

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Ian Elliott, Jean McCartney, Brian Shaw, Roland Bell, Carol Wilson and Lynn Philipson.

Also Present: Cumbria County Councillor Alan Kennon and Rev'd Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ken Stephenson

99/18 Declarations of Interest – There were none.

100/18 Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Cllr C Wilson, seconded by Cllr R Bell, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

101/18 Public Participation – no members of the public were present.

102/18 Village Hall

Cllr C Wilson circulated financial information and the figures were discussed. It was noted that the Village Hall is on track to make a net loss of expenditure over income of around £200 by the end of the financial year, but this includes spending of £788.60 on redecoration work.

The new lighting for the Village Hall has been provided by a 100% grant from the Windscales Windfarm Fund via the Cumbria Community Foundation and has incurred no cost to the Village Hall finances. It was thought that the money granted may also extend to include new lighting for the kitchen area and/or new outside lighting. Clerk to check the figures and forward relative information to the chairman.

Further bookings had been received from a child's birthday party on 14th July, two events for St Luke's Church, and booking by Allerdale Borough Council for borough elections on 2nd May and, possibly, European elections on 23rd May (if called). If the latter booking was required, permission was granted for polling booths to be stored in the Village Hall between the two elections.

The Hall had not yet received a new bin for card and paper recycling, Cllr R Bell to look into this matter.

The window cleaner charges £8 per visit, which was considered good value.

Various sums of cash were handed to Cllr C Wilson for banking, including £2.40 Book Money.

Cllr B Shaw to contact Border Floors for a date and price for annual polishing of the hall floor.

It was noted that the NepGill Residents' Association bookings are not in the diary; Cllr C Wilson to ask that all bookings be confirmed with the clerk, in order that double-bookings do not occur.

Seven pictures had been hung using the new style tape and had all, subsequently, fallen to the floor, several frames were smashed in the process. The Art Club had discovered the damage on arriving for their regular session and had very kindly cleaned up the mess and informed the clerk. Art Club to be offered one free session as compensation for the inconvenience.

Cllr C Wilson to purchase replacement frames from Wilkos, together with a pack of picture tacks, and the pictures, once reframed, would be hung in the old fashioned way.

The gentleman who framed the pictures had not wanted the £20 offered to him and had asked that the money be put towards the defibrillator fund, this had been paid into that account.

Mr D Wood had been asked to fit a wheelchair ramp to the front door to allow better disabled access. Door retainers would also be needed.

103/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Min 94/18 it was noted that payment of £155 for 5 allotments had not yet been received, following the return of the crossed postal order wrongly made out. Clerk to send reminder letter to the tenants.
- ii) Further to Min 95/18 Declarations of Persons Nominated and Result of Uncontested Election posters are to be displayed in the noticeboard.
- iii) Further to Min 96/18 The broken wall had been reported to Home Group via their website and a response was awaited.
- iv) Further to Min 97/18
 - a) Traffic issues and concerns had been passed to the Traffic Dept at CCC for attention.
 - b) The junction of the Little Clifton/Bridgefoot roads is to be resurfaced in late June or early July.

104/18 Chairman's Announcements – there were none

105/18 Allotments – nothing further to report

106/18 Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that:

- i) The first half of the annual precept had been received.
- ii) Our Defibrillator fund is to be one of three selected in May/June for the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. This will yield between £1000 and £2,500 for the fund, depending on whether the project is first, second or third in the public vote. It was noted that, together with the money already raised via envelopes and an auction, £1000 from County Council funds, arranged by Cllr Kennon, and money raised by Cockermouth One Stop shop, there would be sufficient money to purchase a defibrillator, box, fittings, installation, provide some training for interested members of the community and have an ongoing maintenance fund for the defibrillator.

107/18 Authorisation of Payments

The following were approved:

Rev J Morgan – salary and expenses	£188.93
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
J Bowe (for fitting new hall lights)	£316.00

108/18 Planning Application

PIP/2019/0003 Fletcher. Erection of between 1 and 4 dwellings on part field at Chapel Brow.

Council considered this application and would object on the following grounds:

Concerns for traffic congestion, site too close to A66, on a bad bend, access to and from the site would cause a traffic hazard, additional drainage needs and surface water run off would increase flood risk to the beck and the adjoining dwellings. Access would be too close to existing bus shelter, causing additional visual hazard for vehicles and pedestrians.

109/18 Parish Maintenance

- i) Clerk to report to ABC that the properties on Oak Bank and all properties on that side of the river Marron in Bridgefoot had been missed when the new recycling bins had been delivered. Also to report a quantity of purple bags regularly left in a heap at the end of Marron Lane, Bridgefoot, awaiting collection, sometimes for several days.
- ii) Clerk to report to County Highways three large potholes just over the bridge on the U2187 (Oak Bank) road.
- iii) County Cllr A Kennon reported a new bus stop is to be erected shortly at Hardygate.

110/18 Matters for Next Meeting - none identified.

111/18 Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm