

# Parton Parish Council

## Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting

**Held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, Main Street, Parton**

Present: Cllr H Elliott, Cllr W Morton, Cllr A Armstrong, Cllr M Knight, Cllr J Robb, Cllr Shearsby, Cllr Ryden

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

No members of the public

The meeting started at 6.59pm. Councillor Helen Elliott stood in as Chair.

- 678/24/25      Apologies.** Resolved to note apologies received from Cllrs Tumelty, Watson, Ridyard and McKee.
- 679/24/25      Exclusion of Press and Public.** No items required exclusion of press and public.
- 680/24/25      Declarations of Interest.** None.
- 681/24/25      To Approve the minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2024.** Resolved to approve, all in favour.
- 682/24/25      Reports from Cumberland Councillor, Police of Guest Speakers.** None present.
- 683/24/25      Clerk's Updates.**
- An email has been sent to Soundwave in response to their letter, as of yet we have received no reply.
  - War memorial. The clerk needs to find other quotations for work with the war memorial so they can be included in the application. The date of submission has now changed to the end of February anyway, so this will be done in time. It was noted that it was previously very difficult to find people to quote for the work.
  - Train Station Access. The clerk is still looking into this and will get in touch with the contact at Sellafield to ask some further questions about the application.
- 684/24/25      Public Participation.** None present.
- 685/24/25      To Consider any Planning Applications.** No applications this month. There has been no response to the planning objection lodged in December 2024 yet.
- 686/24/25      The Green.** Also know as the Square. The Northern Rail heavy machinery that is moving over this area is creating a massive problem with pot holes and damage to grass verges. Cllr Elliot has put in a complaint, it was agreed the Clerk would back this up with a letter from the Parish Council. It was unclear which areas of this land are owned by the Parish Council, clerk to look into this.
- 687/24/25      Dog Fouling.** Cllr Shearsby declared an interest as her husband works for this team on Cumberland Council. This continues to be an issue in the area. Cllr Robb asked about putting up a sign on the parish council wall. Dog fouling can be reported via the Cumberland Council website, preferably with photographic evidence, and enforcement can take this up. Cllr Robb to contact Enforcement for signs and stickers to put around the village.
- 688/24/25      Car Park.** There continues to be a problem with people racing around the car park late at night. These need to be reported to 101 going forward. Clerk to look into speed humps to go into the tunnel.
- 689/24/25      School Parking.** There are problems with cars parking outside the playground, which means it can be difficult to get out from the square, especially for larger vehicles. Clerk to contact Highways to ask about getting yellow lines extended along the area outside the playpark. There is also a concern that children run between the cars and onto the road.

**690/24/25**      **Finance.** The following payments we approved:

Transaction ID	Payee	Details	Amount
PPC00025	Susan Stuart	Salary	333.84
PPC00026	Susan Stuart	Home Working Allowance	25.00
PPC00027	School PTA	Christmas Decorations	28.65

**691/24/25**      **Parish Councillor Matters.**

- Cllr Shearsby said a street light was out on Sevenacreas, clerk to report this to Highways.
- The clerk reported that the holes left when moving the bus stop still hadn't been filled in; we have been assured that this will be done by the end of January.
- Cllr Robb has contacted a couple of playground companies. An appointment will be made with Pentagon, they are a company who will also look for funding for this. Cllr Robb has also contacted MP Josh MacAlister for the possibility of matched funding. Cllr Robb will email councillors with a date for the meeting once she has it.
- Cllr Knight asked about plans for the picnic area in springtime. It was previously discussed people buying picnic benches instead of memorial benches. The beach garden itself still has benches in place and work was done by J&R Bennett. The rope around the edge may need some replacement and some more sand will also be needed.
- It was also discussed that there is a massive amount of memorabilia around the beach garden.
- Cllr Morton said that three panels have been kicked in at the Parton Brow bus stop. Clerk to get a quote for replacement.
- Cllr Morton also talked about getting the coastal walk repaired, as some of the concrete is breaking up. Network Rail have previously said this can only be repaired when there is an issue, it cannot be pre-planned. It was agreed it would be better if this area could be made more accessible.
- Cllr Robb says they still have the flag, this will be put back in when the weather gets better.
- The liquid cement to hold the bench down also needs to wait until the weather improves.
- The Christmas tree in the square needs to be removed, this may need to be chopped up before it can be removed.
- Cllr Elliot spoke about starting up the litter pick again as this continues to be a problem around the village.

**692/24/25**      **To Confirm the Date of the Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.57pm

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

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