

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2015

Present: Councillors Ian Elliott (Chair), Jean McCartney (Vice-Chair) and Ken Stephenson.

Also Present: Judith Morgan (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs John Dixon and Brian Shaw.

Councillor Ian Elliott in the Chair

51/15 **Declarations of Interest:** None.

52/15 **Minutes**
On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr I Elliott, it was **RESOLVED** – that the Chairman sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2015.

53/15 **Matters Arising**

- 1) Further to minute 36/15 the clerk was instructed to report, again, to the PCSO problems with speeding on Chapel Brow and Scots Croft and to report the deaths of two cats and the nudging of a horse by vehicles in the vicinity. Clerk also to write to Kevin Cosgrove regarding speed reduction measures for Scots Croft.
- 2) Further to minute 3/15 an email from Rebecca Arkley was read and received and the clerk instructed to write to her regarding leaves blocking drains.
- 3) A letter relating to a number of issues previously raised with County Highways was read and received.
- 4) Clerk to write again to County Highways re 'Welcome to' signs.
- 5) Further to minute 47/15 (iii) a letter of thanks from Evan and Nathan, two local young people, was read and received in connection with the football goal posts erected by the Parish Council in the summer.

54/15 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman wished members of the Council all the best for the Christmas season.

55/15 **Public Participation - None**

56/15 **Allotments**
Cllr Stephenson reported that all was going well on the allotments. Clerk to send out renewal letters for annual rentals. It was noted that one and a half allotments would be vacant at the beginning of the year. Thanks were extended to Cllr K Stephenson for his work throughout the year in ensuring that all allotments are kept tidy and all issues dealt with as appropriate.

57/15 **Clerk's Report**

- i) The Clerk reported that it is a legal requirement for all parish council's to have a website – clerk to look into options.
- ii) A letter was received from Sue Hayman MP regarding Lord Egremont's land rights and asking whether parishioners had received correspondence from him. Clerk to reply that some residents had received letters.
- iii) A request for financial assistance was received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service. On the proposal of Cllr K. Stephenson, seconded by Cllr J McCartney, it was resolved that a donation of £200 be made, this to be an increase on previous years in the light of recent flooding and an increased burden on the GNAAS as a result.

Resolved; that the Clerk's report be received.

58/15

Accounts for Payment

Zurich Insurance	£251.85
Clerk's salary and expenses Oct - Dec	£480.59
HMRC	£ 102.60
R Bell (grass cutting)	£ 100.00
D Wood (erection of goalposts)	£ 98.00
GNAAS (Donation)	£200.00

RESOLVED – that the above accounts be paid.

59/15

Planning

Notification was received that planning application 2/2015/0413 Erection of wind turbine at Springfield Farm, Greysouthern, had been refused.

60/15

Precept 2016/17

Budget figures for the year were presented and discussed. On the proposal of Cllr I Elliott, seconded by Cllr J McCartney, it was resolved that the Precept be set at £5450 for 2016/17.

61/15

Parish Maintenance

- i) The Clerk was instructed to write to ABC regarding leaves sticking to the footpaths at Nep Ghyll, Chapel Brow and Main Rd and to request the reinstatement of the streetlight opposite High Rigg.

62/15

Village Hall

The Chairman reported that senior citizen's Christmas Party had been well attended and appreciated. Clerk to send letter of thanks to the Village Hall Committee.

There was some discussion of events held throughout the year and disappointment expressed at the lack of support from the local community. It was noted that the hall is available for social events if people wish to organise them.

Workington camera club are using the hall on Friday evenings from September to easter.

Clerk to look into possibility of Hall/Council purchasing 18 new tables at a cost of approx £150 each.

63/15

Matters for Next Meeting - None

64/15

Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – that the next meeting be held on **Wednesday 10th February 2016 at 7pm**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed as a true and correct recordIan Elliott, Chairman

Date