

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Parton Parish Council.
Held on the 11th April 2018**

1. Attendance: Chairman Cllr K Young, Cllrs Bestford, Morton, Peel, Quayle, Ryden, Troughton, V Young, Ward Cllrs J Bowman and J W Bowman, County Cllr Barbour and the clerk

2 Announcements and Apologies: There were no apologies.

3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the March 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) Members of the Public None

b) Ward and County Councillors Ward Cllr J Bowman said that a number of events and consultations are to take place in the next month or so. These were the Boundary Commission draft proposals, the West Cumbria mining open day, a Beacon exhibition and a consultation about the transport hub at North road. Further information about assisted collection was given by Cllr J W Bowman. County Cllr Barbour said that the redundant posts were still in place and the county council officers had been advised yet again. He had requested pedestrian warning signs for Brewery Brow. Cllr Barbour had reported the damaged wall at the Seven Acres/Parton Brow junction. He said he understood a project manager for the Moresby Embankment project was now in place. He referred to the pot holes which had been repaired. He said he had obtained no smoking signs for the play area which were left to be fixed to the fence

6. Police Report The clerk said a March report had been received which listed six issues. These were four anti social behaviour logs. There was a reported theft and a burglary. Mr Quayle said that young boys all under 15 were still causing a nuisance by knocking on windows. The clerk said that he would contact the PCSO.

7. Traffic and Highways

a) A595 Diversion Project The clerk said that Tim Shepherd at Highways England had replied to the request for a time line for the Moresby Embankment project. He indicated that design of the temporary division was to commence in the current financial year however a decision to construct the division route will only be taken once the impacts of a proposed Whitehaven relief road are known.

b) Whitehaven Relief Road The clerk said that a report had been received and it seemed that the scheme would be looked at for inclusion in the second road investment strategy programme 2020/2025.

c) Parton Brow pedestrian crossing scheme. The clerk said he had referred the papers to the Member of Parliament for Copeland.

8 Clerk's Report

a) Meeting with Trudy Harrison MP. The clerk said that together with the clerk at Lowca, Mike Milner, he had spoken to the MP when she held a surgery at the village hall. They had discussed the Moresby Embankment, the relief road, and the pedestrian island at Parton Brow as transport issues. Mike had spoken about the coastal path Lowca Beck Footway Bridge and they had both expressed concern about the erosion of the foreshore and the apparent disregard of the issue by the railway company.

b) Garages and Boat Yard The clerk said that rent for 2018/2019 was being received but it may be that some reminders would need to be sent.

c) Remembrance Day. The clerk said that Paul Kerry had agreed to attend the Annual Parish meeting.

d) Property in the Square. The clerk referred to minute 8(i) of the February 2018 minutes when this issue had been discussed and it had been agreed that there should be unfettered rights to access across parish council land to 64 Main Street Parton. The council had further agreed that a portion of land which had been fenced to form a front garden should be transferred to the residents. He said that solicitor acting for the council had received documents from the other parties' solicitor and had asked that the measurements of the land to be transferred be provided if known. He said that the chairman and himself had measured the land and he had drafted a letter to the solicitor. This set out the measurements and agreed to the transfer on the basis of no costs falling on the council together with allowing an access way from the house to Main Street. The council agreed the contents of the letter which the clerk said he would now send to the solicitor. He said that in due course documents would need to be signed by nominated councillors.

e) Howgate meeting. The clerk said this was held in March and was an interesting meeting with quite a lot of information about the Distington Big Local project. The Community Action plan had been reviewed and a draft would be discussed at the next meeting fixed for 14th June 2018 at Lowca village hall.

f) Ward Boundaries The clerk said that Ward Cllr J Bowman had referred to this issue and he said that the ward would be unchanged save for one issue. It would be represented by two councillors rather than three. The boundary commission had proposed that the name be unchanged as "Distington" although a number of submissions including that from the district council had suggested "North Copeland" It was agreed that Parton parish council should support a change to North Copeland.

g) Barking Dog The clerk said that the district council environmental health officer had confirmed that the complaint had been logged and was being investigated

h) Play Area The district council play area officer had inspected the unit and so that whilst there was no danger the upper ring was wearing. An estimate of £575.32 had been given. The council agreed to take no action.

9. Donation Request North Copeland Youth Partnership. The chairman, Mrs Young and Mr Quayle all declared a non-pecuniary interest and took no part in the debate once Mrs Young had outlined the request. It was agreed that a sum of £800 should be donated towards the Fun Day but it was noted that in future years fund raising should start earlier in the year.

10. Correspondence

a) Product information had been received from Wickstead

b) Citizens Advice Copeland had written thanking the council for their donation

11 Cheques to be approved for payment

101174	J C Shaw	(Salary March 2018)	£200.00
101175	Parton Village hall	(Rent)	£200.00
101167	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£132.63
101177	N C Y P	(Donation)	£800.00

12. Parish Councillors Matters:

a) Mr Quayle asked for a donation towards the Old Folks summer trip. It was agreed in principle to donate £150.00. The formal request would be on the agenda for the May meeting.

b) Mr Quayle said that he expected a request from the school to use the hall on the date of the next meeting. The chairman said that there was no disabled entrance to the school. Mrs Young offered the hall for the Thursday of that week. It was agreed that the school be told they could have the hall on the Thursday but a request for the Wednesday would be refused.

c) Mrs Bestford asked how frequently the surface drains were cleaned. The County Cllr said that it would be annually. Mrs Bestford said that following the floods the village were assured that it would be at six monthly intervals. Cllr Barbour said he would make enquiries.

d) Mr Peel said that no action had been taken by Home Group about the steps on Ramsay Drive beyond the garages leading to the rear of some houses on the main road.

e) Mr Peel said that whilst the escape road at the foot of Rectory Brow was in the Moresby parish it was still a concern for those from the parish. The clerk said that he would refer the matter to the county council area engineer.

f) Mrs Ryden asked whether she should arrange for some sand for the memorial garden. The clerk said he would ask the garden nursery to look for summer plants.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm. The next meeting was fixed for the 9th May 2018.

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