

Parton Parish Council

Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting

Held on 14th April 2023 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, Main Street, Parton

Present: Cllr S Tumelty (Chair), Cllr H Elliott, Cllr L McKee (from 7.27pm), Cllr W Morton, Cllr A Watson.

Clerk: Mrs J Colman

Members of the public: None

Invited but did not attend: Cumberland Councillor G Troughton.

The meeting started at 7.02pm.

- 348/23/24** **To Approve the Minutes** of the Parton Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2023. **Resolved to approve the minutes.**
- 349/23/24** **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr Ryden who was away, Cllr Williamson who was unwell and Cllr Armstrong who had prior commitments. **Resolved to accept apologies.**
- 350/23/24** **Resignation.** Cllr Sinar had submitted his resignation due to ill health. ST proposed that the clerk send a letter of thanks. **Resolved to accept the resignation and send a letter of thanks.**
- 351/23/24** **Exclusion of Press and Public. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** There were no items that needed to be heard in private.
- 352/23/24** **Declarations of Interest.** None declared.
- 353/23/24** **Public Participation.** None present.
- 354/23/24** **Reports from Cumberland Councillor or Guest Speakers.** None Present
- 355/23/24** **Clerk's Updates:**
- **St Bridget's Footpath.** Discussions were ongoing.
 - **Bus Shelter A595.** National Highways would inspect the site later this month and confirm the size and location that would be suitable.
 - **Bus Shelter, Ramsay Drive.** The shelter specification had been provided and now it was just the licence we were waiting for.
 - **Pot Hole in the Square.** Details had been provided for the wrong pothole – the right details had now been obtained and would be forwarded. HE said that she had spoken to somebody from United Utilities who would see if they could sort them out.
 - **Highways Issues.** 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. Discussions with Cumberland Council were ongoing regarding the water running out of Black Bank on to Bank Yard Road.
 - **War Memorial** Quotes were still being sought.
 - **Play Park.** The boards and repair to the slide had been ordered. Once the boards were in place the clerk would order the bark.
 - **Printer.** There was £100 in the budget for a printer. The clerk would make a short-list for the Council to choose. This was not thought necessary and authority to make that decision was delegated to the clerk.
 - **Newsletter.** The clerk asked for councillors to forward any suggested items for inclusion to her or Cllr Elliott who was the editor. HE said that she had a number of items for inclusion already which she would forward.
 - **Flag Pole.** The pole had broken in the recent high winds. The council agreed that it should be replaced in time for the Coronation. ST had looked at some which were more sturdy. The clerk would consult with him on which one to buy.
- 356/23/24** **Grant Application.** A request had been received from Parton Pensioners for £300 towards the annual outing in the summer and the Christmas Tea. **Resolved to make a grant of £300.**

357/23/24 Payments for Approval. Resolved to approve the listed payments. ST proposed that as insufficient councillor signatories were present to sign the cheques that Financial Regulation 6.4 be suspended so that the clerk could be second signatory for the cheques. **Resolved to suspend FR 6.4.**

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount
101402	HA Castle Hire	Bouncy Castles	£130.00
101403	St Bridget's PTA	Events – Coronation	£100.00
101404	Constructive Actions	Room Hire	£60.00
101405	J Coltman	April Salary	£305.57
101406	HMRC	PAYE on Salary	£76.20
101407	CALC	Annual Subscription	£242.17

358/23/24 Finance. The clerk confirmed that the provisional book balance at 7th April was £28,992.73, which included £8,000 ring-fenced grant money. **Resolved to accept the finance report.**

359/23/24 Planning Applications. None to consider

360/23/24 Parish Councillor Matters.

- HE had met with United Utilities and discussed foul discharge. She had been advised to ring the Environment Agency if there were any problems in the future.
- ST asked if the clerk could find a contact within UU to see if the contractors working on the A595 could move the soil mound at the side of the treatment works.
- WM asked if a “No ball games” sign could be put on the end terrace house in The Square. The clerk stated that wasn't possible as it wasn't the council's land/property, but we could contact open spaces on their behalf and try to get them to take action.
- AW said that she had been asked about the whereabouts of the village hall deeds by a concerned resident. This wasn't a council matter but ST would raise with the village hall at their next meeting.
- WM said that a lot of people had been complaining about the bus shelters taking a long time to get sorted. He asked why the war memorial wasn't progressing and the clerk said that it was difficult to find workmen locally. He asked what was happening with the goalposts and asked the clerk to chase. There was an ongoing problem with water running across the road on the corner of Seven Acres and Ramsay Drive, but the cause wasn't really known. It was suggested this might improve after the works on the A595 are completed, so it would be reviewed then. There was a fridge and a three-piece suite which had been left outside by the corner of Seven Acres and Ramsay Drive. He had reported it but nothing had happened. The clerk would chase. He asked what was happening with the render on Seven Acres. ST asked if they had been invited to this meeting. The clerk said that she had not put it on the agenda, but she has asked them to either attend or send a report for the annual parish meeting on 17th May and she would ask them to address that point.
- AW asked when the passes were expected for the road closures and ST said they were being printed.
- ST said that some of the lights along the A595 were not working. He would try to find the lamp numbers and the clerk would report. A resident had complained about the water running down from the A595 onto his land. The clerk said that this would be a highways issue and is probably related to the ongoing works. She would report the problem.

361/23/24 Date of next Council meeting. Friday 12th May 2023 – The Annual Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.51pm
Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

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