

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parton Parish Council. Held on the 13th February 2019

1. Attendance: Chairman Cllr K Young, Cllrs Barton, Bestford, Morton, Peel, Quayle, Ryden, Troughton, County Cllr Barbour and the clerk

2 Announcements and Apologies: There were apologies from Cllr Rogan. 4 members of the public were present. The clerk said that this year was the 125th anniversary of the Local Government Act 1894 which introduced elected councils at parish level. He said he would post a note on the parish website

3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the January 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 A resident raised the problem of dog fouling in the village. The clerk said he would ask for more stencils to be placed on roads both around the estate and at the foot of the village. A resident said that heavy vehicles entering the Network Rail compound were damaging the pavement kerbs. The clerk said he would contact Network Rail. A resident said that he was aiming to work with the Marine Management Organisation to try to increase the input from local communities into the shaping of the North West Marine Plan

b) Ward and County Councillors Ward Cllr Troughton was not present for this item. County Cllr Barbour said he continued to discuss the problem with overgrown vegetation at the top of Parton Brow. He said that a meeting with Highways England had been held recently where discussions had taken place on both the issue of the Moresby Embankment which continued to be closely monitored and proposals for a Whitehaven Relief road where a detailed route was to be consulted upon next year. He said that the responses to the Parton Brow consultation were being considered but because the proposal may involve land purchase it would not be an issue that was dealt with at speed. Cllr Barbour said surface water drains were in the schedule for March.

6. Police Report The report for December 2018 indicated that there were 10 incidents logged. The four incidents of note were a report of scrambler bikes on the beach, a report of a young man running in the centre of the A595, a report of insecure scaffolding on Briscoe Crescent and a report of a burglary on Criffel Road. There were no issues to report to the police

7. Traffic and Highways

All issues had been discussed under item 5b.

8. Clerks Report

i) Railway Station The clerk said that he had not received a response from Warren Birch concerning the CCTV or ticket machine and would contact him Mrs Young said she hoped to make progress in the next month on work in the underpass but a risk assessment was necessary.

ii) Home Group Matters The chairman welcomed Caroline Macdonald from Home group who dealt with the three issues that had been raised through correspondence. She said the steps at Ramsay Brow had been fixed. The wall at the junction of Seven Acres and Parton Brow was under surveillance but a mason may need to be engaged to complete the work. So far as the cladding on Seven Acres was concerned this was down to a failure on the part of the contractor and was subject of negotiation with the company involved She said that there were 480 properties involved with some in Maryport. She said Home Group regretted that the matter was taking so long to remedy. A problem was raised concerning a damaged roof to a garage behind Criffel Road. Caroline said she was aware of the issue and was doing her best to ensure the repair was undertaken without further delay. Mention was made of the derelict fencing. Caroline said that estate visits were still being made and because no residents were attending they had discontinued publicizing them but would advise the clerk from now on. Finally Caroline emphasized the way that issues should be raised with the Home group through customer services. The chairman thanked Caroline Macdonald for attending the meeting.

iii) Grass Cutting The clerk said that Copeland borough council were offering to cut the football field on the same terms as previous years. It was agreed to accept the quotation.

iv) Closure of Wagon Way. The clerk said that he had been informed that the Wagon Way would be closed to pedestrians under an order coming into effect on the 16th February 2019. The work was expected to take 12 hours and would be undertaken between the 16th February 2019 and the 2nd March 2019. Pedestrian access would not be impeded other than when the appropriate traffic signs were in place.

v) Benches. The clerk said that as part of the district councils coastal bid a request to support art installations had been made. The first installations would be artist designed bespoke benches and the plan was to site one at Parton It was agreed to support the project.

9. Correspondence. None.

10 Cheques to be approved for payment

101225	J C Shaw	(Salary January)	£200.00
101226	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£25.91

11. Parish Councillors Matters:

a) Mr Morton said that the environmental health department should be advised about a number of properties where waste was accumulating in the gardens. The chairman said he would identify the problem gardens and advise the clerk.

b) Mr Peel said that the kerbs on Criffel Road had been damaged once more. Cllr Barbour said he would report the problems

c) Mr Barton had been asked to advise the parish council of work that had been undertaken by a resident in conjunction with district council officers. The chairman asked whether any decisions from the parish council were required or whether funding was being requested.

Mr Barton said he believed that was not the case.

d) The chairman noted that a new website providing information about the village was now in existence and he hoped that it would be successful.

The meeting closed at 8.00. The next meeting was fixed for the 13th March 2019.

Chairman Date.....

