

GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL 143-Sep

CLERK: Mrs Angela Meek, 10 Newlands Lane, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3NF

The **GENERAL MEETING** of the Great Clifton Parish Council on was held on Thursday 19 September 2024 – 7pm - in the Village Hall, Great Clifton.

MINUTES

Attendees were Councillors, Jonathan Coles, Malcolm Fee, Peter Gaston (Vice Chair), Robert McKenzie, Alyson Smith.
Angela Meek, Clerk & RFO.

1. Vice Chair, Cllr Gaston welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Arts, Cllr Kirkbride, Cllr Fryer. There were no Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests, no resignations and no co-options to note. The parish council has five vacancies.
3. Minutes of the General meeting numbered 142-Jul held on 18 July 2024 were discussed and agreed as a true record of the meeting MF proposed, RM seconded, the Chair duly signed the minutes.
There were no matters arising from the GM.
4. There were no members of the public present.
5. **Planning Applications/Decisions.**
 - APPLICATION NO: RMA/2023/0001 - Reserved matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development, together with ground assessment Phase 2 study and coal mining assessment for approved application OUT/2022/0004 for the erection of new dwellings, Abbott Wood, Great Clifton, Workington.
Councillors have concerns with this planning application due to more of the wooded area being destroyed.
 - APPLICATION NO: FUL/2024/0064 - Proposed development of 9 houses and associated works, Land Off, William Street, Great Clifton, Workington, Cumbria.
Councillors had no objections to this planning application.

6. **Financial Matters** presented by the Clerk –
Bank Statement number 331 dated 31st July 2024 – start balance £19,131.35, end balance £17,845.95, money in £0.00, money out £1,285.40.

Bank Statement number 332 dated 31 August 2024 – start balance £17,845.95, end balance £17,725.72, money in £0.00, money out £120.23.

Schedule of Payments –

Payments between meetings were Triple TTT Cumbria Ltd, Inv.0116 cheque number (820) £528.00 – lost in post.

New cheque issued (822) for inv.0116 and Inv.0125 - July & August Grass Cuts £1056.00. The cheque was signed between meetings by the Clerk and Cllr Fee.

Clerk half yr expenses and travel (823) In-0132 £162.73.

Cllr RM, Mower costs (824) £25.00.

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Signed.....

Triple TTT Cumbria Ltd, (Chq No. 825) Refurbishment of two stone bus shelters
£3360.00

AS proposed, MF seconded, the MF, RM, AM signed the cheques respectively.

Overview of Accounts were inspected, JC Proposed, RM seconded, all agreed, the Chair signed as true and accurate records of the accounts.

Addition to signatories' new signatories to the trustees account – Clerk handed a form to Cllr Gaston for him to complete.

7. **Communications to 19 September 2024**

Request for guestlist nomination for the 50th Anniversary Celebration at Carlisle Cathedral, Friday 4th October 2024 – Cllr Coles put forward Cllr Fee, Cllr Fee accepted, Cllr Coles to complete the registration.

8. **Projects, Grant Applications**

- Harry Gill footpath project – Cllr Arts and Cllr McKenzie have both been on the site and cleared a patch but much more to do. The gate by the Gavels is in long grass and will require a post being reinstalled to hang back up.

- **Refurbishment of four stone bus shelters**

Triple T (Cumbria) Ltd – Two bus shelters has been completed, the left-hand side coming into the village from Workington, Greengarth and Gatehead, Cockermouth direction. Both shelters were completed this week, and councillors agreed that they have done a good job.

A parish notice board is to be fitted to the back wall of the bus shelter

Unfortunately, the Gatehead bus shelter has been vandalised with holes being hacked out of the drying render – Cllr McKenzie will look to see if the damage can be repaired.

9. **Parish Matters.**

- **Pit Gap Lonning** – the finger post has been moved for some reason.
- **Poppy Wreaths** - for the November Remembrance Service which will be held on Sunday 10th November 2024 (A) clerk to order two wreaths.
- **RM** reported new owner of the cottage by the school has cut the overgrown hedge back from the road so the bus can safely manoeuvre to the school.
- **PG** reported Anthony Beeby being on the Pow Green with his metal detector, Peter said that this was not parish council land and the licence he had with the parish council does not cover the Pow Green. Mr Beeby apologised and left.
- It was reported that anti-social behaviour leaflets had been delivered to addresses in the village.
- **RM** reported that garden hedges are exceeding their height limit and are overgrown (A) clerk to contact Home Group.
- It was reported that two cottages have been empty for a long time 2A Willam Street and Ivy Cottage on Post Office Corner, the same person owns both, why have they just been left (A) clerk to look into and report back.
- It was brought to the councillor's attention that a house at Greengarth has been changed from a three bedroom to a five bedroom and is to be used as a house of multiple occupancy. This has not come through to the PC as a planning



application (A) clerk to contact Cumberland Council's Planning Department for clarity.

- **JC** is to set up a painting group for the newly refurbished bus shelters.
- **PG** collected £300 at the open day; the money was sent to the Southport Community fund.
- **AS** reported cars being parked all over the Gavels, it was said that should emergency vehicles require access they could not get through.
- During heavy rains the drains become overflowed causing flooding to most of the Pow, Cllr Gaston has reported on several occasions, but this is still happening (A) clerk to report
- **AS** reported a fallen tree on the Gavels, but since has been cut down.
- **PG - A group walkabout** - is to be organised with Home Group, Police, Representative and Parish Councillors.
- **The clerk** – informed the councillors that she will be taking some annual leave and not be contactable from 19 October 2024-5 November 2024.

10. Village Hall – Report Cllr McKenzie

- A quote of £1300 has been given for the repainting of the gable end of the hall.
- There was a meeting of the Workington Advisory Panel in the hall and they the trustees could apply to them for funding to help with the cost of the painting.
- The youth group have received some funding for a Football Fun Factory each week in the hall or Bowling Green, weather permitting.
- We are looking into a new tariff for the energy as the present one is coming to an end in October 2024. we are in the process of registering all committee members with the charity commission and we have submitted last years accounts which they seem happy with.

11. Nothing to note for Allotments.

12. **Agenda items** for 19th September 2024 meeting to be forwarded to the clerk before 12th September 2024.

13. Dates of meeting for the year ahead are:

21st November 2024 [GM] 16th January 2025 [GM] 20 March 2025, [GM].

The meeting closed at 20:00

Meeting notes by the clerk Angela Meek