

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: County Cllr Alan Kennon, Mrs Carol Wilson, Mrs Lyn Philipson, Mrs Sue Tasker and Revd. Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk.

There were no apologies for absence.

91/17 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

92/17 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr R Bell, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th November 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

93/17 Public Participation

There were no issues raised at this point.

94/17 Village Hall

The following issues were discussed:

- i) Mrs C Wilson reported that all receipts had been sent out to the various user groups, the Art Group was up to date with payments, a cheque was due to be issued to Mr B Shaw for items purchased, the bill for the bus to the Christmas meal was due to be paid. It was agreed that the current account needed to be reimbursed from the deposit account and IE/JMcC and CW would arrange to call in at the building society to sort this out. United Utilities still owed money for bookings earlier in the year - JM to email and chase payment.
- ii) Mrs Philipson reported that the Christmas Prize Bingo had not been well supported and had made a loss of £22. It was felt that the event was under publicised. Regular bingo sessions had been hit by winter illnesses but in any case would not be held again until 8th January 2018.
- iii) Cllr B Shaw reported that he had been contacted by Allerdale who wished to inspect the premises for routine food hygiene checks - Cllr Shaw to arrange this.
- iv) The Clerk presented the diary and calendar for 2018 and it was agreed that the calendar would be displayed in the Village Hall as soon as possible. Bookings had been received from both the 11th and 12th February and these were approved. Cllr I Elliott to email the clerk dates for the sequence dance group for 2018.

- v) Mrs Wilson requested details for the Charity Commission's annual return - clerk to email Mrs Wilson the relevant info.
- vi) Cllr J McCartney reported that 32 people had attended the Christmas Meal which had been enjoyable, and the change of venue appreciated. It was noted that the Village Hall is no longer supported sufficiently to make this sustainable and it was agreed that there would be no further events of this type but that a Summer Trip (which was attended by more people) would continue. A donation is still to be forwarded to the band. It was noted that the Lakes College had included a charge for security, this to be queried with them.
- vii) Cllr B Shaw agreed to include an article in the Parish Newsletter asking for volunteers to help run the regular coffee mornings in the Village Hall.
- viii) Mrs J McCartney to be reimbursed for the fire door key ring.

95/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Min 76/17, The Inclusive Mobility Budget was further discussed, Cllrs agreed to identify areas in the village where dropped kerbing may be advantageous.
- ii) Further to Min 78/17, emails from ABC Environmental Health Dept were read to the meeting. Mrs Wilson stated that she had reported the matter by telephone in October 2017.
- iii) Further to Minute 80/17 i) the Clerk reported that the grant of £2,249 had been received from CCC - thanks were expressed to County Cllr A Kennon.
- iv) Further to Minute 80/17 iii) the Clerk was instructed to report the pothole at the junction again as this had not yet been fixed.
- v) Further to Minute 81/17 i), the Clerk reported that the deadline for the next round of applications to the Winscales Wind Farm Fund would be in June 2018.
- vi) Further to Minute 86/17 iii) additional correspondence was received from JBA Consulting re the Railway Bridge. The possibility of a public meeting was briefly discussed but no decision taken.

96/17 Defibrillator.

A donation of £100 had been received from a village resident, to start the fundraising. It was agreed that the Jubilee account with CBS be used for this purpose. Posters to be displayed early in the New Year asking for volunteers/ suggestions for fundraising activities. Cllr B Shaw to place article in Parish Newsletter. Cllr J McCartney to source donation envelopes, Mrs C Wilson to get labels printed, council members to distribute around the village early in the new year.

97/17 Village Green Development

Mrs S Tasker explained that she and her husband would be involved in putting together a scheme for around £40,000 with an option to add on further pieces of equipment later. Mrs Tasker and Cllr J McCartney had already contacted Proludic and Wicksteed for price lists and were in the process of obtaining similar from other companies.

Mrs Tasker envisaged a group of local volunteers championing the playground with support from the Parish Council. Mrs Tasker felt that it would then be reasonably straightforward to obtain funding from wind farms, landfill, quarries etc. A meeting had been arranged with Allerdale Cllr Philip Tibble for 17th December to further discuss the plans. A further meeting with Julian Smith (Parks and Open Spaces Officer for ABC) was planned for 5th January 2018. It was agreed that a public meeting be held on Wed 24th January 2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall to seek to appoint a volunteer group to take the project forward. Clerk to email wording for a flier to Cllr I Elliott - Mrs C Wilson to arrange for printing of the same.

County Cllr A Kennon and Mrs S Tasker left the meeting at this point - 8.30pm

98/17 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman wished to record his thanks to Mr I Wilson for fitting the new rubber stops to the Village Hall chair feet and to Cllr J McCartney for her hard work in organising the OAP's Christmas Party.

99/17 Allotments - nothing new to report.

100/17 Clerk's Report - Nothing new to report.

101/17 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

Zurich Municipal Insurance	£257.60
Chairman's Expenses	£150.00
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - salary and expenses	£157.62

102/17 Planning - There were no new applications to be considered.

103/17 Parish Maintenance - Cllr B Shaw agreed to look at the noticeboard in the bus shelter, which had been vandalised, and to affect a repair.

Date of next meetings - Public Meeting -Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.00pm.
Parish Council - Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

Signed..... Chairman