

# **DRAFT MINUTES**

## **Parton Parish Council**

### **Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm in The Station, The Square, Parton**

Present: Cllr S Tumelty (Chair), Cllr A Armstrong, Cllr H Elliott, Cllr L McKee, Cllr W Morton, Cllr M Ryden, Copeland Councillor D Banks

Clerk: Mrs J Coltman

Members of the public: 1

Invited but did not attend: Cllr J Williamson, County Councillor M Barbour, Cumberland Councillor G Troughton, Copeland Councillor J Bowman, representative from Home Group, representative from Cumbria Constabulary.

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

- 312/22/23 To Approve the Minutes** of the Parton Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023. **Resolved to approve the minutes.**
- 313/22/23 Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllrs Sinar and Watson who were both unwell. **Resolved to accept apologies.**
- 314/22/23 Exclusion of Press and Public. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** There were no items that needed to be heard in private.
- 315/22/23 Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
- 316/22/23 Home Group.** The representative of Home Group had not turned up. She had made a note of the date at her last attendance in December.
- 317/22/23 Public Participation.** A member of the public said that they were looking for ideas for the coronation weekend. They would set up a big screen in the village hall to broadcast the coronation live, there would be competitions and prizes. They suggested a best dressed house competition.
- 318/22/23 Reports from Ward or County Councillors or Guest Speakers.**  
Cllr Banks said that Copeland councillors were doing less as the work was taken on by the new councillors for the new authority. He had attended the presentation by National Highways at Lowca and had requested a pedestrian refuge be put in at Parton Brow while the road was being resurfaced, but they refused. He suggested the parish council ask the same question.
- 319/22/23 Police Matters.** The crime map had been circulated. There were 6 offences in total in December.
- 320/22/23 Clerk's Updates:**
- **St Bridget's Footpath.** A letter had been sent to Cumbria Highways to request a proper footpath be established at road level and the road widened with a left turn lane so that traffic could exit to the left and turn around at the Howgate roundabout during busy periods, rather than attempt a right turn across the heavy flow of traffic.
  - **Lights at Rosehill junction.** The clerk had attended the National Highways meeting at Lowca on 18<sup>th</sup> January and it had been stated that there would be lights and a crossing at the Rosehill junction. This should provide a break in traffic for people further along to be able to pull out. ST would ask the representative on Friday about ensuring that the junctions were marked so that queueing traffic didn't block them. ST said that Highways were in the village hall every Friday 10-12.
  - **Bus Shelter A595.** The clerk spoke to the National Highways representative after the meeting and they had offered to provide a shelter at this location.
  - **Bus Shelter, Ramsay Drive.** The agreement was still with Home Group's legal department. The clerk would chase.
  - **Pot Hole in the Square.** This has been reported to United Utilities. The clerk would chase.
  - **New PCSO.** An invite to attend had been sent to the new PCSO, but she was out of office for the

meeting date, so the invitation was forwarded to the neighbourhood policing team with no response received.

- **Highways Issues.** Grit bins had been refused as they did not meet the criteria to get a bin. The run off into Bankyard Road was being looked at jointly by CCC and CBC. The light in The Square had been fixed. Ongoing: flooding on Foundry Road, overgrown path on Black Bank and pot holes on Parton Brow had all been assigned to a highways team.
- **War Memorial** Quotes were still being sought. This was now advertised on the council's Facebook page.
- **Community Asset Transfer.** SIS Pitches had not responded to requests for a quote. Clerk would continue to chase and would notify the full council when a meeting/site visit was arranged so that everybody could attend.
- **Garages.** The clerk had received an email querying the large jump in garage rents. A renewal letter had been sent which explained that there had been no increase since 2020 and had the rate been index linked it would have been £54, plus the £15pa increase worked out to less than 29p per week. The letter also mentioned the rubbish behind the garages. ST said that he thought that the 60% increase was too much and would like to propose that the rent was frozen for at least five years. The clerk would add that to the next agenda.
- **Traffic Speed.** The clerk had emailed regarding the speeding, parking and double yellow lines from the last meeting but had not received a response. ST queried when the double yellow lines would be in place from the TRO's earlier in the year. The clerk would chase.

**321/22/23**      **Amendment to Memorial Bench Policy.** An error in the memorial bench policy has been noticed. All of the original benches were made from plastic but the policy stated that they should be made of wood. **Resolved To amend the policy to state recycled plastic rather than wood.**

**322/22/23**      **Parton in Bloom.** HE said that it would be nice to arrange a Parton in Bloom competition to coincide with the coronation. Suggested categories Best front garden, Best window box/hanging basket and Best miniature garden for children. HE was seeking sponsorship for the event and would finalise details at the next meeting.

**323/22/23**      **Play Park Report.** AA explained which were the priority items to attend to. **Resolved the clerk to order half of the quantity of bark delivered last time. AA and ST would look at the equipment to assess further.**

**324/22/23**      **Annual Parish Meeting. Resolved to hold the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

**325/22/23**      **Payments for Approval. Resolved to approve the listed payments.**

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount
101396	J Coltman	Salary	£284.35
101397	HMRC	PAYE	£71.00

**326/22/23**      **Finance.** The clerk confirmed that the book balance at 8<sup>th</sup> February was £29,944.74, which included £8,000 ring-fenced grant money. **Resolved to accept the finance report.**

**327/22/23**      **Planning Applications.** None to consider

**328/22/23**      **Parish Councillor Matters.**

- HE had arranged a meeting for 16<sup>th</sup> March with UU regarding the smell and sanitary waste etc being washed up. She would let other councillors know once a time was confirmed so that they could also attend
- AA said that the bowling green had been fenced off and sheep were in there. They were getting in from the neighbouring field so the entrance had been blocked so that they would not get out onto the road, but there was no food or water for them in there. The clerk would notify Copeland.
- AA said that the people delivering the new recycling bins had cut the cable ties off of them and just thrown them on the floor. The clerk would notify Copeland
- AA said that postal workers were dropping the rubber bands which were a danger to wildlife. The clerk would notify Royal Mail.

- WM asked if there was progress on getting the retaining boards for play park. The clerk had a quote for the timber but did not know the required quantities. A member of the public said that her husband had worked out the quantities and she would email this to the clerk.
- ST reminded everyone that National Highways would be in the village hall every Friday morning 10-12 to answer any questions relating to the A595 works. Council agreed to ask him to come to the next meeting to answer any questions.

**329/22/23      Date of next Council meeting. Next meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

The meeting closed at 8.32pm  
Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

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

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