

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2018 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 and Revd. Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Lynn Philipson

104/17 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

105/17 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr R Bell, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th December 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

106/17 Public Participation

There was none.

107/17 Village Green Development

A public meeting held on 24th January had been well attended. Notes from the meeting, written up by Mrs Susan Shaw, were circulated and discussed. The next step would be to form a sub committee to take the project forward; to this end, a further meeting would be held on Saturday 7th April from 11am, in the Village Hall, with refreshments available from 10.30am. It was noted that no planning consent would be required for play equipment on the Village Green and the use of the Village Hall for meetings could be counted as a gift in kind towards any fundraising bids. Fliers to be put around the village.

A quote for play equipment from Wicksteeds was passed to Cllr J McCartney.

108/17 Village Hall

The following issues were discussed:

- i) Mrs Wilson raised concern that the current level of income is insufficient to cover the recent level of outgoings for the Village Hall. The Bingo sessions were not raising enough money to cover the cost of electricity for their sessions and it would be essential to look at increasing the hourly rental rates from 1st April 2018.
- ii) United Utilities had paid their outstanding invoice and various sums of money in relation to one-off rentals were handed to the treasurer. It was noted that the ladies from St Luke's church had taken over the running of the fortnightly Thursday coffee mornings and were paying the hourly rental for this.

- iii) The cleaner had requested more hand towels and bin bags, Mrs Wilson to attend to this.
- iv) Cllr R Bell agreed to contact ABC for a larger black wheelie bin for the village hall as the current one was of insufficient size.
- v) It was agreed that trips could not be free of charge in future as revenue income is insufficient to cover this cost.
- vi) It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Sanderson in recognition of her help with publicising Village Hall events. A small gift and a card to also be given to Mrs Sanderson.
- vii) On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr B Shaw, it was resolved that a donation of £30 be sent to the Ceilidh Band for their Christmas entertainment.
- viii) The new kitchen had been fitted and the invoice expected shortly. The electricity point behind the cooker needs to be moved before splash backs can be fitted. Cllr I Elliott to ask Mr Gunson to attend to this, and to also fit a wooden front to the hatched area. Cllr I Elliott to also ask Mr Wood to fit a small hand wash sink in the kitchen area. Cllr B Shaw to source some appropriate 6ft x 4ft shelves. Mrs C Wilson to source a new 5ft x 4ft noticeboard for the Hall. Cllr J McCartney to contact west coast blinds about curtains for the stage. It was noted that the Camera Club have lots of equipment in the cupboard which needed tidying. Volunteers would be needed to help put pictures back up on the walls - removable stickies to be used for this task. Clerk to produce a laminated poster instructing that chairs be stacked no more than 5 high. Cllr J McCartney to look at purchasing new book shelves to replace the old ones. Cleaner to be asked to empty the fridge regularly as part of her cleaning duties.
- ix) Cllr B Shaw agreed to contact Great Clifton Village Hall about the possibility of their purchasing the indoor bowling mats and pool table.

109/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) A letter of thanks was received from the Air Ambulance.
- ii) Cllr B Shaw confirmed that he would be able to repair the notice board in the bus shelter but required a copy of the bus timetable, Cllr J McCartney to obtain a copy from the bus station.
- iii) Clerk to report again to Environmental Health the difficulties with the empty bungalow and its refuse, it is understood that the owner has now died.
- iv) Clerk to take up the matter of the pothole at the junction of Bridgefoot/little Clifton road with County Cllr Keith Little, portfolio holder for highways.
- v) Cllr B Shaw to report streetlight No 9 at the church litch gate is out.

110/17 Defibrillator.

A total of £296 had been raised so far from the envelope appeal.

Auction to be held in the Village Hall on 12th May from 10am until 3pm, items may be delivered to the Village Hall on Friday 11th May. Clerk to design a poster for this event.

111/17 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

112/17 Allotments - all ok. Most have paid annual rental already, clerk to chase up outstanding payments. Cllr B Shaw to check with Mrs Shaw whether or not she wishes to renew this year's contract.

113/17 Clerk's Report - Nothing new to report.

114/17 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

CCC - Ground rental	£ 67.00
HMRC (PAYE)	£ 68.40
Rev J Morgan - salary and expenses	£351.83

115/17 Planning - There were no new applications to be considered.

116/17 Parish Maintenance

- i) Clerk to report to County Highways: large pothole on the roundabout at the junction of the A66; access road from Punderland Farm to Furness House in desperate need of repair.
- ii) County Cllr A Kennon explained the current system for allocating funds for pothole repairs etc.
- iii) It was noted that a DPD Van had attempted to come down cat bank at high water and had to be pulled from the river. All the contents of the van were wasted due to water damage. A warning notice of the unbridged ford would be helpful, County Cllr A Kennon agreed to chase this up again.
- iv) Clerk to write to Mrs M Morton re complaints that duck food left by the ford is attracting rats at night time.

Items for next agenda

For Village Hall: Curtains, Bingo, Rental rates, Lighting, Floor polishing, Summer community event, Extension to existing lease.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed..... Chairman