

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7.00pm

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

Also present: County Councillor Alan Kennon, Mrs Carol Wilson, Mrs Cathryn Williams, Mrs Joanne Fee and Rev'd Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Roland Bell.

61/17 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

62/17 Police Matters - no police officer was present.

63/17 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th September 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

64/17 Public Participation

Mesdames Williams and Fee raised the following issues:

- i) Concerns for road safety at the top of the village where vehicles are often on the wrong side of the road when navigating the bend. More young children now live in that area. The Clerk was instructed to write to Amber Sykes, County Highways' Officer, asking for some measures to improve safety, to the Police asking for interventions on speeding in that area, and to United Utilities requesting speed restrictions similar to those employed at Greysouthern.
- ii) Provision for teenagers in the village. The Village Hall was offered as a possible venue for a parent-led Youth Group but this was declined as it was felt the young people (mainly boys) would like to have somewhere where they could meet unsupervised. The Parish Council agreed to discuss the matter further at its next meeting.

Mesdames Williams and Fee left the meeting at this point - 7.45pm

65/17 Village Hall

The following issues were discussed:

- i) **Christmas Event.** Lakes College can accommodate approx. 50 in the Restaurant or up to 120 in the larger room, for which additional costs would be incurred for security staff. Meal to be £14.00 per head. Booked for 9th December to serve Christmas Dinner at 4pm. It was agreed that the numbers be kept to 50. Cllr McCartney had made enquiries of three bus

companies, all quoting £300. It was agreed that Cllr McCartney should contact the Transport Heritage Trust to see if they could assist with transportation. Cllrs Elliot and McCartney to arrange lists to go up in the usual places.

- ii) **Kitchen Equipment.** Cllr McCartney circulated design pictures from Howdens, at a cost of £3499.99 including fridge, microwave, cooker extractor hood, sinks and taps but excluding fitting. It was agreed that the quote be accepted. Howdens and Mr D Wood to be asked for quotes for fitting. Cllr Shaw to purchase 60 x knives, forks and dessert spoons plus 30 teaspoons from Stephensons'.

A new bin had been donated for use in the kitchen.

- iii) **Other matters**

It was noted that West Coast Blinds would install on 19th October.

Cllr J McCartney had purchased a lock for the Village Hall emergency door and was reimbursed £7.99 for this.

Book money of £4.68 and Dance money of £14.00 was handed to Mrs C Wilson.

The McMillan Coffee Morning had raised £483.90 for that charity.

It was agreed that Cllr I Elliott would open and close for a child's birthday party on Saturday 9th December (11.30am - 5pm).

Mrs C Wilson circulated the accounts summary, which was discussed. It was noted that the current year shows a deficit of £3,500.00, mainly due to capital expenditure. Most income is from lettings. It was agreed that fundraising be discussed at the next meeting.

PRS had been paid - Cllr Elliot to arrange for the Liability certificate to be displayed in the hall.

It was agreed that Mr Ian Wilson would look at the chair feet.

A request had been received from Mrs L Philipson for tables to be left up for Bingo sessions on Monday evenings. It was felt that, as the dance group use the hall every second Sunday, this would not be possible.

The Parish Clerk reported that bookings are up, with advance bookings already coming in for 2018.

Mrs Wilson advised that the old pound coins would cease to be legal tender very shortly.

Mrs C Wilson left the meeting at this point - 8.40pm

66/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Min 57/17 i) The Clerk reported that an offer letter had been received from CCC naming the green space next to the village hall as the site for equipment. It was agreed that the Clerk request this be amended to the Village Green.

- ii) Further to Minute 46/17 iii) County Cllr A Kennon had asked County Highways to re-site the sign at the bottom of the road across the ford, to the junction of that road with the A66.
- iii) Further to Minute 59/17 i), the clerk had written to two residents re parking on Lostrigg Close but no reply had been received.
- iv) Further to Minute 59/17 ii) The Clerk read notifications received from CCC via HIMS stating that the pothole had been mended. Councillors stated that this was not true. Clerk to report again to County Highways.
- v) Further to Minute 59/17 iii), it was reported that the timer problem on the streetlight outside Forge House had been rectified.

67/17 Defibrillator - Agreed hold over to next meeting agenda.

68/17 Chairman's Announcements - there were none.

69/17 Allotments. Cllr K Stephenson to pass information re new allotment holders from January 2018, to the Clerk.

70/17 Clerk's Report - The second half of the Precept had been received from Allerdale via BACS transfer.

71/17 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
St Lukes' Church (for Poppy Wreath)	£ 12.00

72/17 Planning - none.

73/17 Parish Maintenance

- i) Clerk to report to ABC that the pavement up past St Luke's Church is very slippery due to fallen leave and to request that these be swept up and the drains unblocked at the same location.

ii)

74/17 Matters for Next Meeting

- i) Defibrillator
- ii) Precept
- iii) Fundraising for Village Hall
- iv) Provision for Young People

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed..... Chairman