

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

1. Attendance: Chairman Cllr K Young, Cllrs Barton, Morton, Peel, Quayle, Rogan, Ryden, V Young, County Cllr Barbour, Ward Cllr Bowman and the clerk

2 Announcements and Apologies: There were apologies from Cllrs Bestford and Troughton. 3 members of the public were present.

3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the February 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 Before public participation began the Chairman said that a post on Facebook which he considered disparaged the parish council had been “liked” and commented upon by a serving parish councillor. The clerk said that it might be construed as being in breach of the code of conduct. The parish councillor explained that he did not intend that his comment should be interpreted as being critical of the parish council. A member of the public brought to the attention of the meeting a number of issues which he considered ought to be addressed. He said that the white line at the foot of Brewery Brow had faded, there ought to be a 20 mph speed limit through the village, welcome to Parton signs should be erected, double yellow lines should be painted on the highway through the Square, the wording on the War memorial required work, a stand for wreaths at the war memorial should be in place, the benches beside the war memorial required attention, there should be planters through the village, A second resident complained about the lavatories in the village hall,. A third resident indicated that a mirror would be placed on private land at the bend at the foot of Brewery Brow. Ward Cllr Bowman said that the policy of the highways authority was not to erect such signs on the highway as they distracted drivers who needed to concentrate on the road and not the mirror but given that the mirror was to be on private land they would not intervene. The chairman thanked the members of the public who had spoken.

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b) Ward and County Councillors Ward Cllr Bowman said that a new kerb side recycling service was now in place. The district councils budget proposals were approved at full council and the Distington Crematorium refurbishment project was going ahead. County Cllr Barbour said he had nothing to mention.

6. Police Report The report for February 2019 indicated showed one logged incident. That was report of a male banging on doors in the area of Ramsay Drive. The police had checked the roads around Ramsay Drive and reported that no damage had been caused. A burglary on Bank Yard Road was mentioned as being in the current month. Mr Quayle said that youngsters were again knocking on doors on Firth View and running away.

7. Traffic and Highways

The clerk said a meeting with Highways England was planned for early April when all the current issues affecting the A595 would be discussed.

8. Clerks Report

i) Railway Station The clerk said that Warren Birch had advised that he had asked Northern rail about the TVM and was awaiting a reply. It was noted that CCTV cameras were now in place but the view was that the lights on the signs need not be on throughout the night.

ii) Play Area repairs The clerk said that he had accepted a quote from the parks department to mend one of the gates, the basket swing and remove part of the damaged seat.

9 Residents parking

The chairman said that residents on Seven Acres and Ramsay Drive had asked about parking on grassed areas. County Cllr Barbour said he would ask through the county council about the ownership of the land.

10 Litter Warden

The chairman asked that a quotation be obtained as to the cost of 12 high visibility vests endorsed Parton Parish Council Warden and that official cards be supplied to those using them acertifying that they were acting with the authority of the parish council

9. Correspondence.

- a) H M Revenue and Customs had supplied information about finishing the old tax year
- b) BHIB councils insurance had written about dangerous trees and the liability concerns.

10 Cheques to be approved for payment

101227	CRUG	(Subscription)	£10.00
101228	Inland Revenue	(Tax)	£150.00
101229	J C Shaw	(Salary February)	£200.00
101230	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£53.89

11. Parish Councillors Matters:

a) Mr Young made a non pecuniary declaration as a member of the Parton Old Folks fund and asked that a donation request be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

b) Mrs Young said that a Mr Messenger had asked about placing a bench in the village She said she would advise him about the memorial garden on the foreshore. Mr Peel said he had information that could be passed on.

c) Mrs Young said that she was still working with Mr Birch about painting the arch under the railway line

d) Mr Barton declared a non pecuniary interest as a member of a community group named Parton Re-united and asked if the notice board beside the village hall was open for use other than by the parish council It was said that it was.

e) Mr Barton asked that a discussion about a Christmas tree in the village could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

d) Mrs Ryden asked whether a plaque could be erected at the memorial garden acknowledging the main sponsor.

e) The chairman said he was arranging for the wals and railings at the war memorial be r-painted.

The meeting closed at 8.00. The next meeting was fixed for the 10th April 2019.

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