

# **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parton Parish Council. Held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**1. Attendance:** Chairman Cllr Bestford, Cllrs Barton, Morton, Peel, Rogan, Ryden, V Young, County Cllr Barbour and the clerk

**2 Announcements and Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllrs Quayle, Troughton and K Young and from Ward Cllr Bowman

**3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the December 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 Railway** The chairman introduced Warren Birch who spoke about the community rail project. Warren said he was part of the transport team at the county council and his post was partially funded by Network Rail, Sellafield and the county council. Warren explained that the aim was to increase the footfall on the line which covered 26 stations and the hope was to have each station adopted by a community group. He gave examples where a community group have improved the station and groups who had taken this work included Flimby School and Millom Heritage group. Questions were asked about access to the Parton station and it was agreed that this was a problem with disabled access impossible on the up line to Whitehaven. Warren said he thought the underpass could be brightened up with possible murals and Mrs Young said she would contact Colourful North. Warren was asked whether it was planned to use CCTV on the platform in the future. He said that the first stage on adoption was to form an accountable body and that the parish council could take on that role and produce a plan. Mrs Young agreed to contact Colourful North and arrange a meeting to include one of the teachers at the village school.

## **6. Public Participation**

**a) Members of the Public** None

**b) County Councillor** County Cllr Barbour apologised for not attending the December meeting and not advising the clerk. He said that he would join in the discussion about the proposals for improvements at Parton Brow and he was still waiting for action to be taken regarding the vegetation on Parton Brow. Ward Cllr Bowman when giving her apologies had asked that the parish council be made aware of a public consultation meeting concerning the district council budget for 2019/2020 to be held at the Beacon on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 5.00 pm

**7. Police Report** There was no apology from the PCSO The clerk said that there were four logs for the parish in November 2018. These were anti-social behaviour on Ramsay Brow and on Screel View and two assaults on Briscoe Crescent. There were no matters to report to the officer.

## **8. Traffic and Highways**

i) Whitehaven Eastern Relief Road The clerk said a submission to the consultation document had been made and acknowledged.

ii) Parton Brow Consultation The documents concerning this consultation had been circulated prior to the meeting. The council were in favour of the scheme but it was agreed when responding to the consultation that queries should be raised about the deletion of the lay bys, the loss of the steps from the footway on Parton Brow to the pavement on the A595 and clarification about the pavement from the north crossing to the seaside of the A595

iii) Ghyll Lighting. This matter was stood over.

**9. Football Field and Allotments** This matter was stood over.

**10. Seven Acres Parking** The clerk said that Mr Young had asked that this matter be stood over. County Cllr Barbour said that the matter had been raised with him and he was making enquiries.

## **8. Clerks Report**

i. Coastal Strategy The clerk said that he had responded to the consultation questionnaire

## **9. Correspondence**

i) Copeland Borough council had written concerning election costs and had estimated that a fought parish council election would result in a fee of £1100. An uncontested election fee would be £80

## **10 Cheques to be approved for payment**

101220	Parton Village Hall	(Rent and Play Area	£300.00
101221	J C Shaw	(Salary December)	£200.00
101222	Copeland Borough Council	(Waste Collection)	£29.17
101223	J C Shaw	(Expenses)	£18.95
101224	Mrs Young	(for Chairman's expenses)	£6.78

## **11. Parish Councillors Matters:**

a) Mr Peel reported a fall on Ramsay Brow. The clerk said he would ask Ward Cllr Troughton whether she had made any progress with the Home Group.

b) Mr Peel asked about gully cleaning and blocked drains. County Cllr Barbour said that the gully clearing was due in March 2019 and he would report the blocked drain at the foot of Brewery Brow. It was agreed that early notification of gully cleaning would assist in ensuring that cars did not block the roads.

c) Mr Peel said that pot holes and damaged pavements were prevalent on Criffel Road County Cllr Barbour said he would enter details on the HIMS system.

d) Mr Morton asked whether there had been any response from the Home Group about the defective rendering on Seven Acres

e) Mr Morton said that the damaged wall at the junction of Seven Acres and Parton Brow was now dangerous

f) Mr Barton asked whether upkeep was continuing at the Memorial Garden.

g) Mrs Bestford said that she had spoken to Mr Bechelli about the tidal flap valves and was told the work was more extensive than first believed.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm. The next meeting was fixed for the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

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

