

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2018 at 7pm

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Brian Shaw and Carol Wilson.

Council received an update on Cllr Shaw's condition and all signed a card to be sent to him in hospital.

48/18 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

49/18 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr R Bell, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, the minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

50/18 Public Participation - No members of the public were present.

51/18 Village Hall

- i) Booking Procedure. After discussion, it was agreed that the clerk would produce a booking form which would include an agreement to pay for any damage/cleaning required should the hall not be left as it was found following any casual booking.
- ii) Cllr L Philipson reported that the numbers attending Bingo sessions were improving with 20 people present at the last session and five new people coming along. It was agreed that the issue of bingo books, costs etc, should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- iii) Cllr McCartney had obtained costings from Keswick Caterers for a Christmas Meal at £17.50 per head with a provisional date of 16th December. The possibility of reverting to previous practice of holding an OAP's Christmas Tea on the second Saturday in January was also discussed and it was agreed that, due to the lack of volunteers to help with such events, this would need to be catered from outside. There would be a need for patrons to make a contribution to costs whichever option was chosen, as there is a general lack of support from within the local community for the Village Hall, which has led to a loss of revenue. Cllr McCartney to make further enquiries of Keswick Caterers and take this venture forward in conversation with other councillors.
- iv) The Council was disappointed to learn that the proposed trip to Cleveleys and Blackpool had been cancelled through lack of support. Only 4 people from the parish had booked seats, with a further 14 from outside the village, making the trip non-viable. Cllr McCartney expressed her own personal disappointment at the negative response and comments she had received when attempting to organise this outing, and stated that, as a result, she would not be involved in planning any further events of this kind.
- v) The Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Support had been very successful. Not all money had yet been received, but the total raised to date was £431.66 which included a £125 donation from St Luke's Thursday coffee morning. Cllr L Philipson was thanked for her hard work in organising and running this event and congratulated on an excellent result.
- vi) The planned soup and roll lunches, to raise much needed funds, were not looking hopeful as there had been a disappointing lack of volunteers to help run these events, despite posters in the usual places asking for volunteer helpers.
- vii) Cllr C Wilson had asked a contractor to look at the gutters with a view to cleaning them out, and a quote of £220 was accepted.

- viii) Cllr I Elliott agreed to order the materials for the light fittings at a cost of £1,388. 40 +VAT. Mr Clive Hall had agreed to quote for fitting the same.
- ix) Cllr J McCartney showed a sample frame for the hall photographs. It was agreed that Cllr McCartney should purchase the required number. Workington Camera Club had offered to mount these in the frames for the cost of materials.
- x) Book money of £4.40 was to be passed to Cllr C Wilson for banking.

52/18 Speeding Traffic through Bridgefoot

The Council noted, with sadness, that a fatal accident had occurred at the bridge over the river Marron on the A66, on the morning of the meeting. The Air Ambulance had been called to the scene.

Concerns had been raised by two residents re speeding traffic and these had been added to the council's concerns and included in correspondence with County Highways and the Police. These had been discussed at the multi- agency CRASH meeting on 9th October and, as a result, traffic monitoring equipment would be set up in the village shortly. Thereafter, data would be analysed and a decision on the way forward made.

Further speeding issues were discussed, with Cllr K Stephenson voicing the opinion that 30mph is too high a speed limit though Little Clifton village.

53/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) County Cllr A Kennon stated that he was pleased to see the signs and rails were now in place on Oak Bank. Cllr Kennon was thanked for his help in bringing this about.
- ii) Further to Min 46/18 ii) a meeting had been arranged between Cllr J McCartney and Ms Steph Davis-Johnson from County Highways, on Friday 12th October at 1.30pm, to discuss traffic issues. The pot hole at the junction of the Bridgefoot/Little Clifton roads was discussed. This matter had been raised several times and was on County Highways' 'watch list' awaiting funding to make good permanently. A further temporary repair had only lasted a matter of hours. Cllr McCartney agreed to raise this issue with Ms Davis-Johnson during their meeting.

County Councillor A Kennon left the meeting at this point.

- iii) Further to Min 25/18 i) The Clerk updated the council on applications made for finance towards the defibrillator fund and the new play equipment. The clerk also reported that applications could be made to Robin Rigg Windfarm Fund for help towards environmental and/or energy saving projects. It was agreed that information be sought with a view to submitting a bid for funding to fit solar panels to the Village Hall roof.
- iv) Further to Min 46/18 i) Cllr McCartney had left a message for the dog warden and was awaiting a response. It was agreed that Cllr McCartney should obtain three A4 size 'No Dogs' signs to be placed at the green adjacent to the Village Hall car park and at either end of the Lonning.
- v) Further to Min 46/18 iii) Stagecoach had promised new time table cases would be fitted to both bus shelters.
The Clerk was instructed to write to Stagecoach asking that the vegetation be cut back around the bus stop at Kirkbeck House.
- vi) Further to Min 46/28 iv) United Utilities had agreed to send information to the clerk within the next ten days.

54/18 Chairman's Announcements - nothing further to report

55/18 Allotments - all ok. Three people were currently on the waiting list.

56/18 Clerk's Report

Notification of receipt of the second half of the annual precept was received.

A request for financial assistance from the Great North Air Ambulance Service was considered. On the proposal of Cllr K Stephenson, seconded by Cllr I Elliot, it was agreed that a donation of £200 be sent to this cause.

57/18 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

Rev J Morgan - & expenses (Oct)	£162.54
HMRC (PAYE)	£134.20
GNAAS (Donation)	£200.00

58/18 Planning - Details of the Consultation on Part 2 of the local plan were received.

59/18 Parish Maintenance - nothing further to report.

60/18 Items for next agenda - *Village Hall - to include discussion on Bingo and Christmas Party
*Precept 2019/20

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed..... Chairman