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

