

Parton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on 12th December 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Main Street, Parton

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

Clerk: Ms S Stuart

No members of the public were present

The meeting started at 7.00pm

832/25/26 Apologies. Resolved to note apologies from Cllr McKee, Cllr M Ryden.

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

834/25/26 Declaration of Interest. None.

835/25/26 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 14th November 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.

- An email was received from the architects who arrange the feasibility study on the train station, this has now been added to the job list and will be getting done in the new year. It was agreed to confirm this with Josh MacAlister's office.
- The flooding on Foundry Road was also discussed, this is being constantly reported by the councillors and clerk, however, no one is taking responsibility for the problem.
- A request was received for the precept for 2025/26 by January 2026.
- Moresby Parish Council are suggesting a meeting of local parish councils on the 26th January 2026 at Moresby Rugby Club, so they can group together and try to get issues resolved.

839/25/26 Public Participation. None present.

840/25/26 Playpark

- The Clerk received an email from Open Spaces, claiming that the playpark land belongs to St Bridget's School and that the register of title that the Clerk has that says it is owned by Cumberland Council is wrong. The Councillors had seen no evidence that this was the case. Cllr Robb will contact St Bridget's School to ask if they have any knowledge of this.
- Cllr Shearsby had formatted a letter with regard to the playpark and other issues in Parton to be sent to Josh MacAlister's office. This was read out to the councillors for agreement, all councillors agreed with the letter. It was agreed that this letter would contain information on the feasibility study for the train station and the flooding in the village.

- Cllr Morton thought that the last time the playpark was done it was funded by the Youth Club, the Clerk will try to establish how they did it and where they got the funding at that time.

841/25/26 Budget. It was agreed that the precept for 2026/27 would be set at £14,785. The budget and precept were agreed by all Councillors.

842/25/26 Litter. Litter picks will resume in January 2026, it will be on the last Saturday of each month at 2.00pm. No new equipment is required as we have everything already. This was in the Parton leaflet, so even residents without Facebook will be aware of it.

843/25/26 Parton Newsletter.

- The second edition of the newsletter was delivered to the Clerk and will be distributed in the next week.
- It was discussed that the Parish Council would be open to updates from anyone in the village to go in future editions.
- In future editions we should continue to update on what the Parish Council is doing and has achieved, as well as some historical elements regarding the village.
- The next newsletter will go out in March 2026, so we should start to put this together in February.

844/25/26 Brewery Brow.

- Water continues to be a problem on Brewery Brow and it is causing the road/pavement to crumble. There is a concern that this will continue to get worse as more houses are built in the area.
- There have been severe problems with the smell from the sewage works, this has been discussed with Unites Utilities again.
- There has been no movement on the site on Brewery Brow, however, water from the area is still running from the site and causing problems. Planning have already been notified of this, but nothing has been done yet.

845/25/26 Village Action Sheet.

- The Christmas tree has been put up.
- Cllr Elliot has spoke to Highways, Cumberland, Josh MacAlister and United Utilities about issues around the village, but nothing has been done as of yet about any of the issues.

846/25/26 To consider any planning applications. No applications this month.

847/25/26 Finance

Transaction	Payee	Details	Amount (£)
PPC00066	Susan Stuart	Salary	372.70
PPC00067	Susan Stuart	Home Working Allowance	25.00
PPC00068	HMRC	PAYE	0.40
PPC00069	Susan Stuart	Hippoprint Dec Newsletter	142.95
PPC00070	Matthew Knight	Christmas decorations	67.44
		TOTAL	608.49

848/25/26 Parish Councillor Matters

- Cllr Robb said that 15th August 2027 is the 80th year commemoration of the pit disaster. There will be a service at the church for this, but it might be worth thinking about what the Parish Council can do on the day as well.
- Cllr Morton asked if there had been any response about the bus stops, but the Clerk confirmed there had been nothing.

849/25/26 To Confirm the Date of the Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on the 16th of January.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm

Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

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