

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th December 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.

76/18 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

77/18 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, the minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

78/18 Public Participation - No members of the public were present.

79/18 Village Hall

- i) Various amounts of money were handed over and these would be passed to the Treasurer, Cllr C Wilson.
- ii) Mr Bob Gunson had returned three sets of keys, one of which was passed to the Parish Clerk.
- iii) Christmas Meal As only 17 people had registered for this, it was decided that the event be cancelled. Further, Cllr J McCartney reported several very negative comments made to her in the process of attempting to organise this event, including allegations that the Parish Council had spent all of the Village Hall's money, which is patently untrue. Cllr McCartney stated that she had now had three attempts at organising community events which had all been cancelled due to lack of support and, as a result, she was not prepared to do this in future. Cllr L Philipson also reported that there had been negative comments about the Bingo sessions taking a Christmas break. It was unanimously agreed that less time would be spent on Village Hall matters in future Parish Council meetings, especially as the Hall is generally unsupported by villagers.
- iv) Cllr J McCartney reported difficulties with a party held on 8th December when she had to insist that the hirers cleaned the hall before departing. Subsequently the cleaner had discovered the female and disabled toilets to have been left in a dirty and inappropriate state by the same party. Clerk to enquire of Cllr C Wilson as to the additional costs of cleaning, with a view to billing the hirer for these. It was agreed that no further bookings be taken from this hirer.
- v) Two new litter bins had been supplied by ABC and these were welcomed.
- vi) The bus shelter had been cleaned at a cost of £40 and the same contractor will clean the hall windows for £8 a time.
- vii) It was noted that the Village Hall security light needed attention.
- viii) It was noted that people are using the Hall's black bin as a dog waste bin. Clerk to request

80/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) County Cllr Kennon offered a grant of £1,000 towards the defibrillator project and stated that Hayley Bishop would be in touch with the clerk to progress this. It was thought that One Stop in Cockermouth has also been raising money towards this although the amount was not yet known.

- ii) It was noted that the promised traffic monitoring equipment had still not been employed. Clerk to write again to Amber Sykes in this regard.
- iii) The new lights for the Village hall had been delivered and would be fitted shortly.
- iv) Signs had been erected at either end of the Lonning and at the car park/field entrance.
- v) A new bank account had been opened with Cumberland Building Society and instructions issued to HSBC to close the parish council's account there.
- vi) Forms had been submitted to ABC for the 2019/20 Precept.

81/18 Chairman's Announcements - The Chairman reported that he had recently visited Cllr Shaw in hospital and updated the council on Cllr Shaw's progress to date. It was noted that the clerk continues to send copies of draft minutes to Cllr Shaw to keep him updated on the council's activities and this is appreciated.

82/18 Allotments - all ok.

83/18 Clerk's Report - The following items of correspondence were received:

- i) Letter from Cllr Barbara Cannon (ABC) re proposals to pass responsibility for street lighting to town and parish councils - noted
- ii) Undated and unsigned letter from 'Mr and Mrs Occupier, Ellers View' read and received. Cllr A Kennon updated the council on plans for road and verge maintenance by CCC in future years to 2022. Documents relating to this were passed to Cllr J McCartney.

84/18 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

Rev J Morgan - Salary & expenses (Dec)	£ 161.92
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - Salary (Jan)	£ 150.72
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - Salary (Feb)	£ 150.72
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
R Stephenson (Grass cutting)	£ 170.00
I Elliott (Chairman's expenses)	£ 150.00

85/18 Planning - No new applications to consider.

86/18 Parish Maintenance

- i) Clerk to report via HIMS system a collapsing and buckled metal grid water draincover plate adjacent to 4 Chapel Terrace, which has the potential to split.
- ii) A noisy cat and noisy exhaust 'bangs' had been reported in the village. No action can be taken over either annoyance.
- iii) Clerk to raise again with County Highways the pothole on the corner of the junction with Bridgefoot and Little Clifton which reopens almost immediately a temporary repair is effected.
- iv) Clerk to follow up on a complaint already made to ABC by Cllr McCartney relating to various difficulties with the new refuse collection team in the parish.

87/18 Items for next agenda - No additional items identified

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed..... Chairman