

Parton Parish Council

Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting **Held on 12th July 2022 at 7.30pm in Parton Village Hall**

Present: Cllr S Tumelty (Chair), Cllr H Elliott, Cllr W Morton, Cllr R Sinar, Ward councillors D Banks and J Bowman.

Absent: Cllr J Williamson

Clerk: Mrs J Colman

Members of the public: 1

Invited but did not attend: County Councillor M Barbour and Cumberland Councillor G Troughton

The chair thanked everyone for attending and started the meeting at 7.30pm.

- 228/22/23** **To Approve the Minutes** of the Parton Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2022. **Resolved to approve the minutes.** Proposed HE, seconded RS.
- 229/22/23** **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllrs Armstrong, McKee, Ryden and Watson. **Resolved to accept apologies and authorise the absence.** Proposed ST, agreed.
- 230/22/23** **Resignation.** Cllr Young had tendered his resignation as he had other commitments that would prevent him from attending future council meetings. ST read out his letter of resignation and asked the clerk to send a letter of thanks for his service.
- 231/22/23** **Exclusion of Press and Public. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** There were no items that needed to be heard in private.
- 232/22/23** **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
- 233/22/23** **Public Participation:**
There were no comments from the public.
- 234/22/23** **Reports from Ward or County Councillors or Guest Speakers.**
DB said that most of the current work was about finishing things to hand over to the new authority. Adopting the new national code of conduct was one task and another was putting the new licencing guidance out to consultation and also the new taxi fares as they had not been increased for nine years. JB said that the local plan would be out for consultation shortly and there was an open day at the Victorian walled garden at Distington.
- 235/22/23** **Police Matters.** A printout of the latest crime map had been circulated. 13 had been reported in May.
- 236/22/23** **Clerk's Updates:**
- **The non-conformist graveyard.** Quotes have been sought and a trust fund is held by Brockbanks solicitors to cover the cost of this.
 - **Football Pitch.** Copeland had been chased to remove the goalposts on the grounds of safety.
 - **Community Asset Transfer.** Enquiries had been made of CBC as to how we should go about this and any costs that might be involved. The enquiry was for the football pitch, allotments and the old bowling green.
 - **Beach Garden.** It had been called foreshore garden, then after the opening sometimes it had been referred to as a memorial garden. There no longer appeared to be items left on the benches so no further action was required.
 - **Garage Tenancy.** The new tenant of plot 1 had agreed to swap with the tenant of plot 3, provided he installed a concrete base for him by 1st August.
 - **Bus Shelter (Ramsay Drive).** The contact who was supposed to be drafting the licence agreement appeared to no longer work for Home Group. The clerk would contact the CEO's assistant again and request that she got things moving quickly. She would also mention the complaints about problem tenants and request somebody to attend the next council meeting to hear the views of tenants.
 - **Bus Shelter (A595).** The clerk had contacted National Highways again and had given them a deadline to respond by.
 - **Pelican Crossing (Trudy Harrison).** The clerk had chased up a response and pressed home the issues

that pedestrians faced.

- **United Utilities.** Three ongoing complaints. The general smell (members reported it had improved). Sewerage release which was still being investigated and the soil banks which were supposed to be made into paths.
- **Grass Cutting.** The relevant authorities had been given a list of the areas that needed cutting.
- **School Terrace.** The information regarding the blocked pavement had been passed on to the PCSOs. The land ownership was still being investigated.
- **“Thank you” card.** A card had been received from the Parton Pensioners’ group thanking the council for the grant towards their outings.

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Tidying of Beach Garden. HE was looking for volunteers to help with tidying of the beach garden. She would let everybody know the date and provide cake and refreshments. The clerk would put a post on the Facebook page once a date was decided.

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Payments for Approval The new signatories were not present to sign cheques so the Chair proposed that financial regulation 6.4 be suspended for the meeting to allow the clerk to be the second signatory for the cheques. **Resolved to suspend the regulation for this meeting. Resolved to approve the listed payments.**

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount
101375	K R Wilson & Sons	Cumbria Loos	£259.20
101376	W Moorhouse	Party Time	£130.00
101377	J & R Bennett	War memorial plant	£242.00
101378	CALC	CILCA Training	£180.00
101379	BHIB	Insurance	£243.81
101380	J Coltman	July Salary	£321.31
101381	HMRC	PAYE Tax	£80.40

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Finance.

	Item £	Total £
Bank Reconciliation		
Bank Statement 12/05/22	38505.83	
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Cheques Cleared		
101367 Parton Old Folks	-300.00	
DD Cumbria WR	-36.78	
101359 Coltman	-364.47	
101361 Coltman	-134.82	
DD HSBC	-12.00	
101363 J McNicholas	-150.00	
101365 Lowca PC	-137.50	
101360 HMRC	-91.00	
101362 P Graham	-350.00	
		-1576.57
Receipts Banked		
3 Garages	75.00	
1 Garage	25.00	
1 Garage + Admin	45.00	
Wayleaves ENWL	7.61	
		152.61
Bank Statement 12/06/22		37081.87
Cheques Outstanding for Clearance		
101356 B Warren	-150.48	
101357 GD Airey	-50.00	
101358 CALC	-224.13	
101364 D Paterson	-425.00	
101366 WF Cascade	-14.09	
		-863.70
Receipts Outstanding for Clearance		
		0.00
Balance after all cleared		36218.17

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Planning Applications. None to consider

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Parish Councillor Matters.

- ST said that there was no streetlight on Ramsay Drive. There was uncertainty whether it was a Home Group light, but as it was outside their old folks' bungalows, it was thought that they would have a duty of care as this was a health and safety concern. The clerk would also raise this with Home Group when she spoke to them.
- ST said that the Ghyll was badly overgrown at the top. The ferns were 5-6 feet high and brambles were coming over the path. People looking out of their bungalows could only see the ferns. The clerk would contact CBC.
- ST asked if the council purchase of a strimmer could be added to the next agenda, so that we could keep on top of some paths and prevent the overgrowing.

242/22/23 Date of next Council meeting confirmed as 13th September 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.06pm
Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

Chair Presiding..... Date.....