

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Bridgefoot Village Hall on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: County Councillor Alan Kennon, Borough Councillor Peter Gaston, Mr David Thompson and Rev'd Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk

There were no apologies for absence.

19/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

20/21 Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr L Philipson, seconded by Cllr J McCartney, the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Parish Council meeting, both held on 4th May 2021, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/21 Public Section

The Chairman explained that Mrs Jennifer Wright had intended to be present at the meeting to raise the issue of speeding vehicles both up and down the hill from the main road to Bridgefoot. This included Tendley Quarry waggons and Mrs Wright and others were concerned for public safety, especially the safety of children. Mrs Wright had explained the need for residents to park on the pavements as their vehicles were regularly damaged by the lorries and she herself had had to replace wing mirrors on several occasions after damage caused by passing traffic. The worst offenses take place between 7am and 8.30am. The Chairman had already contacted Traffic Management at Penrith who had confirmed that it would not be possible to have an officer present to monitor at that time of the morning.

After a lengthy discussion of various possible options, the Clerk was instructed to write to County Highways and ask that a representative of the road traffic group attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss this further.

The Clerk read emails from the police, who are monitoring speeding vehicles through the village, and from County Highways who have placed the Parish Council's request for a 20mph speed limit in the Lostrigg Close area of the village on a list for assessment when the Speed Limit Order is next to be reviewed.

The Clerk reported that Mr Ryan Tinkler had telephoned her to ask for some play equipment on the Village Green and had agreed to put his request in writing. At the time of the meeting, his letter had not been received. It was agreed that the matter be discussed at the next meeting, by which time it was hoped his letter would be available.

22/21 County Councillor Alan Kennon's Annual Report

County Cllr Kennon presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1. It was noted that Councillor allowances to support local groups have been reduced to £2,000 per annum.

Cllr Kennon was thanked for his report and for his ongoing support.

23/21 Village Hall

It was noted that this was the first meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the Village Hall since August 2020. In the interim a new ceiling had been installed, new storage cupboard formed to the right-hand side of the stage, and a trap door with let-down ladder formed over the stage to give access to the ceiling void. Two further hatches had been formed in the hall ceiling to give access to the void space for maintenance. Window blinds and stage curtains had been taken down for the duration of the works and then refitted, both being undertaken by Hillary's Blinds. The floor had been covered whilst the works were in progress and David had repainted the hall. Thanks were expressed to David and to Cllr Jean McCartney for organising off site storage whilst the works were in progress.

It was noted that the lock to the main door has finally given up the ghost. The Chairman agree to seek quotes for a new door as the locking mechanism is now obsolete and the door is not the most secure.

A few minor jobs were still required to tidy up the kitchen and it was agreed that the electric organ be disposed of, possibly via the village What's App group.

Shelving for the storeroom would be needed, and a filing cabinet for use by the Parish Clerk to store archive materials.

The glass splash back supplied in error when the kitchen was installed would be offered for sale for a donation, and the spare fridge and freezer to be similarly disposed of.

The new notice board would be delivered in July.

BT would install internet to the Hall on Thursday 24th June 2021.

Cllr McCartney reported that cheques from the Village Hall account had been issued for £120 for Hillary's Blinds and £260 to Cllr McCartney as reimbursement for the cost of storage by Brian Lee Storage for 4 weeks.

David was asked to clear the paths and drains around the Village Hall and to investigate the possibility of a tap outside the building.

Cllr McCartney to organise signs for the car park and the adjacent green area. Clerk to write to Mr Ryan Tinkler and Mr Glenn Tinkler thanking them for removing their vehicles from the car park and reminding them that the car park is for authorised users only.

The Clerk had applied to Cumbria Community Foundation for £10,000 to cover the cost of installing the new ceiling, to be considered by the committee on 30th June 2021. A second quote for the works was required and Chambers' had been asked to supply this.

Cllr Carol Wilson had successfully applied for a further £8,000 from Allerdale as compensation for the hall being closed during lockdown and was in the process of applying for £10,000 for IT equipment for the Hall.

It was confirmed that the reopening date would now be moved to 19th July.

24/21 Matters arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Minute 11/21 x) David would attend to the necessary repairs to the small gate.
- ii) Further to Minute 8/21 iv) The Clerk would write again to both St Luke's Churchwarden and Home Group in relation to the bank which needs tidying and debris removal.

25/21 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman commented that it was good to be back in the Village Hall for face-to-face meetings and that those councillors who had been unable to attend zoom sessions were able to attend in person once again.

26/21 Allotments

Cllr Stephenson reported that one allotment had had a change of tenant and all allotments were now let.

27/21 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts had been forwarded to the external Auditor.

28/21 Authorisation of payments

HMRC	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan	£162.91
R Bell	£270.00
R Stephenson	£900.00

29/21 Planning

There were no planning matters to consider at this meeting.

30/21 Parish Maintenance

Nothing new for this meeting to consider.

Matters for the next meeting.

Nothing new to be scheduled.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th July at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

Signed _____

Chairman

Kennon, Alan

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Annual Parish Report 2019/21

Alan Kennon, County Councillor

My District Cockermouth South includes the Parishes of Dean, Greysouthen, Brigham with Broughton Cross and Little Clifton.

During this time all meetings have been conducted virtually using online platforms such as Zoom or Teams. These have been an excellent method to keep contact with most if not all parishes during the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Local Committee for Allerdale
- Allerdale Highways and Transport Working Group
- Scrutiny Advisory Board – Communities and Place

Funding for various schemes from my local area allowance to improve the town and surrounding areas has been reduced to £2000 per member this year and into the future.

Cockermouth specific:

£1,000 Cockermouth League of Friends - for the seating within the shelter at the surgery (your divisional funding)
 £4,000 Christ Church rooms – towards new toilets (£1,000 you, £1000 Rebecca, £2000 community grant)
 £1,000 Kirkgate – virtual arts and craft sessions (Rebecca's funding)
 £1,100 King's Church – food to support those in need (DEFRA & DWP funds)
 £1,100 Highfield Community Centre – food to support those in need (DEFRA & DWP funds)
 £1,000 offered to football club

Allerdale wide:

£3,600 Fareshare – to support the food groups across Allerdale during April-June 2020
 £10,000 CAB – to support those struggling financially in Allerdale (DEFRA fund)
 £5,000 Age UK – to support those struggling financially in Allerdale (DEFRA fund)
 £5,040 Affinity Credit Union – promoting healthy savings habits scheme (people save a regular amount and one they get to £60, this is topped up to £100) (DEFRA fund)
 £10,000 Community Learning & Skills – cooking on a budget courses but with kitchen equipment and food included (DEFRA fund)
 £2950 Family Action – for emergency support with essential baby items (DEFRA fund)
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£10,000 Christmas food parcel project – providing families who are struggling financially around £60 worth of food for Christmas day plus spare. We worked with the food groups and primary schools in Cockermouth plus we had referrals from Family Action, Children's Services etc. (DEFRA funding)
£38,000 to various organisations to support adult only households who are struggling financially. This was for food, utilities and any essential items to keep people warm and fed such as cookers, fridges etc)

I think that's everything. Any questions of any of these just give me a shout.

Many thanks

Hayley

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