

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parton Parish Council.

Held on the 12th December 2018

1. Attendance: Chairman Cllr K Young, Cllrs Morton, Peel, Quayle, Troughton, V Young, Ward Cllr Bowman and the clerk

2 Announcements and Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Barton, Bestford, Rogan, and Ryden. There was one member of the public present.

3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the November 2018 meeting were agreed.

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

5 Lace Up The chairman welcomed Janine Ward from Direct Together We CIC who spoke about a project she and colleagues from LACE Up were running in the area to engage women in both exercise and emotional resilience. She said that the first part would run for 6 weeks at £2.50 a session and £3 per session if the project continued. Janine said that they were hoping that the village hall at Parton would be available during the day but if that was not possible, they had approached Lowca to see if their village hall could accommodate the group. It was agreed that a note would be placed in the bus shelter notice board and a post on the local website may help to advertise the project. The chairman thanked Janine for speaking to the council.

6. Public Participation

i) Members of the Public

The resident who attended wished to raise a number of matters but in the absence of the county councillor some had to be stood over. He raised a problem with the bus shelter on the A595. The clerk said that the particular shelter was not on the parish council asset register and the district council appeared to have deleted the budget line for shelter repairs. The damaged wall at the junction of Seven Acres and Parton Brow was mentioned. It was noted that this was the property of the Home group who rebuilt the wall after the last accident. It was said that the work undertaken on the Black Bank footpath was less than required. The clerk said he would contact the district council. It was noted that the steps from Seven Acres to Parton Brow were still in need of repair. The chairman took the opportunity to mention two issues he had been involved in on behalf of residents. He had contacted the Home Group about the rendering on Seven Acres but that matter remained outstanding. A

second issue had been resolved with workmen from Home Group having attended to carry out the work

b) Ward and County Councillors Ward Councillor Bowman gave details of the Christmas/New Year schedule for bin collections. She said that the district council had appointed a new pest control officer and said that reports relating to rats were dealt without cost but mice and ants were charged at £55 and for those on benefits £33. She said the number to contact was 598361

7. Police Report The clerk said that the no November report had been received. He said that there was a problem with the technology but he would continue to pursue the matter. Concern was expressed that doorstep callers might be an issue in the village. The clerk referred to the matter of the fire damaged seat reported at the last meeting. He said that letter had been received and this was accepted by the council.

8. Footpath lighting. The clerk said that at the last meeting a discussion was held about replacing the footpath light on the "Queenies" land. The matter was again discussed and it was agreed that the parish council would not meet the cost and that the district council would be advised accordingly.

9. Traffic and Highways Matters. The clerk said that he had produced a draft response to the A595 Whitehaven Study. The paper was agreed subject to ensuring that local matters were prominent.

10. Donation to the Cumbria Community Fund Winter Warmth Fund. It was agreed to donate £100 to the fund.

11 Coastal Strategy Consultation The clerk said that he had drafted a response to the questionnaire and it was agreed. H said that at a public drop in connection with the consultation Mrs Bestford had spoken to David Bechelli the flood and coastal officer for the district council who said that the monthly inspection of the tidal flap valves had not been carried out correctly. He had subsequently contacted the parish council and said that the broken flap needed to be replaced. He said it would not be straightforward and may take time because permits would be required.

10. Clerks Report

a) Accounts. The clerk said that the internal auditor had now signed off the half year accounts

b). Home Group The clerk said that the issue had been raised by the chairman earlier and although he had also received a response from Home Group, he had not been given any details of when action would taken.

c) Young Offenders Letter The clerk said he had mentioned this matter under item 7 Police.

11. Correspondence

a) BHIMB insurance had sent a winter check list.

12 Cheques to be approved for payment

101215	Inland Revenue	(Tax)	£150.00
101216	J C Shaw	(Salary)	£200.00
101217	Cumbria Community Foundation	(Donation)	£100.00
101218	Copeland District Council	(Landscape)	£102.68
101212	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£55.39

11. Parish Councillors Matters:

a) Mrs Troughton said that she had taken photographs of the Ramsay Brow steps which the Home group had not yet repaired.

b) Mr Peel said that whilst a pot hole on Criffel road which had been reported had been fixed another one had appeared

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm. The next meeting was fixed for the 9th January 2019

Chairman**Date.....**

