

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Bridgefoot Village Hall on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Ian Elliott, Jean McCartney, Carol Wilson, Ken Stephenson, Fliss Watts, Fiona Heslam, Ed Heslam and Roland Bell. Cumberland Cllr Andrew Semple, and Judith Morgan, Parish Clerk, were also in attendance.

Apologies There were none.

39/23 Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

40/23 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr C Wilson, the minutes of the Meeting held on 14th June 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

41/23 Public Participation.

No members of the public were present.

42/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i. Further to Minute 23/23 ii David had identified what was needed to attach the bench to the bus shelter and was expected to complete this work within a few days.
- ii. Further to Minute 23/23 v Cllr J McCartney had attended to the transfer of money.
- iii. Further to Minute 25/23 i and iv, all issues had been reported to Cumberland Council for attention and Home Group had passed the request for weed treatment to the appropriate department.
- iv. Further to Minute 25/23 ii, the Environment Agency had been given the information regarding sewage discharges into the river Marron and children swimming in the vicinity. It was not known what action would be taken.
- v. Further to Min 25/23 iv, the local Environmental Health team had visited and marked the fly tipped items on Cat Bank with paint. Some asbestos had also been identified amongst the rubbish. Signs are to be placed shortly.

43/23 Allotments

Cllr K Stephenson reported that everything was going OK on the allotments, although there had been a further infestation of rats which had been dealt with via a combination of poison and trapping. Cllr Stephenson explained the methods used. Cllr Heslam suggested that buildings can be made rat proof by installing wire meshing around the bottom. There was some further discussion of the efficiency of using poison.

Two people are currently on the waiting list for allotments. Ground was dry, and some rain would be welcome.

44/23 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

HMRC	PAYE	£ 96.60
Rev J Morgan	Salary and Expenses July	£414.12
R Bell	Grass cutting	£200.00
HMRC	PAYE	£ 96.60
Rev J Morgan	Salary and Expenses August	£400.32

45/23 Parish Maintenance

- i. The Clerk was instructed to write to Cumberland Council requesting:
Replacement of the two Valley View name signs which are badly rusted.
Further attention to the drain outside No 1 Valley View where the replacement drain is uneven causing a significant trip hazard (noted that a small dog had recently entrapped a paw in the drain cover);

Repainting of the 'Slow' markings on the road near Corner House, Little Clifton (both 'Slow' signs need to be repainted).

The road signs for Greysouthern and Dean across the road from Corner House are now pointing in the wrong direction.

The speed signs coming into Little Clifton from Oldfield Road have been turned around.

To request that '!', "Caution, Blind Bend" sign be affixed to the same post as the 'Greysouthern' sign at the junction of Gaythorne Terrace and Oldfield Road, Little Clifton.

- ii. There was further discussion of the ongoing problems with the X4 and X5 buses, with information provided by Mrs J Wright, who had now also written to Mark Jenkinson MP asking for his intervention. The Parish Council was in favour of additional bus stops at the top of Chapel Brow to prevent people having to walk back to Little Clifton/Bridgefoot from the Gin House in Great Clifton.
- iii. The Parish Council heard complaints about parking on pavements, raised in an email to Cllr E Heslam by a concerned resident. It was noted that it is an offence to park on pavements and that this is a police matter. Cllr Heslam agreed to make the complainant aware of this.
- iv. The Clerk was instructed to remind United Utilities of their promise to remove the plastic wraps from the saplings on their land.

46/23 Village Hall

- i. Book money of £6.83 was handed to the treasurer.
- ii. The notes from the meeting held on 28th June were received.
- iii. Members were reminded of the Public Meeting to be held on Friday 14th July at 7pm. The Clerk had received documents relating to this from Hellen Aitken.
- iv. The PCC has relinquished its right to appoint a representative to the Village Hall Committee.
- v. On the proposal of Cllr F Heslam, seconded by Cllr F Watts, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would relinquish its right to appoint a representative to the Village Hall Committee.
- vi. Cumberland Council has given permission for the Solar Panels to be installed but is not yet in a position to decide about extending the lease or gifting the building and land to the Parish Council.

47/23 Reduction in Speed Limit through the village

Cumberland Cllr A Semple sought the council's views on a late application by Tendley Quarries to transport asphalt to the A595 Moresby project between the hours of 11pm on Friday 14th July and 2am on Saturday 15th July 2023. The council felt, unanimously, that this was far too short notice and that the hours were inappropriate for such a noisy activity and wished to object strongly to this application. Cllr Semple agreed to pass these objections to his colleague in Kendal who was dealing with the application,

Cllr Semple advised of a meeting to be held in Bridgefoot Village Hall on Thursday 3rd August from 1.30pm until 3.30pm, at which representatives of all the key organisations would be present. Mr Semple was asked to invite representatives of Trainright and Tyson H Burridge to attend as well. Cllr I Elliott to organise a projector and screen. Cllr E Helsam to bring along video clips to be shown. It was felt that two representatives of each Parish Council would be sufficient.

Cllr Semple thanked Little Clifton Parish Council for enabling discussions about transport and added that he would be attending a meeting of the Highways Board on Tuesday 1st August 2023.

Cllr E Heslam reported that he had so far received eight responses re the proposed reduction in speed limit from his article in Village News and hoped for more. It was noted that no resident of Marron Lane had responded so far.

48/23 Highways England

A meeting of the affected Parish Councils had been held on Wednesday 5th July in Bridgefoot Village Hall, to discuss the decision of Highways England not to provide a roundabout on the A66 at the Brigham/Broughton junction. Traffic monitoring is ongoing, and data is being recorded. A future meeting would be convened which would include representatives of Cumberland Council. Next meeting of this group, Wednesday 2nd August at 7pm in Bridgefoot Village Hall.

49/23 Respectful Conduct at Parish Council meetings

Members were reminded of the need for people to speak one at a time, with no other conversations going on.

The Chairman explained that members with time constraints could opt to leave a meeting at any point, should the need arise. The Clerk added that National Guidelines are that no meeting should exceed two hours in duration.

50/23 Village News

- a) It was agreed that the following be included in the next issue, probably around September/October
 - i. Village Hall Committee
 - ii. Bid for Solar Panels
 - iii. Parking at Village Hall

51/23 BLECH

A new project was being created by CaFS re retrofitting.

A training event on using thermal imaging cameras had been booked in the Village Hall for 19th February 2024.

52/23 Planning Matters

Planning Application – notice that this had been granted - HOU/2023/0101 Mr and Mrs Ross, 9 Fell View, Bridgefoot, proposed extension above existing garage to provide additional living accommodation and raised terraced area.

53/23 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that a local resident had taken up approx. one quarter of the car park at the Village Hall the previous weekend, with no formal request to do so. The Clerk was instructed to write to the resident, asking that they make a formal request to use the car park should the need arise in future, and only if they have no alternative parking at their own property.

54/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that lights had once again been left on in the Hall and Mrs C Elliott had switched them off after midnight. The group responsible had been informed via email and asked to double check that all lights are extinguished before leaving the building, including kitchen and toilet lights.

55/23 Items for next meeting

None identified.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.36pm

Signed _____ Chairman

_____ Date