

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Bridgefoot Village Hall on Wednesday 13th September 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.

56/23 Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

57/23 Approval of Minutes

Subject to an amendment to Minute 51/23 to now read 'A public event on thermal imaging cameral and retrofit had been booked etc' and on the proposal of Cllr J McCartney, seconded by Cllr C Wilson, the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

58/23 Public Participation.

No members of the public were present. Cumberland Cllr A Semple wished to update the council on the following:

- i. There was no update on the Brigham/Broughton roundabout but Cllr Denise Rollo, portfolio holder for highways, was lobbying both Transport for the North and Highways England on this issue.
- ii. Request for a reduction in speed limit was a contentious issue. The Parish Council wishes to see a reduction to 20mph throughout the villages of Bridgefoot and Little Clifton. Currently both evidence of need and community support are needed to effect a change. Wider community support is needed. Cllr E Heslam explained that the current petition, authored by Mr Freely, was too vague to be of use in this instance. It was agreed that a more robust question with a binary choice answer be put in the next edition of the village newsletter and the possibility of a public event hosted by the Parish Council be considered once the responses to the question were known.
- iii. Community Panels are being established and Community Consultation Forms were left in the Hall. The consultation, which ends on 30th September, will set priorities for a Neighbourhood Investment Plan, which will have £60,000 available.
- iv. Cllr C Wilson asked Cllr Semple to request that the Tendley Trucks which operate late at night do not use the orange flashing lights as these are disturbing sleep for residents of the parish.

County Cllr A Semple left the meeting at this point – 7.30pm

59/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i. Further to Minute 42/23 i. The bench was now installed in the bus shelter and was being used.
- ii. Further to Minute 45/23 Cumberland Council had agreed to replace the Valley View signs, the signs which had been turned around had been repositioned, and had decided that no action was required on the drain outside 1 Valley View or the potholes and road markings near Corner House.
- iii. Further to Minute 42/23 iv, Cllr F Heslam was in contact with United Utilities to push the Environment Agency for a resolution to the septic tank legal compliance.
- iv. Further to Min 42/23 v. it was noted that a 'CCTV in Operation' sign had been placed on Cat Bank.
- v. Further to Minute 45/23 iv. The Clerk was instructed to write to United Utilities again requesting that the sleeves be removed from the saplings.
- vi. Further to Min 53/23 The Clerk had spoken to the lady concerned and established the correct way to proceed if the car park were needed temporarily in future.
- vii. It was noted that matters concerning the Village Hall will now be dealt with by the Village Hall Committee in a separate meeting.

60/23 Allotments

Cllr K Stephenson reported that everything was going OK on the allotments with three people now on the waiting list. He had needed to speak to two allotment holders about keeping their allotments tidy. More rat poison had been purchased to deal the with infestation.

61/23 Accounts for Payment

The following were approved:

HMRC	PAYE	£ 0.00 – this because of a letter from HMRC stating an overpayment on the account.
Rev J Morgan	Salary and Expenses July	£496.92
R Bell	Grass cutting	£600.00
R Stephenson	Grass cutting	£450.00
J Griffiths	Rat poison	£116.99

62/23 Parish Maintenance

- i. The Chairman reported there had been spillage from a Tendley Lorry on 26th August, which he had reported. The Site Manager had attended the following morning, cleared up the mess and confirmed that he would personally speak to the driver concerned.
- ii. The Clerk was instructed to order the Remembrance Wreath from Maryport Town Council as usual.
- iii. It was reported that David is in the process of painting the bus shelter at Chapel Brow.
- iv. It was reported that the cycle path sign on Chapel Brow is broken – clerk to report to CC.
- v. It was reported that Mr Keith Sproat of Chapel Brow is cleaning the footpath known locally as Roy's Path.
- vi. The Clerk was instructed to report to Cumberland Council paving flags on the footpath from Chapel Brow to St Luke's Church have 2" wide gaps in places and present a trip hazard.
- vii. The Clerk was instructed to write to the owner of Chapel Brow Manor reporting a pipe in his wall which is constantly leaking water and will present a hazard during the colder weather.
- viii. The Clerk was instructed to report to Cumberland Council that the path from Lostrigg Close to Punderland Farm is resembling a dog toilet again, to request that it be cleaned and monitored and that the Dog Warden visits the Parish for a meeting with Cllr J McCartney.
- ix. The Clerk was instructed to write to the resident of a house on Cat Bank where grass cuttings from the garden are being disposed of in the river, where they deposit downstream and are becoming very smelly, causing nuisance to the nearby residents, and to request that the cutting be disposed of more appropriately in future.
- x. Cllr E Heslam reported on a recent incident in which two aerial cables were cut through by a person or persons unknown.
- xi. The Clerk was instructed to report to Cumberland Council that long grass is growing in the kerbs at Scots Croft and throughout Little Clifton and to request remedial action.
- xii. The Clerk was instructed to report to Home Group that part of the road in front of the garages at Scots Croft needs to be tarmacked and 'Keep Clear' signs need to be repainted on the road.

63/23 Reduction in Speed Limit through the village – already dealt with.

64/23 Highways England

A further meeting had been held and it was felt that the group now had enough information to take to National Highways and a letter is to be sent to them.

65/23 Village News – already discussed.

66/23 Bridgefoot and Little Clifton Energy Hub (BLCEH)

The Retrofit Project will get going within the next couple of months. Volunteers are being trained with thermal imaging cameras. Thermal surveys of properties are being offered.

67/23 Planning Matters

Two residents had approached the chairman to ask about the garage being built in the field behind Chapel Terrace. The Planning Dept had confirmed that the building did have planning consent although there are no dimensions listed on the plans and no officers had visited the site to check the size. Officers would be unable to visit the site before October.

68/23 Chairman's Announcements -nothing additional this month

69/23 Clerk's Report – nothing additional this month.

70/23 Items for next meeting.

Village Christmas Tree.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

Signed _____ Chairman

_____ Date