

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: Mrs Carol Wilson, Mrs Lynn Philipson and Revd. Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Alan Kennon

129/17 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

130/17 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr B Shaw, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th March 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

131/17 Public Participation - There were no issues raised.

132/17 Village Hall

- All user groups had been informed of the rental increase.
- The stage curtains had been rehung and were well admired.
- Mrs C Wilson stated that she will present accounts at the next meeting.
- It was agreed that cheques be issued to a) Border Fire and Security, b) Mr Parker (for flowers) and c) Mr D Wood for kitchen fitting.
- Various bookings were discussed and confirmed.
- It was agreed that Mrs C Wilson would source tabs to rehang pictures.
- A quotation of £2,683.27 had been received from Mr R Gunson for energy efficient lights, a further quotation was awaited for installation costs. Cllr I Elliott agreed to apply via Cumbria Community Foundation for grant aid from the Winscales Wind Farm Fund for this work.
- It was agreed that the fridge in the back room would be emptied and switched off, with anything currently stored in it to be transferred to the fridge in the kitchen.
- Cllr I Elliott reported that a resident of Greysouthern had offered to set up a Facebook page for the Village Hall, free of charge.
- The Summer Social evening was confirmed as Friday 3rd August with music from Stevie Dee, at a cost of £200. Any work required for the floor would be scheduled for after that date.
- Reports of dog fouling on the area between the bench and the Hall were received.
- Cllr I Elliott agreed to source a new bookshelving unit.

- A number of people had attended the public meeting on 7th April and were keen to organise fundraising events for the play equipment refurbishment on the Village Green, but, disappointingly, did not wish to form a committee. It was envisaged that they would organise one event per month with the intention of raising £10,000 towards the £42,000+ scheme, in order that grants from large funding organisations can be applied for. The villagers had been made aware that they need to take ownership of this project.
- There was further discussion of the Christmas Meal 2017 and Cllr J McCartney confirmed that the majority of attendees had thoroughly enjoyed the event. It was noted that rental revenue will cover the costs of running and maintaining the Village Hall but would not stretch to financing further free events in the future.
- Attendance at Bingo sessions had improved following the delivery of fliers to every house in the parish. Bingo to be reviewed again in September 2018. Mrs L Philipson asked for assistance in running the Bingo sessions on 14th and 21st May, due to her having other commitments on those dates. Cllr B Shaw offered to cover the 14th May session.

133/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Minute 121/17 vii) The clerk had contacted County Cllr K Little who advised that the pothole is being monitored weekly and is on the schedule for a full repair. It was further noted that the school bus turns at that corner twice a day, further churning up the potholed area.
- ii) Further to Minute 119/17 The fliers and posters advertising the Village Green Development had been distributed to every household in the parish. Thanks were expressed to Mrs C Wilson for producing the fliers and to the volunteers who delivered them.
- iii) A further donation of £5 was received for the Defibrillator fund. In addition a resident, Mr Darren Brown, has offered to undertake a sponsored walk and bike ride of 68 miles on Sunday 3rd June. It is understood that Mr Brown will be organising his own publicity for this event.
- iv) Further to Minute 121/17 v) Cllr J McCartney agreed to attempt to obtain copies of the current timetable from the bus station now that these have been reprinted. It was noted that Mr D Wood has removed the front cover of the noticeboard to modify it.
- v) Further to Minute 121/17 xi) It is understood that the problems associated with rats attracted by duck food have been resolved.
- vi) Further to Minute 121/17 Cllr I Elliott confirmed that there will be a village litter pick on Sunday 29th April 2018 commencing at 1pm from the Pub. Allerdale Borough Council will provide high vis tabards, bags, gloves, etc.

134/17 Summer Community Event - Already discussed under Village Hall.

135/17 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

136/17 Allotments - all ok. Cllr I Elliott wished to record the council's thanks to Cllr K Stephenson for the work he does to keep the allotments in order.

137/17 Clerk's Report - Nothing new to report.

138/17 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - salary and expenses	£160.22

It was noted that the first half of the 2018/19 precept has been received.

139/17 Planning - There were no new applications to be considered.

140/17 Parish Maintenance

- i) Clerk to report to County Highways that the wooden handrails and posts on either side of the metal bridge over the ford on the U2187 are rotten and in need of replacement and to also request an 'Unbridged Ford' sign be placed at the bottom of the U2187.
- ii) Clerk to report to ABC Environmental Health to report, again, dog fouling along the roadside verge from Lostrigg Close to Punderland Farm as there had been no response to previous correspondence on this issue.
- iii) Cllr I Elliott agreed to ask Mr D Wood to resite the bin on the village green fence to a more level location, the existing bin being in an incline.
- iv) The Parish Council was delighted to hear that Mr R Gunson had offered to replace the fence around the village green for the cost of materials only, offering his time free of charge, provided volunteers would come forwards to help him. This can be counted as a 'donation in kind' towards fundraising efforts.

141/17 Items for next agenda

Chairman's report to Annual Village Meeting

Election of Chairman for the ensuing twelve months

Election of Vice chair for the ensuing twelve months

Approval of financial accounts 2017/18

Approval of Risk Assessment document.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7.00pm Annual Village Meeting to be immediately followed by the Parish Council's AGM.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed..... Chairman