

GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL - NO (134-FEB)

The General Meeting (No 134-Feb) of Great Clifton Parish Council to be held on Thursday 16th February 2023, 7pm in the Village Hall

Parish Councillors summoned to attend: Paul Arts, Jonathan Coles, Malcolm Fee, Peter Gaston, Jo Kirkbride, Robert McKenzie, Irene Owens, Alyson Smith, Noreen Walker. Also invited: Councillors: Debbie Garton (CCC), Jimmy Grisdale (ABC) & Mark Fryer (Cumberland Council),

MINUTES

Attendees were Cllrs Paul Arts, Jonathan Coles, Malcolm Fee (Chair), Peter Gaston, Jo Kirkbride (Vice Chair), Robert McKenzie, Irene Owens, Alyson Smith. Angela Meek (Clerk)

The chair welcomed all to the meeting and Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Noreen Walker, Mark Fryer and Jimmy Grisdale

1. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest to note. There are three councillor vacancies.
2. There were no members of the public in attendance to note.
3. Minutes of General Parish Council Meeting held on 19th January 2023 were discussed, all agreed that they were of a true record and the Chair signed. There was no Matters arising from the minutes held on 19th January 2023.
4. The Chairman had no announcements to note.
5. **Items for Discussion on Village / Parish Matters**
 - Footpaths – Cllr Coles asked the clerk to report again the missing finger signpost at Pit Gap Lonning and to request a replacement – Cllr McKenzie reported that the drains at Camerton Lonning had been Cleaned as requested to CCC from the January Meeting.
 - The streetlight on the footpath leading down from the hall is still out, the clerk was asked to report again.
 - The hedges on the main road are very overgrown and in need of cutting back before the breeding season begins – the clerk was asked to report to CCC.
 - Cllr Smith asked if the signs around the village could be replaced as the current ones are very worn – the clerk informed that directional signs sits within CCC while street signs sits within ABC. The clerk asked that inventories be compiled, photos taken and if directional, where they are sited.
 - There are no updates on Rose Villa.
 - Cllr Coles had received an enquiry from a woman's team to use the rugby pitch for training but after inspection they deemed it not good enough – moles have caused a lot of damage to the field, and it requires rollers over the surface to flatten areas back down. A Cllr asked if the line marker machine and paint should be sold as it has never been used and the paint has a life span. It was said that the machine be put through a practice run to see if it is working correctly - Cllr Coles to investigate.
6. **Projects Planning for 2023**
 - There is no update for the Village Hall solar panels.
 - Update on the Pump Track grant application, Cllr Arts said that a survey was ongoing
 - (Clerk) – Play equipment for the park, the clerk has informed councillors of the grant application submitted in December 2022 being successful. She has been informed by the GDF Officer that the letter has been delayed due to their team undergoing a review. AM has spoken to the agent at Wicksteed about preparing the order, it is hoped that the playground will be reopened in May.

Signed

Malcolm Fee

Cllr Coles said that at the meeting held by the Great Clifton Community Youth Group committee and it was decided that the Fun Day be kept to later in the summer, July/August and not to be part of the Coronation Day Events.

7. Planning Applications / Decisions

Consultation on planning application, Reference No: WTPO/2023/0003

Applicant: Susan Dobinson, Proposal: Fell tree, Location: Market Cross Inn, 7 Hunter Bank, Great Clifton, Workington, CA14 1UD – there was no objection from Councillors.

8. **Financial Matters** - Report by Responsible Financial Officer. Bank Statement number 313 and dated 31st January 2023, start balance was £17,141.14, end balance £15,786.04, there are no outstanding payments. Income of £14.50 was received from the sale of beverages at the Christmas party. Schedule of payments and receipts, expenses for travel and completion of grant application C.N (781) £839.48, St Lukes annual Donation C.N (782) £300.

The clerk informed councillors that the Phone and Broadband contract with Vodafone was due to expire in February, the mobile phone is only two years old and adequate for the job, so she has gone for a sim only deal with Lebara, a no contract and an extremely cheaper deal with the first 6mths charged at £2.78, equivalent per PC and she (£0.70) and thereafter £6.98 (£1.75) per month.

Broadband and landline are with Now, this is a 12-month contract at a cost of £22.00 per month, equivalent per PC and she (£5.50) per month, when all setup it will reduce the costs to the PC's and myself to, at most £7.25 per month. Trying to keep it as a package was more expensive. This is significantly cheaper than the last 18 months but as with everything these costs could be subject to price increases.

9. Correspondence Letters/emails received since the last meeting.

- Email from GDF Grant Officer to say that there is a delay in sending out letters due to the department going through a review.
- Cllrs received a letter of request for the annual donation of £300 from St Luck's Church, all agreed that the donation had been expected and budgeted, and a cheque was completed at the end of the meeting.
- Allerdale Borough Council - Clerk, Candidate & Agent Briefing for May 2023 local elections. As part of the preparation for the upcoming Town and Parish Elections, on 04 May 2023, Allerdale Borough Council Elections Team are holding a briefing for Clerks, Candidates and Agents. The session will be held on 28th February 2023, 6pm, Allerdale Council Chamber. Nominations open on 21 March 2023 and close on 04 April 2023, they are not planning on sending hard copies of the nomination packs in the post (however this may change), they will provide copies at the session and send the link to download and print.

10. Cllr McKenzie reported that the Village Hall Committee held a meeting on 23rd February at 6pm, where they discussed their hire rates as the cost of energy will be doubled from March. They have just received their PRS bill, which was £130 per year, water bills are due to rise from 1st April 2023.

There have been several children's party bookings for over the coming months.

It was agreed to setting up a Facebook page to advertise and attract more customers to use the hall.

11. There was nothing to note for the Allotments.

12. Items for the next meeting
GCCYG Fun Day

13. The date of next meeting is 16th March 2023.

Meeting closed at: (20:40)

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