

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors Ian Elliott, Jean McCartney, Ken Stephenson, Brian Shaw and Roland Bell.
Also present: County Councillor Alan Kennon and Rev'd Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk.

There were no apologies for absence.

1/18 Election of Chairman

On the proposal of Cllr K Stephenson, seconded by Cllr R Bell, Cllr Ian Elliott was elected to serve as Chairman for the ensuing twelve months.

2/18 Election of Vice Chair

On the proposal of Cllr K Stephenson, seconded by Cllr B Shaw, Cllr Jean McCartney was elected to serve as Vice Chair for the ensuing twelve months.

3/18 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4/18 Matters Arising

There were none.

5/18 Signing of Documents

The Chairman and Vice Chair signed declarations of acceptance of office.

6/18 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on another good year for the Parish Council in which the council had discharged its duties with dedication and due diligence.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr J McCartney as vice chairman, J Morgan, Clerk, and Cllr K Stephenson for his continuing work in overseeing the allotments and ensuring all was tidy.

During the year, two litter picks had been organised with volunteers from around the village and it was good to see parishioners organising this themselves.

The Parish Council had continued to manage the running of the Village Hall and thanks were expressed to Mrs Carol Wilson and Mrs Lynn Philipson for all that they do to make this venture a success.

There had been major refurbishment of the Village Hall in the past twelve months including decoration inside and out and the fitting of a new kitchen. A 5 star hygiene certificate had been awarded by Allerdale Borough Council. Hall usage, both by regular groups and one-off hirings, was good.

A village trip and senior citizens Christmas meal had been held during the year.

In conclusion, Cllr Elliott stated that he believed the Parish Council is an excellent group of people who are about the parish and he is proud of the work they have done together. He extended his thanks to all members of the Parish Council.

7/18 Financial Report

The Clerk presented the financial report for the year ended 31st March 2018 and the Annual Return for 2017/18, It was resolved that the Annual Financial Report be accepted and the Annual Return be signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the External Auditor.

8/18 County Councillor's Report

County Cllr A Kennon presented his written report. Cllr Kennon attended various County Committee meetings during the year including the Local Committee for Allerdale, Allerdale Highways and the Scrutiny Advisory Board for Communities and Place.

Funding for local schemes had been reduced to £2000 per member, per year. Divisional Youth Funding of £1000 had been awarded to Dean Parish Council towards markings and signage to improve safety around Dean School and £1000 of Divisional Community Funding was awarded to the Kirkgate towards their family activity sessions.

Cllr Kennon concluded by saying that he enjoyed his attendance at Little Clifton Parish Council meetings and wished the Parish Council well in the coming year.

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

The meeting closed at 7.25pm