

GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL - NO (133-JAN)


The General Meeting (No 133-Jan) of Great Clifton Parish Council to be held on Thursday 19th January 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, Jo Kirkbride, Robert McKenzie, Irene Owens, Alyson Smith, Noreen Walker, Jimmy Grisdale

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Peter Gaston, Mark Fryer, and Debbie Garton. There were no Declaration of Pecuniary Interest to note. There was no resignation to note, the parish council has three councillor vacancies.
2. There were no members of the Public to Participate
3. Discussed were the minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting held on 15th December 2022, all agreed that they were of a true record and the Chair signed. There were no matters arising from the minutes held on 15th December 2022.
4. The Chairman had no announcements to note.
5. **Items for Discussion on Village / Parish Matters**
 - Footpaths – a drainage cleaner lorry has been in the village clearing the drains around the village, Cllr McKenzie asked if they would clear the four drains heading down Camerton Lonning, he was told they were not on the list and to contact CCC to request that they be put added to the list. AM to contact CCC.
 - Rose Villa – Kerry McCartney has requested further information which has been requested by the solicitor, I have forwarded this to Kerry and am waiting to hear more.
 - Potholes at Greengarth, Middlegate, Clifton Lodge and Moor Road are becoming more enlarged and difficult to avoid – AM to report to CCC.
 - The concrete path leading down from Clifton Lodge to the school or Codfitz Lonning is a serious trip hazard with holes and loose concrete – AM to report to Home Group
 - Fly tipping has been reported on Moor Road by the Bridge, chairs, sofas etc – AM to report to ABC.
 - 3rd street light is broken and not working on the footpath from William Street leading to Riverside, it is a frequently used footpath for villagers – AM to report to ABC.
 - Quotes for the four stone bus shelters are ongoing.
6. **Projects Planning for 2023**
 - (RM) Village Hall – Solar panels – Cllr McKenzie and Arts are to meet next week to look at the work that is required for the Grant Application.
 - (PA) Pump Track – Cllr Arts informed the group that he had been back to Jason Flynn (GDF Funding Grants Officer) for information, there is a cost for the planning application in excess of £300, Jason said that this could not be part of the Grant so the cost would be to the parish council. When asked if Allerdale had any funding Cllr

Signed 

Gridsdale said to ask their representative councillor for Cumberland Cllr Fryer. AM to contact Cllr Fryer to see if there is any funding for this project.

- (Clerk) – Play equipment – Cllr Arts forwarded some hard copy surveys which she then forward to the GDF Fund Group in support of her Grant Application for play equipment, the panel meet next week, and the decision outcome will be send out early February 2023.
7. There have been no Planning Applications or Decisions to note.
 8. Financial Matters - Bank Statement 312 and dated 31 December 2022
 - Start Balance £18,844.66, Payments in this period £1,703.52, End Balance £17,141.14 There is no Schedule of payments/receipts to note.
 - The Precept for 2023/2024 was submitted for the sum of £13,000.00. on 22 December 2022.
 - Cheques wrote out at the meeting were: C.N. (779) £300.00 letter from treasurer for annual donation to the Great Clifton Methodist Chapel. C.N. (780) £1000.00 letter from treasurer for annual donation to the Village Hall Committee.
 - The clerk informed councillors that the phone and broadband were coming out of contract on 9 February 2023. The current mobile phone is more than enough so is pursuing contracts for sim only and broadband deals and this should bring these costs down.
 9. There is no Correspondence Letters/emails received to note since the last meeting.
 10. **Village Hall** - Committee Chairman, Cllr McKenzie reported that they may have to increase their prices due to high energy bills, the gas bill was extremely high. Some of the parties that had booked to use the hall have not paid the correct amount for the time used, they are not paying for setting up and clearing away, the rates will need to be explained and a contract signed before completing the booking. At present there is two groups using the hall on a weekly basis. There are bookings for parties at weekends, there will need to be a surcharge if they use bouncy castles as they incur extra electricity costs.
Cllrs discussed underuse of the hall and how best to advertise the facilities on offer. There is an old email address being advertised on the internet, but no one knew who looks after this – AM to contact the email address to see if it is being monitored.
 11. **Allotments** - Cllr McKenzie reported that the allotment committee has booked the hall for a meeting next week, they will probably use this meeting to collect rents
 12. **Items for next meeting**
The Coronation of King Charles III, to look at coin distribution to parishioners. To look at combining the Fun Day in with the Coronation.
 13. **Date of next meeting**
16th February 2023

Meeting closed at8pm.....