

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7pm

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

Also present: Cumbria County Councillor, Alan Kennon and Rev'd Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brian Shaw.

62/18 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

63/18 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr R Bell, the minutes of the Meeting held on 9th October 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

64/18 Public Participation - No members of the public were present at this point but later in the meeting a young lady who identified herself as 'Leah' entered the meeting and asked who was responsible for the Hall and what happened on Monday evenings. Councillors replied that they were responsible for the running of the building, and Bingo sessions currently take place on Monday evenings. Leah then left the meeting.

65/18 Village Hall

- i) Booking Procedure. The Bookings form was reviewed, and the clerk was instructed to make two small alterations thereto.
- ii) Bingo - Attendance at sessions continues to improve and it was agreed that the procedures around ordering of bingo books etc., be reviewed at the end of the Financial year.
- iii) Christmas Meal After careful consideration, it was agreed that the Annual Tea be held on Saturday 12th January 2019 with over 59s entitled to attend. Tickets would be limited in number and allocated on a strictly 'first come, first served' basis. Cost of meals to be subsidised with a contribution of £10 per ticket, payable on booking and non-refundable, required from all requesting tickets. Posters and lists would be placed in the usual locations with a closing date for booking of Saturday 15th December. A meal and entertainment would be provided. Cllr J McCartney to book the meal with Jenna Harrison of Cockermouth.
- iv) Cllr J McCartney had purchased additional frames and was reimbursed for the cost of these.
- v) £10 book money plus rental from St Luke's Church, Coffee Mornings and Sunday Dancers were passed to Cllr C Wilson.
- vi) An invoice from Edmundson Electrical Ltd for new light fittings of £1666.08 (including VAT) was paid by cheque from the Parish Council's account.
- vii) Clerk to request return of key from Mr Bob Gunson.
- viii) It was noted that people are using the Hall's black bin as a dog waste bin. Clerk to request new public bins from ABC Environmental Health Dept.
- ix) Cllr C Wilson reported that the gutters and windows had been cleaned and the invoice paid. Council felt that the contractor had done a good job.

66/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Min 52/18 ii) the Clerk read a series of emails from Mrs Jennifer Wright which enumerated the problems experienced with speeding traffic.
Cllr J McCartney reported on her meeting with two representatives of County Highways who had walked around the village with her and noted numerous points relating to parking, speeding traffic, various hazards including horses being ridden to and from the stables, damage to motor vehicles, and difficulties for pedestrians wishing to cross the road. Cllr McCartney had requested a reduction in the speed limit through the village and had been told that the process for this was long and complicated. County Cllr Kennon further explained to the meeting the governmental process through which this can be done, and it was noted that it is difficult to achieve a reduction in speed limits.
County Highways had suggested a flier to every home in the village, produced by the Parish Council, into which County Highways would add their own paragraph.
Cllr McCartney had also requested 'SLOW' markings on the road at junctions, and County Highways might be prepared to do this. Flashing road signs had also been requested but County Highways would prefer to try the fliers first. The Parish Council felt that these would only address very local traffic and most problems are caused by through-traffic, especially rat-running through Bridgefoot when the A66 is closed and at peak traffic times.
The Clerk was instructed to request that the promised traffic monitoring equipment be employed as soon as possible. Clerk to also reply to Mrs J Wright's email.
- ii) Further to Min 53/18 iii) the clerk reported that an application to the Tesco bags scheme had been made for the defibrillator funding. County Cllr A Kennon reported that One Stop in Cockermouth had already held some fundraising activities for this project although he didn't know how much had been raised.
Clerk to obtain quotations for a play equipment scheme of around £40,000 and to apply for grants to fund the same.
Cllr I Elliott had made enquiries of Storm Electrical in Carlisle re solar panels for the Village Hall. It would be too late to apply to Robin Rigg in the current round of grants, but it was agreed that, once the information was collated, the clerk would begin seeking funding from various sources for this.
- iii) Further to Min 53/18 v) it was noted that the vegetation around the bus stop had been cut back.
- iv) Further to Min 53/18 vi) a letter from United Utilities was read and received.
- v) Further to Min 56/18 a letter of thanks was received from GNAAS.
- vi) Further to Min 53/18 iv) Cllr J McCartney had purchased the 3 x A4 sized signs and was reimbursed £136.83 for these. Signs to be erected at the gate to the green area adjacent to the Village Hall car park and at either end of the Lonning.

67/18 Chairman's Announcements - The Chairman reported on difficulties arising from requests for information from HSBC who would not deal with the Clerk and who were proving impossible to contact in any meaningful manner by the account signatories. Cllr J McCartney had been into the branch in Workington where she was directed to the phones and the representative on the other end refused to take the requested information from her. HSBC had said that, should the Parish Council fail to provide the information by 22nd November, the account would be closed.

In view of the fact that HSBC were proving to be so difficult, on the proposal of Cllr I Elliott, seconded by Cllr J McCartney, it was resolved that the account be closed, and a new account opened

with the Cumberland Building Society. Signatories to be Cllrs I Elliott, J McCartney, K Stephenson and the Clerk, J Morgan.

68/18 Allotments - all ok. Three people were currently on the waiting list.

69/18 Clerk's Report - nothing additional to report.

70/18 Precept 2019/20

The Clerk circulated figures for expected expenditure to 31/3/19 and anticipated expenditure for 2019/20. After discussion, and on the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr R Bell, it was resolved that the Precept be kept at the same level as the current year, being £7,500.

71/18 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

Rev J Morgan - Salary & expenses (Oct)	£ 175.53
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 134.20
Edmundson Electrical	£1666.08
J McCartney (for signs)	£ 136.83
R Bell (Grass cutting)	£ 180.00

72/18 Planning - No new applications to consider.

74/18 Parish Maintenance

Cllr C Wilson to ask the Contractor who cleared the Village Hall gutters to clean the Perspex in the bus shelter at Bridgefoot.

75/18 Items for next agenda - No additional items identified

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed..... Chairman