

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Ian Elliott, Jean McCartney, Ken Stephenson, Brian Shaw and Roland Bell.
Village Hall Management Committee Members: Carol Wilson, and Lyn Philipson.

County Councillor: Alan Kennon

Judith Morgan (Parish Clerk) was also in attendance.

Councillor Ian Elliott in the chair

136/16 Apologies for absence - There were none.

137/16 Declarations of Interest - There were none

138/16 Police Matters. No police officer was present. The Chairman reported that he had contacted the police regarding heavy traffic on the A66 and it was noted that a camera van had been deployed at Brigham School. Clerk to contact Police re the possibility of speed cameras and reminder signs in Bridgefoot.

139/16 Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr B Shaw, seconded by Cllr J McCartney, the minutes of the meetings held on 8th March 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

140/16 Matters Arising

- i) Further to Minute 125/16 i) County Cllr A Kennon had discussed the outstanding issues of village gateway entry signs and restricted access signs for the U2187 (Oak Bank Road) with County Highways. Signs now promised 'before August'.
- ii) Further to Minute 125/16 ii) Transfer of assets scheduled shortly. Cllr J McCartney and Rev'd J Morgan to look at equipment ideas and obtain quotes for same, for consideration at the next meeting.
- iii) Further to Minute 125/16 iii) Cllr J McCartney had obtained 2 car number plate sized signs with two more on order.
- iv) Further to Minute 125/16 v) The bench and fixing kit arrived; invoice paid by the Village Hall Committee. Site to be agreed. Cllr I Elliott to ask Mr D Wood for a price to install with a concrete plinth.
- v) Further to Minute 133/16 v) Clerk to report abandoned cars to the police.
- vi) Further to Minute 133/16 iv) County Cllr A Kennon agreed to see what could be done about the road signs left in the village following resurfacing work.

141/16 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that twelve volunteers had been involved in a village litter pick over the last weekend during which 26 bags of litter, car tyres and a mattress had been collected; all had been disposed of responsibly.

142/16 Public Participation - There was none.

143/16 Village Hall

- i) Mrs C Wilson circulated the most recent balance sheet figures. It was noted that no cash had been received from the Coffee morning recently - clerk to write to Miss L Wallace in this regard. No payment had yet been received from United Utilities - Clerk to chase up.

Copeland Borough Council had paid for the use of the hall for the by election. £21 had been received from use of the hall for a child's birthday party and Cllr I Elliott handed over the 'boot money'.

- ii) Cllr I Elliott distributed Business Cards for the village hall.
- iii) Cllr I Elliott agreed to obtain sample rubber bungs for the chair legs as many are missing and scratching the floor.
- iv) Cllr J McCartney agreed to find an address for Mrs P Round - to be passed to Mrs C Wilson.
- v) Mrs C Wilson requested meter readings for both the gas and electricity meters.
- vi) It was reported that the central heating had been left on for several days recently following use by one of the regular groups.
- vii) A complaint had been received from Mrs A Woodcock re the displacement of the Coffee Mornings for elections and floor polishing. It was noted that this was regrettable but, as dates are booked for up to a year in advance, and there is no way of predicting when elections will be held, it was difficult to see how this could be avoided.
- viii) Cllr B Shaw suggested solar panels might be fitted to the Village Hall roof using grants available from local wind farm funds. Mrs C Wilson advised against this from personal experience. Cllr B Shaw to obtain information and costings for further consideration. Cllr I Elliott agreed to look at shelving options and kitchen cupboards. Cllr B Shaw agreed to look at the kitchen tap which was leaking.
- ix) Mrs L Philipson reported that the attendance at bingo the previous Monday had been low but the Bingo generally was going OK.
- x) Cllr J McCartney asked that consideration be given to updating the kitchen equipment
- xi) Cllr J McCartney had obtained prices for a coach trip to Southport on 2nd August. Agreed accept quote from Irvings for a 53 seater coach at a cost of £575. Trip to be free for all eligible to go (over 59s resident in the parish or younger widow/widower). £12 for fee paying passengers, to cover cost of seat. Seats to be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. Trip list to be in Village Hall and Post Office, as previously. Clerk to produce laminated poster advertising event. All OAPs to receive £5 tea money. Mrs L Philipson and Cllr J McCartney to organise bingo and raffle on the bus.
- xii) Mrs L Philipson supplied prices for 3 vacuum cleaners - agreed to purchase 'Henry'.
- xiii) It was reported that the cleaner was now working in the Hall on Wednesday mornings.
- xiv) Mrs L Philipson to arrange purchase of a washing basket for used tea towels Mrs Philipson washes all used tea towels weekly but some users were still hanging used towels on the radiators to dry - it was agreed there was a need to educate some hall users on this matter.

144/16 Allotments

Cllr K Stephenson reported that all was well with the allotments.

A letter of complaint from Mr L Walker was received, relating to rubbish in the adjoining hedge between the allotments and his property. Cllr K Stephenson agreed to speak to Mr Walker to see what could be done.

145/16 Clerk's Report

Notification was received from ABC that the 1st half of the Parish Precept had been paid by BACS, £2,750.

146/16 Authorisation of Payments

The following were approved:

Cumbria Children's Dyslexic Association	£ 100.00
HMRC PAYE	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan, Salary and Expenses	£ 157.62
Border Floors Ltd	£1200.00
J McCartney (reimbursement for signs)	£ 30.00

147/16 Planning

- i) Notification was received that Planning Appl HOU/2017/0030 - Mr M McCartney, Proposed front porch and garage extension, 7, Lostrigg Close - had been approved.

148/16 Parish Maintenance

- i) Cllr I Elliott agreed to contact Mr D Wood for repair to the broken board on the steps to the community land adjacent to the village hall car park.
- ii) Clerk to report dog fouling to ABC again.
- iii) There was a lengthy discussion of problems caused by children playing on the village hall car park, kicking balls on the roof and round vehicles, with potential for damage to both. It was hoped that the better weather would result in the children using the play area which had been provided for this purpose and it was agreed to monitor the situation, with letters to parents should this recur.
- iv) Cllr R Bell reported increased problems with pot holes on the U2187. County Cllr A Kennon advised that an extra £60 million had been allocated to CCC over the next 3 years to deal with potholes, an unprecedented amount. Clerk to report potholes on the U2187, outside fell view and on the junction at Little Clifton/Bridgefoot, via HIMS

149/16 Matters for next meeting - Reminder - next meeting will be the Annual Village Meeting followed by the AGM

150/16 Date of next meeting - Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed Chairman