

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7pm

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

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

There were no apologies for absence.

22/18 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

23/18 Approval of Minutes

- i) On the proposal of Cllr B Shaw, seconded by Cllr J McCartney, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th May 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.
- ii) On the proposal of Cllr R Bell, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

24/18 Public Participation - Mr Mark Joyce was introduced. Mr Joyce is a new resident of the village who manages the One Stop in Cockermouth. He explained how his company raises funds for local charitable causes and that he would be willing to include the Defibrillator fund in those fund raising activities. He also stated that he is a member of a live band who perform modern covers and would be available for private parties, at a cost. Mr Joyce said that he would be a willing pair of hands should they be needed for any future community events. Mr Joyce was thanked for his attendance at the meeting and asked to consider membership of the Parish Council, for which there are currently vacancies.

25/18 Village Hall

- i) The Auction, though sparsely attended, had raised £362 towards the £2,500 target for the defibrillator. In addition, donations from a box in the pub totalling £35.22 and a private donation from Mr H McCulloch of £27.40 were handed over at the meeting. This brings the current total to around £840.00
- ii) Book Money of £3.70, Sunday dance group payments, and £50 from rentals for private functions were handed to Mrs C Wilson to bank.
- iii) An invoice from GoPak for the table dismantling tool and an invoice from Mr Gunson were passed to Mrs C Wilson for payment.
- iv) The Stevie D event was confirmed as Friday 3rd August 2018 at 7.30pm. 70 tickets at £10 each were to be designed by Cllr I Elliott and produced by Mrs C Wilson. 10 tickets had already been reserved. Posters to be placed around the village and an advert to be included in the next edition of the Church's newsletter. Patrons to bring their own snacks and drinks to the event. Profit to be used for the Village Hall.
- v) Workington Camera Club had kindly offered to mount and reframe the pictures prior to their being rehung in the Hall. Cllr J McCartney to purchase appropriate frames.
- vi) A copy of the letter of thanks to Forth Engineering had been placed on the Village Hall notice board.
- vii) Mrs L Philipson and Cllr B Shaw agreed to empty the kitchen store cupboard in order that the shelves can be removed. Mr D Wood to be asked to make good the chipped plaster in the corner of the kitchen where a cupboard was fitted.

- viii) The clerk reported that she had submitted a bid to Cumbria Community Foundation for £2299.00 for replacement, energy saving lighting for the village hall. This application to be decided by committee on 20th June 2018.
- ix) Mrs C Wilson circulated a balance sheet for the year to 31st March 2018 and a separate sheet for the first quarter of 2018/19. There was some discussion of the format. Cllr B Shaw requested a breakdown of general running expenses to identify where possible savings could be made in the future. Mrs C Wilson requested up to date gas and electricity meter readings. It was agreed that a more energy efficient boiler would be an asset.
- x) It was noted that any Summer trip held this year could not be free of charge.
- xi) Cllr J McCartney reported that she had been approached by a resident who wished to start up football teams for the village youth and had requested free use of the village hall for half time refreshments. It was agreed that the Parish Council has no objection to this in principal and would be prepared to make the hall available to the teams on days when there were no prior bookings. This would also be dependent on the relevant DBS certification, safeguarding procedures and insurance cover being held by the organisers.
- xii) Mrs L Philipson thanked Cllr B Shaw for standing in for her to call the bingo recently. Mrs Philipson also raised concern that several village youths had congregated on the car park outside the hall on the last two Monday evenings, playing a boom box to the level at which participants inside the hall could not hear the numbers being called, generally making a nuisance of themselves and had written obscenities on a number of parked cars whilst bingo was in session. The Clerk was instructed to write to the parents of the youths and point out that, should this behaviour continue, the matter would be referred to the police.

26/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Min 19/18 ii) An email from Amber Sykes was read to the meeting. Clerk to forward copy of email to County Cllr A Kennon, who will take up the matter with Ms Sykes.
- ii) County Cllr Kennon advised the council that works would be completed at Market Square, Cockermouth in the next two weeks.
County Cllr A Kennon left the meeting at this point, 8.00pm
- iii) Further to Min 12/18 iii) an email from Samantha Alexander, street scene officer, was read and received. Cllr J McCartney explained that Ms Alexander had contacted her and confirmed that the parish council does not need permission to erect signs on footpaths re dog fouling. Ms Alexander suggested the parish council contact the head at Derwent Vale School and ask that village children produce 'no dog fouling' posters to display locally. Cllr J McCartney to progress this issue.
Cllr McCartney also reported that ABC has a downloadable app which allows people to report incidents of dog fouling to the Borough Council, and she urged people to use it.
- iv) Further to Min 14/18 v) The first aid box had been located. Cllr B Shaw agreed to check its contents were up to date. Mrs C Wilson offered to supply a new insert and Mrs L Philipson offered some blue plasters. Cllr Shaw also reported that all cleaning fluids used in the hall must carry the British Standards mark on the packaging.
- v) Further to Min 18/18, ABC had sent electronic links to the planning application to the clerk who had passed them to the Chairman. Cllr I Elliott reported that the documentation stipulates that wider entrances to the new houses must be provided and that surface water must not run from the drives onto the road.

27/18 Defibrillator - update - already covered.

28/18 Chairman's Announcements - there were none.

29/18 Allotments - all ok.

30/18 Clerk's Report - Nothing new to report.

31/18 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - salary and expenses	£204.09

32/18 Planning - no new plans to discuss.

33/18 Parish Maintenance

- i) Clerk to write to County Highways to request that the kerbs and verges throughout the village be cleared of weeds.
- ii) Clerk to write to Home Group to request that the trees to the front of Scots Croft receive some remedial attention as some overhanging branches are at head height.

34/18 Items for next agenda - There were none

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed..... Chairman