

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Ian Elliott, Jean McCartney, Ken Stephenson, Roland Bell, Lynn Philipson and Carol Wilson.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Christopher Stothard.

104/19 Declarations of Interest – There were none.

105/19 Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

106/19 Public Participation.

Mr Docherty updated the Parish Council on recent developments concerning a resident of Chapel Brow who had been issuing threats to neighbours, frightening elderly residents and blocking the footpath. The matter was now in the hands of the police and an arrest imminent. Mr Docherty had contacted Home Group on 20th February to report a death threat issued to him on 18th February, but to date Home Group had not been back in touch with him.

District Councillor Peter Gaston informed the council that he had held a walkabout with Pauline from Home Group two weeks ago and the matter was placed under that auspices of The Hub in Workington. Home Group had offered to interview the resident, who had declined.

107/19 Village Hall

- i) Money was handed to the Treasurer, as follows: £112.50 from Saturday and Sunday dancers; £20.00 private party 14th December; £7.35 book money; £20.00 private booking 26th December; plus money received directly to the Treasurer from St Luke's church. £80 had also been transferred via BACS from the Diocese of Carlisle for a training event held on 8th February.
- ii) Public liability insurance documents would be displayed on the noticeboard.
- iii) The Clerk gave a report on bookings, which were looking healthy.
- iv) Concern was expressed that some users were leaving the lights on after their session.
- v) It was agreed that users, including private parties, should be asked to empty the contents of the kitchen bin into the external bin at the end of their sessions, as this is not always happening.
- vi) It was agreed that, in the interests of health and hygiene, user groups be asked to bring their own tea towels in future.
- vii) It was agreed that any items left in the fridge would be disposed of by the cleaner on a weekly basis.
- viii) Clerk to contact all user groups regarding items iv) to vii), above.
- ix) Cllr P Gaston was thanked for arranging for stickers to be provided for the bins.
- x) The annual Food Hygiene check is due. Cllr J McCartney agreed to contact Sarah McGowan at ABC to arrange this.
- xi) A small occasional table had been left in the hall, bagged, for the last few weeks. The Clerk was instructed to dispose of it.
- xii) Following the successful advertisement for a Handyman, 5 applicants had been interviewed and Mr David Thompson had been appointed. Mr Thompson provided copies of his insurance documents, which will be held on file. Mr Thompson to be given keys for the Village Hall.
- xiii) The following jobs were identified for Mr Thompson to begin working on:
Framed photographs to be rehung.
Kitchen drain to unblock
Blanks to be fitted to kitchen sink.
Cleaning of public benches around the parish.

Further work would include the fitting of new toilets in the Ladies' and making good the floor in the same, once funding was secured.

- xiv) It was agreed that the ceiling needs to be replaced with some urgency. Two quotes would be required with time estimates and costs. Quotes to also include the formation of a doorway from the hall into the storage room. Possible sources of funding would include the Potato pot windfarm fund and CCF. Clerk to write to United Utilities asking for a contribution towards the cost of a new ceiling, as compensation for recent disruption caused by ongoing works, once the quotes have been received.

108/19 Matters arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Min 99/19, an estimate of £1078.73, being the annual cost of electricity to 30 streetlights in the parish, was received from ABC. The Clerk was instructed to request representatives of ABC attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss this matter, and to request a map of the locations of the 30 streetlights be provided
- ii) Further to Min 94/19 ii) the parking issues on Lostrigg Close had been alleviated somewhat.
- iii) Further to Min 91/19 i), concern was expressed that the dangerous wall opposite Nos. 1 – 4 Chapel Brow had not been properly repaired with only the application of some additional cement. Cllr P Gaston to pursue the matter with Home Group.
- iv) County Cllr A Kennon gave information on emergency funding for pothole repairs, drainage work and outstanding road repair work, which had recently been released by the Government. Across the Allerdale area this would total £750,000.

109/19 Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that equipment was on order and was within budget, which would allow for some training to be carried out as well.

110/19 Play Equipment

No progress had been made with this issue. The clerk was asked to investigate the possibilities of obtaining some play equipment from Twooey Toys of Wigton, and the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

County Cllr A Kennon left the meeting at this point – 8.15pm

111/19 Quote for repainting bus shelters.

No progress – agenda item next meeting.

112/19 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that speed cameras had been in the village recently, it was not known how many had been caught on camera.

The Chairman expressed concern at the number of scam phone calls purporting to be from Amazon, were currently being received by residents. The advice received was simply to hang up.

113/19 Allotments

Cllr K Stephenson reported that everything had been quiet over the winter months. Rats had continued to be a problem and more poison had been purchased to deal with this. The Clerk confirmed that new contracts had been sent out at the end of December and most payments had now been banked.

114/19 Clerk's Report. Nothing further.

115/19 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved for payment and cheques issued:

Rev J Morgan – Salary and Expenses	£179.92
HMRC -PAYE	£ 34.20
Mrs J Griffiths (reimbursement for rat poison)	£ 88.00

116/19 Planning Matters

1. Notice was received that full plans had been approved from application No HOU/2019/0223, for a single storey rear and side extension at Glenhey, Chapel Brow.
2. Application no HOU/2020/0032, Replacement of conservatory with single storey rear extension and decking at Dene Ghyll, Bridgefoot, was received. No observations or objections.

117/19 Parish Maintenance

- i) Cllrs I Elliott and R Bell to look at trimming trees around the Village Hall.
- ii) It was noted that the promised repair to alleviate flooding outside No 1 Valley View had not yet been done.
- iii) Cllr J McCartney reported that she had again reported dog fouling in the area from Lostrigg Close to Furness House, to ABC, who will monitor. It was noted that dog fouling can be reported via the Allerdale App. Clerk to reprint posters, which have disappeared.
- iv) Fly tipping in a field opposite the Melbreak appears to be with the owner's permission. Clerk to report to ABC, and to ask that a site visit be held with Cllr P Gaston, to investigate this matter. Cllr I Elliott to also report the issue to ABC Environmental Health.

103/19 Matters for next meeting

1. Play Equipment
2. Bus Shelters – quote for painting
3. Village Hall ceiling

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st April 2020

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed Chairman