

GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL 144-Nov

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 21st November 2024 – 7pm - in the Village Hall, Great Clifton.

MINUTES

Attendees were Councillors, Paul Arts, Jonathan Coles, Malcolm Fee, Peter Gaston (Vice Chair), Cllr Kirkbride, (Chair), Robert McKenzie, Alyson Smith.
Jaymie Meek nominated Clerk.

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Fryer.
 - There were no Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests, no resignations to note.
 - Anthony Hay asked to join the parish council Cllr Gaston proposed, Cllr McKenzie seconded, all agreed Cllr Hay was welcomed onto the parish council – Clerk to forward the forms for Cllr Hay's completion.
 - The parish council has four vacancies.
3. Minutes of the General meeting numbered 143-Sep held on 19 September 2024 were discussed, MF proposed, RM seconded, all agreed they were of a true record of the meeting the Chair duly signed the minutes.
Matters arising from the meeting:
 - PG said that the group walkabout took place.
 - Cumberland BS requires the clerk's signature on the form to add Cllr Gaston to the parishes account as a signatory.
 - Cllr Hay is to get a quote for the rehangng of the gate on the Gavels footpath.
4. There were two members of the public present.
5. **Planning Applications/Decisions.**
 - APPLICATION NO: NMA/2024/0026, Applicant: James Burlinson.
 - Proposal: Non-material amendment application for change to facing brick on application RMA/2023/0001, Location: Abbott Wood, Great Clifton
Councillors said that only outlying planning with no actual plans attached so cannot comment until they have the relevant information, what of the TPO's – the clerk to contact CC Planning Department.

Decision Notice

Manor Developments Cumbria Ltd, Proposed new 3 bed end terraced dwelling, 25A Gatehead, Great Clifton, Workington, CA14 1TN

6. **Financial Matters** presented by the Clerk –
Bank Statement number 333 dated 30th September 2024 – start balance £17,725.72, end balance £18,455.89, money in £6,500.00, money out £5,769.83.

Bank Statement number 334 dated 31st October 2024 – start balance £18,455.89, end balance £18,077.89, money in £0.00, money out £378.00.

Schedule of Payments –

(826) Repayment to Clerk for Moore, External Penalty Invoice £378.00 (826) Royal British Legion - two Poppy Wreaths £50.00

(827) Triple TTT Cumbria Ltd, Inv.0144 £528.00.

All agreed and cheques were respectively signed by MF, RM.

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

Budget Planning for precept 2025/26 was discussed and agreed not to raise the precept.

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- National Joint Council Pay Award 2024/25 is agreed. With effect from 1st April 2024, an increase of £1,290 (pro-rata for part time employees) backdated to 1st April 2024 to be paid as a consolidated, permanent addition on all NJL points 2 to point 43 inclusive. This equates to the clerk's salary going up from £14.95 to £15.58 per hour. The clerk will look at this for the next meeting.

7. Communications to 19 September 2024

None to note

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 new post being reinstalled to hang back up.
- Pump Track – Grant payment upfront and then to claim back – for the project to proceed they would require £100k upfront and then to claim back – Cllr Fryer has Cllr Art's he would support the project and will look available grant funding.

9. Parish Matters.

- **Poppy Wreaths** - for the November Remembrance Service held on Sunday 10th November 2024 were purchased and delivered to Cllr Fee.
- **Caravans** - on the road prevented the grass being cut.
- **The park** has been vandalised – the council will have to fund the repairs.
- **Bus shelter** on Gatehead, Cockermouth side has been vandalised – to decide to repair or wait until the other two have been completed.
- **Two empty properties** – Cllr Gaston asks if there has been anything back relating to the enquiry – the clerk has had nothing back.
- **Drains at Middlegate** – have again been reported.
- **Pow Green** – Cllr Kirkbride to investigate ownership of the land.
- **Cllr Fee** – to contact Stagecoach to see if the bus service could be reinstated in the village as new funding becomes available.
- **JK, AH** – to contact Cumberland Council's Highways Department regarding potholes at Camerton and around the village.

10. Village Hall – Report Cllr McKenzie

- The younger children seem to like the Football Fun Factory but there is usually trouble when the older children attend as there isn't enough supervision with there being only one coach which isn't enough. If more help isn't provided, then this would lead to the older children's group being suspended as the village hall is being subjected to damaged areas each time they have been in.
- The Christmas tree has been ordered and will be delivered at the beginning of December; this year it will be set up on the stage due to the Football Fun Factory. The Village Larder which uses the hall on a fortnightly basis has donated a microwave to the hall.
- A family has booked the hall for Christmas Day again, this is the third year that this has been booked.
- We have had enquiries for the hall to be booked on New Years Eve which we are discussing.

11. Nothing to note for Allotments.

12. **Agenda items** for 16th January 2024 meeting to be forwarded to the clerk before 8th January 2025.

13. Dates of meeting for the year ahead are:

16th January 2025 [GM] 20 March 2025, [GM].

The meeting closed at 20:25

Meeting notes by the nominated clerk Jaymie Meek