

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Ian Elliott, Jean McCartney 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 Cllrs R Bell and K Stephenson.

22/17 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

23/17 Police Matters - no police officer was present.

24/17 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 10th May 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

25/17 Village Hall

The following issues were discussed:

- Money was passed to Mrs C Wilson for recent room hire.
- A cheque had been issued to the Parish Council, and banked, for £934 being the Village Hall's portion (ex VAT) of the invoice for stripping and polishing the hall floor.
- The possibility of a different arrangement for the Old Folks' Christmas event was discussed - Chairman to obtain more detail for next meeting when this would be an Agenda item.
- Payment from United Utilities was outstanding - clerk to chase up.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council reimburse Cllr J McCartney £48.00 for the purchase of plaques for the memorial bench. A 'recognition of long service' plaque is also to be purchased to be placed on the bench - Cllr J McCartney to organise. There was further discussion of the siting of the bench and it was agreed that the chosen site was appropriate. It was noted that a noticeboard is to be sited under the hall window.
- There was discussion of young people kicking balls against the hall walls and windows during a recent Bingo session.
- New rubber feet were still needed for the hall chairs, to prevent scratching the floor.
- Mrs C Wilson circulated the monthly accounts and talked through the figures. It was noted that the Coffee Morning monies are not being correctly accounted for and Mrs Wilson is to provide a pro forma to make this process simpler. A £30 float is to be provided for the Coffee Morning organisers.

- It was noted that the Bridgefoot Dancers are still not paying the full amount for rental - Cllr I Elliott to speak to Mr Gunson about this.
- It was agreed that a letter be sent to the organisers of the Bingo stating that Bingo sessions would not be held on Bank Holiday's in future as this resulted in a loss of funds.
- Mrs C Wilson to look at replacement kitchen equipment ex Stainburn School and report to the next meeting.
- Cllr I Elliott agreed to obtain a price for redecoration of the hall interior for consideration at the next meeting
- It was agreed that an invoice of £62.94 from Ms Sue Tasker be paid from Village Hall funds - Mrs C Wilson to arrange.
- Mrs C Wilson agreed to order paper towels.

26/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Min 12/17 ii) Cllr J McCartney had marked out some items on the HAGS pricelist - clerk to find out costings of same. Cllr I Elliott to contact Embleton Parish Council for information on their recent purchase. It was agreed that maintenance and inspection costs for play equipment be included in the budget before the 2018/19 precept is set.
- ii) Cllr B Shaw proposed that the fence around the village green be removed and posts installed to prevent parking. Cllr I Elliott agreed to ask Mr D Wood for a price to a) dismantle and remove the old fence and, b) to insert posts around the area to prevent parking. These to be further considered at the next meeting.

*County Cllr A Kennon, Mrs C Wilson and Mrs L Philipson left the meeting at this point;
8.12pm*

- iii) Further to Min 12/17 iv) & v) Payment of invoices to Mr D Wood of £1438 (as per quotes), was approved.
- iv) Further to Min 19/17 ii) Clerk to write to County Highways reporting damage to the checkerplate culvert cover.

27/17 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that he was pleased to see that the bus shelter had been tidied up and hoped it would be a more pleasant environment in which people could await the arrival of their transport.

28/17 Public Participation - no members of the public were present at this point in the meeting.

29/17 Allotments - all reportedly OK.

30/17 Clerk's Report - nothing new to report.

31/17 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - salary and expenses	£157.62
J McCartney (reimbursement)	£ 48.00
D Wood (as per invoices)	1438.00
R Bell - grass cutting	£180.00
R Stephenson - grass cutting	£630.00

32/17 Planning - none.

33/17 Parish Maintenance

- i) Cllr B Shaw raised concern that weeds were growing through the cycle path at the top of Chapel Brow - it was not known who is responsible for maintenance of the same.
- ii) Cllr J McCartney reported that County Highways had filled in 3 potholes previously reported to them and had confirmed that Oak Bank is included in the latest schedule for maintenance.
- iii) Cllr I Elliott to supply photos of the road at the top of Chapel Brow in order that the clerk may report problems there to County Highways.
- iv) Cllr J McCartney reported on a number of tyres outside a field gate above Lostrigg Close, Cllr I Elliott to supply landowners' name and address to clerk so that a letter may be sent.

34/17 Matters for Next Meeting - Christmas Event.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed..... Chairman