

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2015

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

Also Present: Judith Morgan (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Brian Shaw

Councillor Ian Elliott in the Chair

20/15 **Declarations of Interest:** None.

21/15 **Minutes**
RESOLVED – that the Chairman sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 June 2015.

22/15 **Matters Arising**

- 1) Further to minute 8/15 b) Cllr McCartney had purchased a 'No Ball Games' sign at a cost of £64.84 and a smaller 'Strictly No Dogs Allowed' sign at a cost of £24.40. It was resolved that:
 - a) The council should reimburse Cllr McCartney the sum of £89.24
 - b) The Village Hall Committee be asked to organising the fixing of the 'No Ball Games' sign to the village hall wall and,
 - c) Cllr K Stephenson would arrange to fix the 'No Dogs' sign to the gate to the community area.
- 2) Further to minute 8/15 i) Cllr McCartney had spoken to one resident of Scots Croft regarding the ongoing parking issues; it was agreed that no further action be taken for the time being.
- 3) Further to minute 8/15 ii) the Chairman reported that St Luke's PCC had given the go ahead for further remedial works to the trees.
- 4) Further to minute 8/15 iv) It was Resolved that Jonathan Coates be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the process of drawing together a Flood Action Plan for the village.
- 5) Further to minute 8/15 v) the Clerk is to write again to County Highways regarding the 'welcome to' signs for the village.
- 6) Further to minute 8/15 vi) Cllr McCartney had obtained an estimate of £286.20 to supply a set of junior goal posts for the community area adjacent to the village hall car park. It was Resolved that; the clerk should place an order for the goalposts.
- 7) Further to minute 15/15 i) it was noted that speed monitoring had been carried out in the village recently.
- 8) Further to minute 15/15 iii) The Clerk was instructed to write again to ABC Environmental Health Dept reporting fly tipping on Cat Bank, asking for remedial action to be taken and enquiring as to the possibility of a 'No Tipping' sign being erected in that area.

23/15 **Chairman's Announcements**
The Chairman reported that the notice board was looking a little empty, old posters had been removed and forthcoming events were yet to be advertised.

24/15 **Public Participation - None**

25/15 **Allotments**
Cllr Stephenson reported that the tenant for allotment No 8 has vacated the plot and another tenant was lined up to take over. Cllr Stephenson had made the area good

prior to the new tenant taking possession. There was discussion of the possibility of creating a wild flower garden area should there ever be a vacant allotment and it was thought that this would be an added amenity for the village. It was resolved that the clerk should write to the tenants of Allotments 4b and 11 asking them to tidy up the plots.

26/15 **Clerk's Report** - Nothing to report.

27/15 **Accounts for Payment**

Clerk's salary and expenses July	£156.80
HMRC	£ 34.32
J McCartney (as per minute 23/25 i) a))	£ 89.24

RESOLVED – that the above accounts be paid.

28/15 **Planning** - None.

29/15 **Parish Maintenance**

- i) The Clerk was instructed to write to Allerdale Borough Council requesting that the overgrown grass verges at Chapel Brow/Bridgefoot/ Little Clifton and Valley View be cutback as there had been several complaints from the local residents.
- ii) The Clerk was instructed to write to the Post Office requesting that the post box be repainted.
- iii) The Clerk was instructed to write to ABC Environmental Health Dept reporting that dog excrement bags were being dumped along the Bridgefoot to Scots Croft road and on the footpath near to Station Terrace. Also to report dog fouling on the footpaths around Scots Croft, from Lostrigg Terrace to Furness House and from outside No 32 Valley View over Bone Hill. Clerk to request that remedial action be taken and to enquire as to the possibility of the village being added to the Allerdale Borough Council's 'Banned Area' list as reported in the Times and Star.

30/15 **Village Hall**

The Chairman reported that the Committee were still not satisfied with the quality of recent works carried out to the path around the front of the building and are in negotiations with the builder to rectify this. Cllr McCartney asked that the Village Hall Committee consider the installation of a security camera to monitor the exterior of the building.

The family fun day on 22 August would include a bouncy castle, candy floss, puppets, music, teas and cakes etc.

A village trip was proposed for the second week in September, details to be arranged.

31/15 **Matters for Next Meeting**

Jonathan Coates – Flood Action Plan

32/15 **Date of Next Meeting**

RESOLVED – that the next meeting be held on **Wednesday 9th September 2015 at 7pm**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed as a true and correct recordIan Elliott, Chairman

Date