

Parton Parish Council

Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting

Held on 9th June 2023 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, Main Street, Parton

Present: Cllr S Tumelty (Chair), Cllr A Armstrong, Cllr H Elliott, Cllr W Morton, Cllr A Watson (from 7.26pm), Cllr J Williamson. Cumberland Councillor G Troughton

Clerk: Mrs J Colman

Members of the public: None

The meeting started at 7.01pm.

392/23/24 **Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllrs McKee, Robb & Ryden. **Resolved to accept apologies.**

Councillor Williamson made his declaration of acceptance of office

393/23/24 **Exclusion of Press and Public.** No items required exclusion of press and public.

394/23/24 **Declarations of Interest.** None.

395/23/24 **To Approve the Minutes** of the Annual Council meeting held on 12/05/23. **Resolved.** to approve the minutes.

396/23/24 **Reports from Cllr Troughton:**

- She had been in contact with Highways to ensure that the road closures had gone smoothly and that buses had been running.
- She recapped on the points from the Annual Parish Meeting including the traffic regulation orders. Clerk would forward the email to GT.
- Potholes were mentioned and JW would make a list of all the Highways issues and forward them to GT.
- A company called Fibrus were installing fibre broadband in the area
- She was still waiting to hear back about the football field
- There were Community Panels being established, ours called Whitehaven & Coastal. There was an investment strategy to develop the area. There would be public forums for community engagement.
- WM asked why we couldn't have pedestrian lights at the top of Parton Brow. GT would continue to push for crossings. The state of Briscoe Crescent was mentioned.

Councillor Watson made her declaration of acceptance of office

397/23/24 **Clerk's Updates.**

- **St Bridget's Footpath.** ST said that A E Yates had cut the grass and would replace the fence.
- **Bus shelter on A595.** The person from Highways England promised a call back on Tuesday.
- **Bus shelter on Ramsey Drive** paperwork was still with Home Group's legal team.
- **Pot Hole in the Square** had been photographed and reported again to ENWL.
- **Two Highways issues remained outstanding.** Blocked drains on Foundry Road, overgrown path on Black Bank. JW stated that the path was nearly impassable at the moment.
- **Play Park.** The slide part had been chased. The bark had now been topped up and spread out thanks to the volunteers. The inspection report would be brought back to the next meeting for a review and to decide the next item to concentrate on in order of priority.
- **No Ball Signs.** They had not been put in place yet but some children seemed to be aware.
- **CALC Special Meeting.** This was cancelled and would be rearranged.
- **Fly Tipping.** Had been reported again.
- **The Bank.** No progress.

398/23/24 **Planning Applications.** None.

399/23/24 **Update on Speeding Issues** had already been covered by GT.

- 400/23/24 Request to Lease the Football Field. Resolved** to request a formal proposal to be put to the Council in writing.
- 401/23/24 Review of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Resolved** the proposed Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were accepted.
- 402/23/24 Review of Insurance Cover. Resolved** to accept the renewal as circulated.
- 403/23/24 Review of the Complaints Procedure. Resolved** To accept the revised Complaints Procedure.
- 404/23/24 Review of the FOI/DPA Procedure. Resolved** to accept the current procedure.
- 405/23/24 Review of Press/Media Policy. Resolved** to accept the current policy.
- 406/23/24 Audit and accounts. Resolved** to defer agenda items 16-19 to an EGM.
- 407/23/24 Councillor Training.** No Councillors wished to attend training.
- 408/23/24 Parton in Bloom.** HE reported that she had seven entrants and asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to the sponsor.

409/23/24 Payments for Approval. Resolved to approve the listed payments.

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount
101411	J Coltman	Salary	£305.37
101412	HMRC	PAYE	£76.40
101413	J Coltman	Expenses	£792.75
101414	BHIB Ltd	Insurance	£291.95

- 410/23/24 Finance.** The clerk confirmed that according to end of year accounts, the balance carried forward was £29065 which included £8,000 ring-fenced grant money. **Resolved to accept the finance report.**
- 411/23/24 Parish Councillor Matters.**
- AW said that the caravan was still taking up a parking space. The small from the treatment works was bad. The Council's land registry maps were incorrect as she owned a part of the land. The speed camera needed to be better placed.
 - JW would make a list of all the work that needed doing in the area.
 - WM said that the grass needed to be cut at the bottom of Bransty Brow – the footpath. He said that the “No ball games” sign should be put up. HE had mentioned to the youth club about the children kicking the balls against the wall, pulling down the wall and dropping litter. The youth club had sent letters home with the children reminding the parents of their responsibility.
 - ST Congratulated HE on her recent marriage. A thank you card had been received from Parton Pensioners for the grant. Letters needed writing to two residents whose hedges & trees were a nuisance. An elderly person had fallen having to walk in the road past one hedge. Mr Messenger asked if the Parish Council could write to Cumberland and ask them to repair the fence on the bowling green. The football field needed cutting. It needed cutting properly because the edges were missed and the grass was shoulder height.
- 412/23/24** Cllr Ryden had not been able to make this meeting **Resolved** to allow Cllr Ryden to make her Declaration of Acceptance of office at or before the July meeting.
- 413/23/24 Date of next Council meeting. Friday 14th July 2023.**

The meeting closed at 8.27pm
Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

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