

Parton Parish Council

Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting **Held on 9th November 2022 at 7.30pm in St Bridget's School**

Present: Cllr S Tumelty (Chair), Cllr A Armstrong, Cllr H Elliott, Cllr L McKee, Cllr W Morton, Cllr A Watson (left early), Cllr J Williamson

Clerk: Mrs J Colman

Members of the public: 3

Invited but did not attend: County Councillor M Barbour and Copeland Councillors D Banks and J Bowman

The chair thanked everyone for attending and started the meeting at 7.32pm.

- 258/22/23** **To Approve the Minutes** of the Parton Parish Council meeting held on 11th October 2022. **Resolved to approve the minutes.** Proposed AW, seconded HE.
- 259/22/23** **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllrs Ryden and Sinar and Cumberland Cllr G Troughton. **Resolved to accept apologies and authorise the absence.**
- 260/22/23** **Exclusion of Press and Public. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** There were no items that needed to be heard in private.
- 261/22/23** **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
- 262/22/23** **Public Participation:**
A member of the public said that the soldier silhouette at the side of the war memorial was leaning over and asked if anything could be done to straighten it.
- 263/22/23** **Reports from Ward or County Councillors or Guest Speakers.**
There were no councillors present.
- 264/22/23** **Police Matters.** The crime map was circulated and JW mentioned that there were a number of incidents on Seven Acres but people were reluctant to report them.
- 265/22/23** **Clerk's Updates:**
- **A Letter of support.** A letter of support was requested for the campaign to improve stroke and coronary care in the West Cumberland hospital. The council agreed to offer support and asked the clerk to send a letter.
 - **St Bridget's Footpath.** Together with the clerks from the two neighbouring parishes the clerk was hoping that Highways may improve and adopt the footpath along this stretch.
 - **Bus Shelter A595.** National Highways had now asked for a £6000 + VAT deposit and the clerk was querying what this was for.
 - **Home Group Attendance.** They had agreed to attend meetings on a regular basis so the clerk would invite them to alternate meetings starting from the December.
 - **United Utilities.** After a search through the records held by the council none could be found that gave details of the building of the treatment works or any discussions held with the parish council or the community. If these exist, they have probably been sent to the archive office in Whitehaven. JW would try to find the records in the archive.
 - **Caravans, houses and cars** that were complained about at the last meeting had all been reported.
 - **Bus Shelter Ramsay Drive.** Home Group required copies of the builder's risk assessment and liability insurance. The clerk had requested these and was chasing for them.
 - **Remembrance Service.** WM's grandson was in the army and home on leave, so he would lay the wreath. The village hall would be booked for teas and coffees afterwards.
 - **War Memorial** Quotes were still being sought for the painting of the railings. It had been tidied and replanted recently.
- 266/22/23** **Grant Application.** A request had been received from Parton Reunited towards refreshments and a selection box for children at the Christmas tree light switch on. A number of councillors had been told that they were disbanding and were unsure of the set-up. AW had been told that they were disbanding

and the balance of their funds was being given towards the old folks. She had heard that they were no longer functioning as Parton Reunited and they did nothing else throughout the year. ST said that the council were already buying the selection boxes for the children. (Cllr Watson left the meeting) A donation of £50 towards the refreshments was proposed by HE, seconded JW. WM said that we should ask them what other events, activities and fundraising they carry out throughout the year.
Resolved to donate £50

- 267/22/23 NALC Pay Agreement.** The annual pay agreement had been received and the council were asked to adopt and agree to the recommendations. **Resolved to accept the agreement.** Proposed JW, seconded HE.
- 268/22/23 Community Asset Transfer.** Ideas were shared about the football field, the allotments and the old bowling green. It was agreed to pass this over until December to discuss again.
- 269/22/23 Code of Conduct. Resolved to adopt the new standard code of conduct.**
- 270/22/23 Memorial for Queen Elizabeth II.** Councillors did not feel there was any desire for a memorial in the village, but would remain open to the idea if parishioners expressed an interest.
- 271/22/23 King Charles III Coronation.** Councillors did not think there was much interest in doing anything for this. There were other issues to address that were more important. JW would ask about if people were interested.
- 272/22/23 Draft Budget.** The clerk read through the draft budget and explained which were the main areas that would need reviewing. Councillors that had any suggestions for items of expenditure would pass them to the clerk. The budget would be finalised in January.
- 273/22/23 Payments for Approval. Resolved to approve the listed payments.**

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount
101386	J Coltman	Salary Nov 22	£262.65
101387	HMRC	PAYE	£65.80
101388	J Coltman	Expenses	£255.58
101389	Parton Reunited	Grant	£50.00

- 274/22/23 Finance.** The clerk confirmed that at 01/04/2022 the bank balance was £18,437.31. Income totalling £21,752.61 had been received. Expenditure since 1st April totalled £7026.84. The bank balance as of 12th October 2022 was £33,163.08. There were uncleared cheques totalling £1289.45 so after they had cleared the balance would be £31,873.63. There was £8,000.00 in grant money towards the bus shelter included in this total. JW asked if there were still some garage rents to be received and the clerk confirmed that there was. **Resolved to accept the finance report.**
- 275/22/23 Planning Applications.** None to consider
- 276/22/23 Parish Councillor Matters.**
- JW asked what was happening with Queenies. The clerk said it had been reported and they had asked for a clearer location so she had now provided that too. JW said that there was also a light out. The clerk would pursue it.
 - ST had received a letter from a resident about traffic at the end of Foundry Road. The clerk would pass this information on to the traffic team.
 - ST said that the school was not very comfortable for meetings. The new owners of the Station said that we could use the room there for meetings. Everybody said they would prefer to try the Station for meetings.
 - LM said that there were dead rats being found as the grass was being cleared from behind the houses where he lived. The clerk said that this was Home Group's grass, but rats should be reported to Copeland's environmental health.
 - WM said that there were bad pot holes at the top of Parton Brow and on the junction of Seven Acres and Ramsay Drive.
 - ST had taken photographs of the flooded road and blocked drains on Foundry Road. The clerk had re-raised the issue with Highways.

277/22/23 Date of next Council meeting. Next meeting Wednesday 14th December. Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm
Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

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