

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.00pm

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

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

There were no apologies for absence.

48/17 Declarations of Interest - there were none.

49/17 Police Matters - no police officer was present. Cllr J McCartney reported that the Police had been called to speak to a resident who had been swearing at some young people.

There was some discussion of a telephone scam currently targeting over 65s and claiming to be HMRC. It was agreed that a public information poster be displayed in the notice board warning of this scam.

50/17 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr B Shaw, seconded by Cllr R Bell, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

51/17 Village Hall

The following issues were discussed:

- i) **Bingo.** Mrs L Philipson reported that the Bingo sessions had not been held for 3 weeks due to shortage of volunteers to cover the required tasks. Cllrs McCartney and Shaw agreed to help with the Bingo on Monday 18th September.
- ii) **Hall Redecoration.** Concern was expressed that this work is taking longer than envisaged. Clerk instructed to take no further bookings for Wednesdays, Saturdays or Sundays until the work is completed, to allow the painter sufficient access.
A wasps' nest had been removed from the premises in recent weeks.
Cllr McCartney to negotiate with West Coast Blinds for roller blinds to be fitted to the Village Hall windows.
- iii) **Christmas Event.** Negotiations ongoing with Lakes College. Date and times required before transport can be ordered. Cllrs Elliott and McCartney to liaise over these issues.

- iv) **Kitchen Equipment.** Cllr McCartney was in negotiations with Howdens over new fittings. Cllr Shaw expressed a wish for a larger sink than the current one, with sluicing facilities. Cllr Shaw had purchased the agreed crockery from Nisbets - Village Hall account to reimburse him for this in due course. Cllr Shaw was further authorised to purchase 65 knives, forks and dessert spoons and to sort out the old cutlery and dispose of the pieces which were no longer serviceable. Cllrs Elliott and Shaw agreed to measure up for new shelving for the kitchen. Cllr McCartney to purchase a new waste bin for the kitchen.
- v) **Chair Feet.** Concern was expressed that the newly repolished floor was being badly scratched by chairs, some of which had lost their rubber feet protectors. It was agreed that the chairs be examined to see which had lost and which had kept their protectors, and the ones without feet to be stacked and only used if necessary. Cllr Elliott to ask Go-Pak about replacement feet.
- vi) **Summer Trip.** Cllr McCartney reported that all had gone well and some very positive feedback had been received.
- vii) **Money for the Treasurer.** The following sums to be handed to Mrs C Wilson:
 - £50 for hire of hall for Church's Curry Night
 - £7 hall hire for a child's birthday party
 - £13 from Bingo
 - £14 for hall hire from Sequence Dancers.

52/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to Min 29/17 i) HAGS price of £5,581.25 plus VAT was over budget. Clerk instructed to order one 2.4m Basket Swing from HAGS, to be stored until a price could be agreed with a local contractor for fitting.
- ii) Further to Minute 46/17 iii) County Cllr A Kennon to ask County Highways to resite the sign at the bottom of the road across the ford, to the junction of that road with the A66. The new village gateway entry signs were welcomed and it was agreed that they looked good.

53/17 Public Participation - County Cllr A Kennon updated the meeting on his work on the 'People and Places Scrutiny Committee, the Highways Working Group and the Sustrans Committee as well as various aspects of County Council work in general.

County Cllr Kennon and Mrs L Philipson left the meeting at this point - 8.10pm

54/17 Chairman's Announcements - there were none.

55/17 Allotments. The clerk was instructed to write to those allotment holders whose contracts would not be renewed in 2018. Cllr K Stephenson reported that there are currently 4 people on the waiting list for allotments.

56/17 Clerk's Report - The Clerk presented the Audited Accounts and it was agreed that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit would be displayed in the noticeboard.

57/17 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

HMRC (PAYE) (August)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - salary and expenses (August)	£157.62
HMRC (PAYE) (September)	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan - salary and exp. (September)	£170.61
BDO LLP (Audit Fee)	£ 36.00
R Stephenson - grass cutting	£450.00
R Bell - grass cutting	£360.00

58/17 Planning - none.

59/17 Parish Maintenance

- i) Following complaints from members of the public, the Clerk was instructed to write to two residents re parking on the pavement at Lostrigg Close which is causing an obstruction.
- ii) Clerk to report to County Highways pothole at the bottom of the hill at the junction of the Little Clifton and Bridgefoot roads, has failed again and is in need of a more substantial repair.
- iii) Clerk to report to ABC that the timer on the streetlight beside Forge House is set incorrectly.

60/17 Matters for Next Meeting - nothing new.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed..... Chairman