

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Bridgefoot Village Hall on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Ian Elliott (Chairman), Jean McCartney (Vice-Chair), Lynn Philipson, Carol Wilson, and Roland Bell.

Also present: Borough Councillor Peter Gaston, Miss Josie Clark, Mr Daniel Cassidy, and Rev'd Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk

There were no apologies for absence.

31/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

32/21 Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr L Philipson, the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2021, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

33/21 Public Section

The Chairman welcomed Miss Clark and Mr Cassidy, whose wedding reception is to be held in the Hall on Saturday 24th July. The arrangements for access were agreed and the Council extended its very best wishes to the couple on their forthcoming marriage.

34/21 Village Hall

- i. Hall hire money from Mr Peter Bratley was handed to the treasurer
- ii. The door lock is now openable by hand but will not be locked – the padlock will be used instead. New door to be investigated.
- iii. Re-opening date still to be 19th July 2021.
- iv. Cllr C Wilson to contact Kylie, the cleaner, for a thorough clean before 19th July including the fogging machine and ensuring sanitisers are all topped up.
- v. The small freezer had been removed.
- vi. A filing cabinet for use by the Clerk was still needed.
- vii. BT internet had not yet been installed following two no-shows by the contractors.
- viii. Kitchen to be emptied and made useable by 19th July
- ix. It was agreed that the organ be removed to the stage and photographed then placed on What's App.
- x. David is working though the list of jobs including shelving in the storeroom.
- xi. Thanks were expressed to Cllr R Bell for arranging for the new cardboard recycling bin.
- xii. Window cleaner to start ASAP and monthly thereafter.
- xiii. The light fitting above the toilet will be replaced ASAP.
- xiv. The small gate to the community land needs to be freed of growth
- xv. Thanks were expressed to Cllr J McCartney for the new signs for the car park. Signs cost a total of £123.48, half of which would be reimbursed to the Village Hall from the Parish Council's account.
- xvi. The Ukulele Band would be using the hall on Wednesday 21st July for a practice session. Cllr J McCartney to open and close for them
- xvii. £130 had been received from ABC as rental for the Election in May.
- xviii. Allerdale Restart grant had been received.
- xix. £11.67 had been received from Amazon.
- xx. Outcome of bid to Cumbria Community Foundation was not yet known.
- xxi. Cllrs J McCartney and I Elliott to transfer £10,000 from the Village Hall current account to the savings account.
- xxii. It was noted that, under Charity Commission rules, the accounts would need to be audited this year as the income exceeds £10,000 (Grants count as income).
- xxiii. Wheelchair access to both doors will be required.

35/21 Matters Arising

- i. Further to Minute 21/21 a lengthy email had been received from Steph Davis-Johnston of County Highways, which was read and discussed. The clerk was instructed to reply accepting the offer of a community speed watch through the village and to give the Chairman as the contact for establishing this.
- ii. Further to Minute 23/21 a Chambers and Harrison van had been parked on the car park and, following requests to the company, it had been removed.
- iii. Further to Minute 24/21 ii) an email from Home Group had been received confirming that the bank would be cleared of debris. Borough Cllr P Gaston reported that the churchyard had been cut recently.
- iv. Further to Minute 23/21 , The new noticeboard was due to be delivered imminently.

36/21 Chairman's announcements

There were none.

37/21 Allotments

All reported to be OK.

38/21 Clerk's Report

Nothing additional this month.

39/21 Authorisation on Payments.

HMRC	July Payment	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan	July Payment	£187.63
Little Clifton Parish Village Hall	Reimbursement for Car Park Sign	£ 61.74
HMRC	August Payment	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan	August Payment	£152.72

40/21 Planning Matters

There were no new planning applications, however, the council discussed a consultation with village residents about a possible development of 9 homes on land to the south of Scots Croft with access from Fell View. Although the Parish Council had not been included in this consultation, the Clerk was instructed to reply to Savills, acting for the County Council, informing them that this council would strongly oppose any such application as there are grave concerns for traffic and wastewater/sewage disposal issues. Also, to request that the Parish Council be included in any future consultation and suggesting that reply paid enveloped would have made it much easier for residents to respond. Cllr J McCartney to obtain signatures for a petition opposing the development, to be sent to Savills.

41/21 Parish Maintenance

Cllr J McCartney read a letter from the residents of Crossbarrow objecting to the noise, mess, smoke and smells emanating from a neighbouring property and asking that the Parish Council help them with this nuisance. The Clerk was instructed to report the issues raised to Allerdale Borough Council's Environmental Health Dept and the Planning Dept. Borough Cllr Peter Gaston stated that he had reported this matter to Simon Sharp at Allerdale before lockdown and was awaiting a response from them.

42/21 Co-option of Parish Council member

On the proposal of Cllr R Bell, seconded by Cllr I Elliott, Mr Daniel Cassidy was co-opted to serve as a member of the Parish Council for the unexpired portion of this council's term of office. Cllr Cassidy signed his declaration of acceptance form.

43/21 Matters for next meeting

None identified.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7pm*

(*later amended to Wednesday 15th September 2021).

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed Chairman