

Parton Parish Council

Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting

Held on 10th March 2023 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, Main Street, Parton

Present: Cllr S Tumelty (Chair), Cllr A Armstrong, Cllr H Elliott, Cllr L McKee, Cllr W Morton, Cllr A Watson, and Cllr J Williamson. PCSO S Watson. Mr S Mason (National Highways)

Clerk: Mrs J Colman

Members of the public: 5

Invited but did not attend: Cllr R Sinar, County Councillor M Barbour, Cumberland Councillor G Troughton, Copeland Councillors J Bowman and D Banks.

Mr Mason from National Highways gave an update on the progress of the works on the A595 and answered questions from members of the public.

Home Group had been unable to attend but had sent an update which was read out by the clerk.

PCSO Watson introduced herself and said that she was the new PCSO for the Parton area and would be happy to engage with people when she is in the village. She would look to organise a police desk event in the village hall in April.

The chair thanked the guest speakers and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting started at 7.28pm.

- 330/22/23** **To Approve the Minutes** of the Parton Parish Council meeting held on 8th February 2023. **Resolved to approve the minutes.**
- 331/22/23** **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Ryden who was away. **Resolved to accept apologies.**
- 332/22/23** **Exclusion of Press and Public. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** There were no items that needed to be heard in private.
- 333/22/23** **Declarations of Interest.** ST declared a personal interest in a grant application.
- 334/22/23** **Public Participation.** A member of the public said that there were rocks falling on the Wagon Road. The clerk confirmed that this has been passed on to Network Rail.
- 335/22/23** **Reports from Ward or County Councillors or Guest Speakers.** None Present
- 336/22/23** **Clerk's Updates:**
- **St Bridget's Footpath.** It was unlikely that the footpath would be adopted, but we were continuing to ask if Cumbria Highways would replace the fence instead.
 - **Bus Shelter A595.** The clerk had an online meeting with National Highways who were going to sort the licence and another was scheduled for Monday to finalise the wording. They would install the shelter.
 - **Bus Shelter, Ramsay Drive.** The agreement had been returned and Home Group were asking for the final specification for the bus shelter which the clerk would supply to them.
 - **Pot Hole in the Square.** United Utilities had said that it wasn't them. The appearance of the pothole had coincided with works and road closures by ENWL, so the clerk had passed this on to them.
 - **Highways Issues.** Pot holes on Parton Brow had been accepted as a safety issue and was on the list of works to be done. Blocked drains on Foundry Road were still showing as active as was the overgrown path on Black Bank. Both had been assigned to a highways team. The water running out of Black Bank on to Bank Yard Road was being looked at by Cumbria Highways. They were asking about drains in the area.
 - **War Memorial** Quotes were still being sought.
 - **Traffic Speed, Parking, Suggested parking restrictions.** No reply had been received from the traffic team, but the clerk had also chased the outstanding traffic restrictions and they would be in place by the end of March. The clerk would chase and AA would mention it to a governor.
 - **Play Bark.** The cost of the play bark had risen dramatically. This would be included in the agenda item for discussion then.
 - **Matters from last meeting.** The sheep on the bowling green had been reported to Copeland but no

response had been received. AA said that they were still getting through. The cable ties being dropped had been reported to Copeland but they had not responded. The rubber bands dropped by postal workers had been reported to Royal Mail who apologised, gave assurances that they were biodegradable and stated that they would remind staff to be careful.

- 337/22/23 Parton in Bloom.** HE had been trying to find sponsors but had so far had no luck. The three categories were Best Front Garden, Best Window Box or Hanging Basket and Best Miniature Garden for Children.
- 338/22/23 Play Park Quotes.** BARK: **Resolved clerk to order a full load at the best available price once the boards are sorted.** BOARDS: **Resolved to accept the quote from Constructive Actions and to ask for this to be completed within 30 days.** METAL REPLACEMENT PART.: **Resolved to accept the quote from Copeland Borough Council.**
- 339/22/23 Community Asset Transfer.** Quotes had been received from SIS Pitches to install a single or double MUGA playing area. There was a funding fair later in the month that the clerk and chair were attending. They would see what funding was available and report back to the council.
- 340/22/23 Garage rent freeze.** ST proposed that the rent be frozen for the next five years **Resolved to freeze the ground rent for five years.**
- 341/22/23 Grant Applications.** ST declared a personal interest in one application and left the room. **Resolved to pay for the bouncy castles for Parton festival at £130.** ST returned to the room. **Resolved to make a grant of £100 to St Bridget's PTA for the coronation colour run.**
- 342/22/23 Payments for Approval. Resolved to approve the listed payments.** JW asked about the non-conformist graveyard being cut. Brockbanks solicitors hold a fund for cutting the grass.

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount
101398	J Coltman	Salary	£347.61
101399	HMRC	PAYE	£87.00
101400	Lowca PC	Grass Cutting	£50.85
101401	J Coltman	Expenses	£41.14

- 343/22/23 Finance.** The clerk confirmed that the book balance at 8th March was £29,570.79, which included £8,000 ring-fenced grant money. **Resolved to accept the finance report.**
- 344/22/23 Planning Applications.** None to consider
- 345/22/23 Change of meeting date. Resolved to change the meeting date to the second Friday of the month at 7pm.**
- 346/22/23 Parish Councillor Matters.**
- HE had arranged a meeting for 16th March at 12.30 with UU regarding the smell and sanitary waste etc being washed up. Other councillors were invited. ST said he would attend if he was free.
 - HE said that the Bennett brothers would come in soon to do the work in the beach garden.
 - HE said that 26th March was the next litter pick but unfortunately she would not be here. Jayne Robb from the Station had said that she was happy for the equipment to be left with her.
- 329/22/23 Date of next Council meeting. Next meeting Friday 14th April 2023.**

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

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