

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Ian Elliott, Jean McCartney, John Dixon, Ken Stephenson, Brian Shaw and Roland Bell.

Village Hall Management Committee Members: Carol Wilson, and Lyn Dixon.

County Councillor: Alan Kennon

Judith Morgan (Parish Clerk) was also in attendance.

Councillor Ian Elliott in the chair

121/16 Apologies for absence - there were none.

122/16 Declarations of Interest - Cllr J McCartney declared an interest in an item to be discussed under Planning Applications and took no part in the discussion about this matter.

123/16 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 Broughton Cross.

124/16 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 14th December 2016, 11th January 2017 and 1st February 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

125/16 Matters Arising

- i) Further to Minute 108/16 i) and v); it was noted that Kevin Cosgrove is no longer with the Allerdale team for County Highways, new contact is Karl Melville. County Cllr A Kennon agreed to progress the outstanding issues of village gateway entry signs and restricted access signs for the U2187 (Oak Bank Road) with County Highways.
- ii) Further to Minute 108/16 iii) Notification was received from Hayley Bishop that £2,249 had been allocated for play/recreational equipment for the green area adjacent to the Village Hall. Quotes would be required. Transfer of assets scheduled shortly.
Carol Wilson left the meeting at this point, 7.10pm
- iii) Further to Minute 115/16 ii) Cllr J McCartney reported that local residents had agreed to signs being placed and a quote of £15 each for car number plate sized signs had been obtained. Resolved: Cllr McCartney to order 4 signs - Parish Council to pay for these.
- iv) Further to Minute 116/16 It was reported that the Sunday Dance Group now have keys to the Village Hall; Chain had been purchased, padlock still required; Cheque for the new tables has been banked.
- v) Further to Minute 120/16 xi) A bench and fixing kit had been ordered; the cooker is in good working order (noted that the clock needs to be reset once the power has been switched off otherwise the cooker will not work); Lynn Dixon to obtain price for new vacuum cleaner and large brush; Bingo and Coffee Morning attendances are increasing with more people coming along from Clifton.

126/15 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that it was good to see usage of the Village Hall increasing and commented that United Utilities had recently held an exhibition in the Hall and had commented that the venue was excellent, with particular reference to the parking and kitchen facilities.

127/16 Public Participation – There was none.

128/16 Village Hall

- i) It was agreed that a notice board be purchased for the exterior of the Village Hall, to advertise regular events.
- ii) Cllr I Elliott agreed to order Business Cards for village hall bookings, via Vista.
- iii) Cllr I Elliott agreed to obtain quotes to fit shelves to the locked cupboard, to be considered at the next meeting.
- iv) Various possible venues for a summer trip were discussed and it was noted that the trip to Southport had been very successful last year. Trip to be free for OAPs resident in the parish. Cllr J McCartney to obtain prices for coach before a decision is taken on this year's destination. Trip to be planned for either 2nd August or 26th August 2017. Village Hall account to pay for the cost of this.
- v) Money may be available from Autumn 2017 from the Wind Farm funds for energy efficiency projects for the Village Hall – possibly to consider energy efficient lighting.
- vi) Arrangements were in place for the Hall floor to be repolished. Redecoration to be considered later in the year.

129/16 Allotments

Cllr K Stephenson reported that all was well.

130/16 Clerk's Report

The following items of correspondence were received:

- i) Information on Electoral Review Consultation – poster to be displayed in notice board.
- ii) Letter of Resignation from Cllr J Dixon, who is moving away. Council accepted Cllr Dixon's resignation with sadness and extended their good wishes to him for the future.
- iii) Request for funding from Cumbria Dyslexia Project – on the proposal of Cllr B Shaw, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, it was resolved that £100 be sent to this project.

131/16 Authorisation of Payments

The following were approved:

HMRC PAYE	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan, Salary and Expenses	£238.40
Great Clifton P C (for poppy wreath)	£ 17.00
Cumbria County Council (annual rent)	£ 67.00

132/16 Planning

- i) Notification was received that Planning Appl No 2/2016/0606, Melbreak Hotel, had been approved. Noted that local people remain concerned re flooding risk.
- ii) Appl No HOU/2017/0030 – Mr M McCartney, Proposed front porch and garage extension, 7, Lostrigg Close – Resolved; no objections (Cllr J McCartney declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion).

133/16 Parish Maintenance

- i) Clerk to report dog fouling to ABC Environmental Health and to request painted signs on pavements through the village, as in previous years.
- ii) Cllr J McCartney agreed to speak to the refuse collection man about the bin on the top of Chapel Brow which gets full and needs to be emptied more frequently.

- iii) The state of the bus shelter at Bridgefoot was discussed and various remedies considered including attaching a self adhesive decorative motif to the existing Perspex and/or painting the Perspex. Cllr I Elliott to ask his contact, "David", for advice.
- iv) Road signs had been left behind following resurfacing work on the A66, clerk to request that the Highways Agency remove these.
- v) Two abandoned cars on Lostrigg Close are to be reported to the police, clerk to also request that the speed van be employed in the village through the week.
- vi) Clerk to contact Greysouthern PC re the possibility of purchasing a defibrillator for the village hall.

134/16 Matters for next meeting - Nothing new.

135/16 Date of next meeting - Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed Chairman