

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Jean McCartney (Vice Chair), Ken Stephenson, John Dixon, Roland Bell and Brian Shaw. County Councillor Alan Kennon, Nichola Bateson (local resident) and Judith Morgan (Parish Clerk).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ian Elliott

Councillor Jean McCartney in the chair

36/16 Declarations of Interest: Cllr McCartney made a declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item 12 'Planning Applications', and withdrew from the meeting whilst that item was discussed.

37/16 Police Matters: There were none.

38/16 Field Drains

Photographs showing excavation work in progress to drainage on site were circulated and discussed. The point at which it was felt a connection had been made to the sewer from the field drain was marked with an 'X'. Concerns were expressed re potential flooding as a result of this work. The Clerk was instructed to write to United Utilities expressing the council's concerns, enclosing a copy of the photographs, and to ask that a site inspection be made and a report on findings given to the Parish Council.

39/16 Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr B Shaw, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

40/16 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to minute 27/16 Cllr K Stephenson reported that Mrs Richardson had apologised to him and the matter was closed.
- ii) An email from Hayley Bishop of CCC re the possible transfer of assets and relating to the green area adjacent to the village hall car park, was read and received - clerk to progress the matter with Ms Bishop. There was also further discussion of the type of equipment that might be placed on the green area and Cllr McCartney pointed out that any play equipment would be subject to regular inspection and maintenance as well as insurance and suggested a hub with seating might be more appropriate than swings etc. Cllr McCartney agreed to look into the specifications and report back to a future meeting of the parish council.

41/16 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

42/16 Public Participation

There was none.

43/16 Allotments

Cllr K Stephenson reported that:

- a) Allotment No 7 had now been taken and, as it needs a lot of work to make it manageable, it was agreed that this would be rent free for the remainder of this year and would be subject to rental from January 2017.
- b) Two allotment holders had complained that allotment 4 was untidy and seeds were blowing onto their land. Cllr Shaw agreed to work on this imminently.

44/16 Clerks Report

There was nothing new to report.

45/16 Authorisation of Payments

The following accounts were approved for payment:

HMRC PAYE	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan, salary and expenses	£156.30
R Bell for grass cutting	£180.00

46/16 Planning Applications

Cllr J McCartney left the meeting whilst the following application was considered:

2/2016/0382 Mr Alan Wedgewood, Side extension to provide additional accommodation at 3 Lostrigg Close, Little Clifton.

Resolved: No objections.

47/16 Parish Maintenance

- i. Cllr R Bell reported that he had repaired the gate post for the gate adjacent to the village hall car park and that he would fill in the grooves near the bus stop at Chapel Brow shortly.
- ii. Problems with water pressure following a burst water main at the Lillyhall reservoir the previous weekend were discussed and it was resolved that no action was necessary.
- iii. Cllr R Bell reported that an articulated lorry had attempted to navigate the U2187 Oak Bank Road (Cat Bank) from the A66 and had severe difficulty. It was resolved that the Clerk should contact Kevin Cosgrove at County Highways to request some appropriate signage for that road and also to discuss the outstanding issue of the village gateway signs.

48/16 Village Hall

Cllr B Shaw reported that the recent celebration to mark the Queen's 90th birthday had been well attended and had broken even. The next planned event would be a trip in August. The new tables were appreciated by hall users and the old ones had been sold. A cheque for £2192.99 was handed to the Clerk in payment for the new tables.

Plans for kitchen improvements were moving slowly and there was the possibility of a wind farm grant towards the costs.

49/15 Matters for next meeting

It was agreed that Field Drains would remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

50/15 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed..... Chairman