

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: Mrs Carol Wilson, Mrs Lynn Philipson, Mrs Mary Wilson, Mrs Helen Dobinson and Revd. Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Alan Kennon

117/17 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

118/17 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr B Shaw, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th February 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record.

119/17 Public Participation

Mrs Mary Wilson raised concern that there was very little provision for OAPs in the village. It was noted that the bi-weekly Coffee Mornings had resumed on Thursdays, now run by members of St Luke's Church, and a regular Bingo session is held on Monday evenings, both in the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would produce a flier advertising the Bingo, in the hope that this would attract more patrons. A banner could be used to advertise this event as well. Mrs L Philipson agreed to put posters around the village advertising the Bingo sessions, too.

It was noted that attempts had been made to form a Management Committee for the Village Hall, but this had attracted no volunteers so, for the time being, the Parish Council undertakes the management tasks. There is generally a lack of volunteers to assist in organising community events. It was suggested that the visitors may like to organise their own social events and suggestions included a Prize Bingo and an evening of Clairvoyance. All Hall Bookings are currently made via the Parish Clerk.

Mrs Mary Wilson asked that the Christmas Meal be held in the Village Hall in future years, describing the 2017 meal as 'a shambles'. It was explained that, despite the Hall doing well with bookings, there is currently insufficient funding being generated to continue providing free events, and this is under review.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the members of St Luke's Church who have taken over the running of the coffee mornings, providing a regular event which people are enjoying. Cllr B Shaw stated that the Church was intending to give the takings from either October or November 2018 to the Hall to support its funds. It was noted that the Church pays hourly rental for the premises.

120/17 Village Hall

- i) Curtains - A quotation of £480 for replacing the fixtures and fittings to rehang the stage curtains, was received from West Coast Blinds. This was unanimously accepted.
- ii) Bingo - already discussed.
- iii) Rental Rates - It was agreed that with effect from 1st April 2018 the rates would be set at £7.50/hr for regular user groups and £10 per hour for one-off bookings. Clerk to notify existing user groups.
- iv) Lighting - It was agreed that the fluorescent lights would be replaced with energy saving lights, with a dimmer facility. Cllrs I Elliott and J McCartney to seek quotations.
- v) Floor Polishing - Border Floors had advised annual polishing to extend the life of the flooring. Cllr B Shaw to contact Border Floors to arrange this during a quiet period in August.
- vi) Summer Community Events
It was noted that St Luke's Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 30th June.
An evening event for the community to be organised for Saturday 11th August with music, raffle and bingo. This to be an Agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- vii) Extension of Existing Lease.
The current lease has approx. 20 years to run. It was suggested that the lease might be purchased. It was not certain who the Village Hall's solicitor was and this is to be clarified before any further action is taken.
- viii) Mrs C Wilson circulated financial figures for the past year. It was noted that an overall deficit of expenditure over income was £3,743.60, which represented major expenditure on renovations to the Hall.

121/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) A letter of thanks was received from the Ukulele Band.
- ii) The Clerk had produced fliers and posters advertising the Village Green Development - for distribution to every household in the parish.
- iii) There was currently £418.53 in the Defibrillator account. The Clerk had produced posters advertising the Fundraising Auction.
- iv) Cllr R Bell had obtained a large black wheelie bin for the Village Hall from ABC.
- v) Cllr J McCartney had attempted to obtain a copy of the current timetable from the bus station but was told these are currently being reprinted.
- vi) The Clerk had reported to Environmental Health the difficulties with the empty bungalow and its refuse, and the premises had been visited by Environmental Health officials as a result.
- vii) The Clerk had taken up the matter of the pothole at the junction of Bridgefoot/little Clifton road with County Cllr Keith Little, portfolio holder

for highways, who had promised to visit the site with Karl Melville, to assess the damage. No further repair had been affected to date - clerk to contact County Cllr Little again in this regard.

- viii) Cllr J McCartney had reported streetlight No 9 at the church Lych gate was out and this had been repaired.
- ix) Cllr B Shaw to speak to Mrs C Perry about the possibility of Great Clifton Village Hall purchasing the indoor bowling mats and pool table.
- x) Cllr J McCartney to liaise with Mrs C Wilson over a possible bookshelf for the Village Hall.
- xi) It is understood that a resident has reported the problems with rats attracted by duck food, to Environmental Health.

122/17 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

123/17 Allotments - all ok. Mrs Shaw does not wish to continue with her plot. Tenant already identified for this.

124/17 Clerk's Report - Nothing new to report.

125/17 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

HMRC (PAYE)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - salary and expenses	£160.22

126/17 Planning - There were no new applications to be considered.

127/17 Parish Maintenance

- i) Clerk to report to County Highways that the roadside verges from the A66/A595 roundabout along past the Crossbarrow Motel need cleaning and similarly along the old road from the same roundabout to Clifton where fly tipping is common place.
- ii) Clerk to report to ABC Environmental Health fly tipping of corrugated iron and a paddling pool near to the Church Lych Gate. Also to report dog fouling along the roadside verge from Lostrigg Close to Punderland Farm.

128/17 Items for next agenda

Summer Community Event

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

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed..... Chairman