

GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL - NO (132-DEC)

The General Meeting (No 132-Dec) of Great Clifton Parish Council to be held on Thursday 15th December 2022, 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 & Mark Fryer, (ABC)

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Attendees were Cllrs Paul Arts, Jonathan Coles, Malcolm Fee, Peter Gaston, Jo Kirkbride, Robert McKenzie, Irene Owens, Alyson Smith, Jimmy Grisdale.

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Walker, and Fryer, and there were no Declaration of Interest to note.
2. There were no members of the General Public present at the meeting.
3. The Minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting held on 17th November 2022 were discussed and agreed as a true record and the Chair signed the minutes. There were no Matters arising from the minutes held on 17th November 2022 to note.
4. In the Chairman's Announcements, the Chair thanked all councillors for their contributions to the parish council business during the year and wished all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
5. Items for Discussion on Village / Parish Matters
 - Footpaths**, ***Coldfitz Lonning** – the clerk had reported to Home Group the water running from the garages at Clifton Lodge down Coldfitz Lonning causing flooding and Pauline responded by saying that she will ask their maintenance surveyor to look to see what needs done regarding the flooding. ***Pit Gap Footpath**, Cllr Coles reported that the wooden finger signpost has gone missing. ***Camerton Lonning**, Cllr McKenzie reported the owner of the field on Camerton Lonning has had his mini digger on the pathway and has cleared the mud, the water is now running down the side and not over the path. ***Siting of a bench** Cllr Gaston had contacted Home Group regarding permission to site a bench on the grassed area by the bus stop at Greengarth and this is being checked, Cllr Gaston will ask for an update. *Cllr McKenzie reported the second light on Bank Top is out – Clerk to Report to Allerdale BC.
 - ***Rose Villa**, Kerry McCartney's response to my email - Claire (Enforcement Officer) and Kerry have visited Rose Villa last week and it appears the owner has attempted to erect some kind of screen fence but obviously not what they were hoping for, Claire took some up-to-date photos and Kerry has had a brief chat with their solicitor regarding the next steps. Given the complex nature of the site with the variety of materials, planning history and the owners willingness to work with us although not to the level required, they will prepare a chronology of the history for their solicitor to review and determine the intended action. Kerry hopes to have this done by the end of next week and will then be able to provide a further update as to the actions they will be seeking the owner to take. Kerry will keep me updated.
 - ***The four stone bus shelters** – no quotes have come back for the refurbishment of the bus shelters, Cllr Fee said he had a quote for a patch up but has since gone back to the builder to request a quote for a full chip off and re-render inside and out, this will future proof the shelters for the next umpteen years.
 - ***By-Monthly Meetings** was discussed, and concerns was raised regarding Planning Applications, the clerk said that should there be a conflict of objections/no objections she would report on the planning application as an example ((6-3 objected to this PA), (8-1 agreed to this PA)). the clerk will contact CALC to ask how this could be managed. Councillors said that they could try by-monthly meeting for 12 months to see if it could work - Cllr McKenzie proposed, Cllr Gaston seconded, a show of hands 7 agreed, one councillor disagreed – by-monthly meetings will begin in May 2023, the next financial year.
6. **Projects Planning for 2022**
 - Children's Christmas Party planning – £500 budget, catering for 70 children in total, numbers were low with fewer than 35 children attending, of all the children who attended they seemed to enjoy themselves, there was a shortage of volunteers. for the Christmas party and the total cost was £465.68, councillors discussed the continuation of planning a Christmas party next year as the costs involved for just a small minority of children was not prudent spending, the immense planning, and staffing on the day

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was said to be a lot of work for such a small turnout. Councillors discussed delivering chocolate Santa's to all children in the village, a smaller budget and less planning. Leftover cakes were delivered to Clarendon house and the rest is to be donated to a local charity. Margaret Fee handed the clerk £14.50 which was the proceeds of the sale of refreshments on the day, the clerk will deposit into the bank account.

- (RM) Village Hall – Solar panels – no update to note
 - (PA) Pump Track – Cllr Arts has been in contact with Jason Flynn and Allerdale Planning who confirmed that planning permission would need to be sought. He is waiting for the plans from a company before progressing.
 - (Clerk) – Playground equipment for the village park, the grant application has been submitted after some technical issues and meeting with Jason Flynn, due to the issues the form got scrambled a bit with figures being altered or missing so I have spent quite a bit of time amending them. I have no real evidence to show that the park equipment is needed and how many children would be using the facility. Jason suggested a questionnaire be put out to households who would then complete and return, and this would provide the evidence needed. Also, to put the questionnaire on the parish councils Facebook page and this too would provide the evidence and would be maybe easier than the house-to-house survey. I will put together a questionnaire and email to the school and Cllr Kirkbride to put on Facebook and webpage. Email correspondences from villagers to say that they are very happy to support the grant for the new play equipment. The application will go before the panel late January 2023 for decision.
7. There have been no planning applications or decisions to note.
 8. Financial Matters – Reported by by the Clerk, RFO
Bank Statement 311 and dated 30 November 2022, the start balance is £15660.77, the end balance is £18844.66. money in £3670.64, money out £476.75. Schedule of payments/Receipts are Annual Paly Inspection (773) £69.60, Misc Receipts RM (re-issue to replace lost cheque number 765) £60.44, Christmas Party Misc receipts (775) £226.01, Christmas Party Misc receipts (776) £177.71, Christmas Party Misc receipts (777) £17.96 added to the schedule was village Hall Hire (778) £296, cheques were signed after the meeting closed. Income from HMRC VAT returns £545.64, ABC Grant Payment for Rugby/Playing Fields £3125, Margaret Fee handed the clerk cash totalling £14.50, this was from the sale of refreshments on the party day, the clerk will deposit into the CBS. The clerk asked for the further 2 items to be held at the end of the meeting.
 9. There was no correspondence, letters, emails to note since the last meeting.
 10. Village Hall - Cllr McKenzie reported the Christmas tree was delivered in time for the Christmas party at a cost of £130, £40 was donated by Iggesund, Cllr Fee asked councillors to give a donation of half the left-over cost of £45 to the tree, Cllr Gaston proposed, Cllr Coles seconded, and all agreed to the £45 donation, donation to be signed at the January 2023 meeting.
 11. There was no report on the Allotments to note.
 12. There were no items for the next meeting to note.
 - Budget forecasting, planning for 2023-2024 - after much discussion and increasing costings Cllr Gaston proposed, Cllr McKenzie seconded, and all agreed the decision to raise the budget from £10000 to £13000 – Clerk to complete precept form and forward to Allerdale BC.
 - Clerks working hours were re-reviewed of last month's decision, the clerk said that the hours were insufficient for the amount of work being carried out and requested the hours to be raised from 4hrs to 6hrs per week totalling 24hrs per month, this should allow for her to take paid annual/bank holiday leave for the first time. Cllr Gaston proposed, Cllr McKenzie seconded, and all agreed to the additional 2hrs per week (to be looked at next year).
 13. Date of next meeting – 19th January 2023.

Meeting closed at 20:45

Minutes by Angela Meek, Clerk - Ref: (132-Dec)

Signed by Chair

