

Parton Parish Council

Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting

Held on 13th February 2026 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, Main Street, Parton

Present: Cllr M Knight, Cllr W Morton, Cllr H Elliott, Cllr L McKee, Cllr V Shearsby, Cllr J Robb, Cllr A Armstrong

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

0 members of the public were present

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

832/25/26 Apologies. Resolved to note apologies received from Cllr Ryden

833/25/26 Exclusion of Press and Public. No items required exclusion of press and public.

834/25/26 Declarations of Interest. None.

835/25/26 To Approve the minutes of the meeting of 12th December 2025. Resolved to approve, all in favour.

836/25/26 Councillor Updates. None.

837/25/26 Reports from Cumberland Councillor, Police or Guest Speakers. None present.

838/25/26 Clerk's Updates

- There was an email received from Infrastructure and Planning at Cumberland Council asking for a list of bus stops/shelters. The names and places were noted by the Clerk to pass back to Cumberland.
- An email was received for the Supported Housing Strategy with a link to a survey if the councillors were interested.
- An email was received from a villager congratulating the Parish Council on getting the buses to come back through the village again.
- The Cumbrian White Tailed Eagle Project consultation has now concluded, an email was sent to councillors with information for stakeholders.
- Emails were sent from Cllr Elliott and forwarded to other councillors about the smell from the sewage works. Cllr Elliot has complained to United Utilities about this again, however, there was no forward movement on this. Cllr Elliott said that temporary pumps had been put in place, which brings a larger problem of workmen dumping their rubbish in the village. The possibility of including the local press in this was discussed.

839/25/26 Public Participation. No members of the public were present.

840/25/26 Playpark

- Cllr Robb spoke about the need for a better fence around the playpark while it is closed, Harris fencing is really what is required. Removal of the current equipment was discussed, but that would increase the costs of renewing the park overall. Cllr Elliot suggested asking the company that we will put in the new playpark to construct a fence just now for safety reasons. Proof of funds would probably be required for this.
- The Clerk had contacted Cumberland Council to ask if someone could come to the meeting and speak about the site and who it belongs to, however, there was no acknowledgement of the email and no one came to the meeting. Cllr Shearsby will follow up on this.
- The possibility of adverse possession of the playpark area was discussed, however, this process can take a minimum of twelve months.

841/25/26

Litter Pick

- The first monthly litter pick started in January. This was advertised on Facebook.
- Seven people attended the litter pick.
- The Ghyll has a lot of litter on it, including some larger items like bicycles and pylons; there is a lot of rubbish that has been left by builders, drums of materials, insulation and packaging wrappers.
- The council picked up the rubbish that had been gathered.
- The possibility of getting the school and the youth club involved in litter picks in the future.
- We continue to have problems with dogs fouling and owners not removing it, as well as problems with people dumping bags of faeces instead of putting them into bins.

842/25/26

Beach Garden Repairs

- Two of the posts in the beach garden have fallen apart, Cllr Elliott has some to replace these with, so she will do that when possible.
- The Clerk agreed to contact Cllr Ryden about fixing the boat, which she had previously agreed to do it.
- There is more sand required in the beach garden.
- There continues to be problems with weeds in the beach garden.
- There was talk of putting in a few benches in areas that might deter dogs from fouling. There have been a few enquiries about memorial benches, but nothing firmly asked for yet. There are a few other areas in the village when a bench might be a good idea.

843/25/26

Bus Stop Repairs

- The panel that was missing from the bus stop was previously quoted at £1,000 for a replacement as the manufacturer would not take responsibility for the panel being missing.
- The Clerk will enquire (Re: point above in clerk’s report) about the possibility of Cumberland repairing bus stops.

844/25/26

Parton Newsletter

- The next newsletter is due in March, so all submissions should be supplied by the end of February to give time for printing, etc.
- Cllr Robb will try to get information from the church and the Citizen’s Advice.
- There have been no enquiries from local businesses to advertise in the newsletter.

845/25/26

Village Action Sheet

- Cllr Elliott had spoken to United Utilities about problems with sewage smell.
- The street light on Ramsey Drive was to be reported by Cllr Shearsby.
- There had been a lot of night works at Network Rail, but this was potentially finished now.

846/25/26

Planning

- There were no planning applications this month.

847/25/26

Finance. The following payments were approved:

Transaction	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
PPC00071	Susan Stuart	Salary (Jan/Feb)	746.20
PPC00072	Susan Stuart	Home Working Allowance (Jan/Feb)	50.00
		TOTAL	796.20

848/25/26

Parish Councillor Matters.

- Cllr Robb said the church has begun the project for the 80th anniversary of the pit disaster on 27th August 2027. There is an appeal for photos and there will be an exhibition and memorial service closer to the time.

- Cllr Shearsby spoke about upcoming roadworks at Lowca, as these will affect Parton, they are scheduled to be up for seven weeks.
- Cllr Morton said the bus shelter on Ramsey Drive has started to become a gathering point for teenagers, it might be worth letting the police know about that to keep an eye on it.
- Cllr Shearsby said if Cumberland are not going to repair the bus shelter on Parton Brow, we might need to do something as it has no panels and it is where the children get the bus for school.
- Cllr McKee spoke about making a dog toilet area in the village like there is in St Bees, so people have no excuse to let their dogs foul in the village.
- Cllr Knight said the path at the beach is in poor repair, this has already been reported last year, but does not belong to the parish council.
- Cllr Robb said that Northern Rail are going to put up some information boards at the train station about Parton, so they are looking for photos and information that residents may have.

849/25/26 To Confirm the Date of the Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on 13th March 2026.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

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