

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Bridgefoot Village Hall on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Ian Elliott, Jean McCartney, Carol Wilson, Ken Stephenson, Fliss Watts, Fiona Heslam, and Roland Bell. PCSO Luke King was present to 7.15 pm
Minutes taken by Fiona Heslam

Apologies for absence were received from Rev'd Judith Morgan (due to family circumstances) and Cumberland Cllr Andrew Semple (due to clash of meetings).

87/23 Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

88/23 Approval of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr R Bell, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

89/23 Public Participation.

Police Community Support Officer Luke King was present and outlined his role as part of the Community Based Policing Team/ Neighbourhood Policing scheme. PCSO Silver mentioned that he is happy to be contacted by email at: luke.king@cumbria.police.uk. Cllr Heslam mentioned traffic issues such as speeding through the village and the collision site at Corner House, Little Clifton. Cllr Elliott also mentioned speeding by various categories of vehicle. PCSO King mentioned that he recently completed speed gun training and that he can attend the village with the speed monitoring equipment. His colleague can issue penalty notices. Cllr Elliott mentioned times when there are particular issues with vehicles and PCSO King confirmed that the detection equipment functions in daylight and in darkness.

90/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Matters arising from the minutes of 18th October to be covered in full at the next meeting.

However, Cllr McCartney mentioned tree cutting at Chapel Brow and asked if Judith could please send another letter.

74/23 iii It was noted that the Remembrance Wreath has been purchased.

74/23 ix Cllr McCartney mentioned that she had seen someone clearing leaves in the village.

77/23 ii The Meet Up and Clean Up event on Sunday 5th November drew 23 people. The council has now removed the bags of rubbish.

85/23 i It was agreed that the Village Hall should be put forward to receive these funds.

91/23 Allotments

Cllr K Stephenson reported that the allotment discussed in previous meetings has now been tidied.

92/23 Accounts for Payment (Budget Precept)

This will now be discussed at the next meeting. It was discussed that a category of "General Maintenance" should be added to allow for Handyman work. An outline amount of £500 should be allowed under this heading. Clarification of back-pay uplift/Clerk's salary in terms of amounts to be set aside will also be discussed at the next meeting.

93/23 Parish Maintenance

- The surround of the drain opposite the entrance to Chapel Brow is damaged/missing.
- The Siltbuster machine in the water treatment works runs 24/7 and is noisy. Cllr Elliott asked if the Clerk can write to United Utilities to mention this situation.
- The cycle route sign at Chapel Brow is still broken.
- Rev'd Morgan wrote to Cumberland council and Home Group about the paving slabs at Chapel Brow. The situation is worsening. Could another letter be written please?
- The shrubs opposite the entrance to the Village Hall, near the green BT box are becoming overgrown. Could a letter be written please (Mr David Wood, Dale View, Bridgefoot). Cllr Elliott will speak with

another villager regarding their shrubs.

94/23 Village Christmas Tree

A discussion took place about the lack of an external power point. All agreed that Cllr McCartney should contact the electrician to remedy this situation.

95/23 Reduction in Speed Limit through the village

No update as Cllr Semple not in attendance.

96/23 Village News

This was discussed. Some Councillors had not had an opportunity to view the draft but it was agreed by all that printing should go ahead once the final version had been proofread by Cllr Watts.

97/23 Bridgefoot and Little Clifton Energy Hub (BLCEH)

A public meeting was held at Lorton on 2nd November, with the same meeting being held in Little Clifton Village Hall in February 2024. The Lorton meeting has resulted in 18 requests for thermal imaging surveys to be carried out by the volunteers. The majority of these requests are from people in the Lorton area. It may be possible for some of the trained Bridgefoot/Little Clifton area to assist.

98/23 Planning Matters

Nothing new this month.

99/23 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

100/23 Clerk's Report

Deferred to next meeting.

101/23 Safeguarding

Cllr Heslam mentioned that there had been an issue involving Safeguarding.

102/23 Items for next meeting.

Items 8, 11, 12, & 17 (from the Agenda) to be carried forward

Date of next meeting

Agreed as Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7.00pm

_____ Chairman _____ date