

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: County Councillor Alan Kennon, Mrs Lynn Philipson, Mrs Carol Wilson and Rev'd Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr K Stephenson.

35/17 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

36/17 Police Matters - no police officer was present. The Chairman reported that the Police had spoken to some young people who had recently been throwing stones in the river.

37/17 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr B Shaw, the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting and the Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

38/17 Village Hall

The following issues were discussed:

- i) **Old Folks' Christmas Event.** There had been a positive response to the suggestion of a trip and meal this year. Cllr I Elliott to contact Lakes College for details of meals and to enquire re entertainment. Cllr J McCartney to sort out a contract for a bus for the day; Cllrs Elliott and McCartney to liaise with each other to firm up the arrangements.
- ii) **Kitchen Equipment.** The equipment ex Stainburn School was felt to be inappropriate for the needs of the Village Hall. Cllr McCartney to look at the possibility of obtaining discontinued kitchen cupboards and worktops from Howdens; Cllrs Elliott and McCartney to look into the possibility of purchasing a sink and under counter fridge. It was agreed that the Village Hall requires 50 dinner plates, 50 side plates, 50 mugs and 50 bowls; Cllr Elliott was authorised to purchase these from Ikea and to also look at purchasing cutlery there, if the price was reasonable. Mrs C Wilson to provide Cllr Elliott with £100 from petty cash to enable this transaction.
- iii) **Hall Redecoration.** The Chairman reported that a decorator had visited and is to provide a quotation for redecoration of the interior and exterior of the Village Hall. Work to commence early July and continue on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until early September. Polymer based paint to be used for longevity. Interior to be cream walls with mushroom paintwork and white ceiling. Exterior to be grey stone coloured walls with dark grey window sills.

iv) Other Village Hall Business

There were currently 8 places left on the summer trip.

Mrs C Wilson circulated the figures for June with a breakdown and summary of income and expenditure. Overall in year deficit to June is £935.17 due to the hall floor expenditure.

Mr Gunson had confirmed changes to his group's bankers order re hall rental. United Utilities and Allerdale Borough Council had both paid outstanding invoices. Receipts had been sent out.

The gas account was in credit. Cllr I Elliott to email meter readings to Mrs C Wilson.

Mrs Wilson agreed to purchase paper towels.

Account from Mr D Wood for fixing the memorial bench was passed to Mrs C Wilson for payment.

Mrs C Wilson and Mrs L Philipson left the meeting at this point, 7.55pm.

39/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Min 26/17 i) HAGS prices awaited for selected items. County Cllr Kennon advised that the application for transfer of assets had not been successful. Grant of £2,249 still available. If affordable, equipment to be placed on village green.
- ii) Further to Min 26/17 ii) Mr D Wood quoted £1420 to dismantle and remove the old fence and to insert posts around the area to prevent parking. The clerk advised that this had not been budgeted and precepted for in the current year. Cllr I Elliott to contact Mr Ian Bridge at Community Services to see if they might help.
- iii) Further to Minute 26/17 iv) It was confirmed that the checkerplate cover is part of the United Utilities ongoing works.
- iv) Further to Min 33/17 ii) Clerk to report to County Highways that the pothole repair at the junction of Little Clifton/Bridgefoot, had failed and required remedial attention and that water was running out of the recent repair carried out outside 2 Fell View.

40/17 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that a number of positive comments had been received re the renovated bus shelter and that the memorial bench and plaque was now in place. Cllr B Shaw offered to clean the bus shelter frame.

41/17 Public Participation - no members of the public were present at this point in the meeting.

42/17 Allotments - all reportedly OK.

43/17 Clerk's Report - The Clerk circulated copies of a Household Emergency Planning Leaflet and it was agreed that these should be made available in the Village Hall and in the Post Office.

44/17 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - salary and expenses	£157.62
R Bell - grass cutting	£180.00

45/17 Planning - none.

46/17 Parish Maintenance

- i) Cllr J McCartney raised concern that no weed maintenance had been carried out by ABC so far this year.
- ii) The Clerk was instructed to write to ABC requesting three new litter bins:
 - a. At the 30mph sign near Valley View, Little Clifton
 - b. At Scots Croft outside No 12 on the wood side of the path.
 - c. At the top end of the lonning from Scots Garth to Sycamore Garth.
- iii) Clerk to report to County Highways that the 'Unsuitable for Motor Vehicles' sign recently installed at the foot of Cat bank should be placed at the top of the hill on the A66.

47/17 Matters for Next Meeting - nothing new.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed..... Chairman