

# GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL - NO (135-MAR)

The General Meeting of Great Clifton Parish Council was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 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, Paul Scott, Alyson Smith. Also invited: Councillors: Debbie Garton (CCC), Jimmy Grisdale & Mark Fryer, (CC)

## MINUTES

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

1. The Chair welcome all to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mark Fryer. There were no Declaration of Pecuniary Interest to note. Noreen Walker has given her resignation from the parish council due to ill health; the clerk contacted Noreen and wished her well for the future. Irene Owens handed the clerk a letter of her resignation due to other commitments, all wish Irene the best. The Parish Council now has 5 vacancies.
2. There were no members of the public present.  
Cllr Grisdale said it was his last meeting with GCPC as of 1<sup>st</sup> April he takes on his new role of Cumberland Councillor Representative for Seaton. Councillors thanked him for his contribution to the parish.
3. **Minutes of last meeting**  
Discussed were the minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and numbered (134), all agreed that they were of a true record and the Chair signed. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. The Chairman had no announcements to record.
5. **Items for Discussion on Village / Parish Matters**
  - Footpaths – JC has been in touch with Hazel Wainwright regarding the missing finger signpost at (FP 241009). Hazel informed Cllr Coles that it would be put on a list for replacement in the next financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. With the LGR hazel informed us that she is transferring to Westmorland and Furness Council. For any future reports of issues on rights of way from 1st April please go through the highway's hotline on the Cumberland council website, this will then be allocated to one of the Cumberland Countryside Access Team.  
Cllr Smith was asked to report a barrier being erected at the top of Abbot Wood blocking the footpath, councillors said that although people did cross over this self-made path there has never been a public right of way in that area. Cllr Smith will report back to the enquirer.
  - There was nothing to report on Rose Villa.
  - Councillors discussed if they should plan an event for the Coronation Day of King Charles III, after much debate and other planned events coming to light with street parties and the Vulcan Park party it was agreed that in this instance and late stage it should be left to the upper authorities to organise.

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- Councillors discussed the purchase of medals for all the children in the village, it was said that it was too near to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to again issue medals and the commitment to deliver would be too short a time. Councillors voted and all agreed not to proceed with this.
- Councillors discussed the purchase of a bench to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III, sites chosen were on the green by Greengarth bus shelter (permission has been sought from Home Group), in Rosemary Park on William Street, or overlooking the Rugby Field, also on William Street. All voted yes to purchasing the bench and to look at the location at the next meeting.
- The clerk attended the Candidate & Agent Briefing for May 2023 local elections on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6pm as part of the preparation for the upcoming Town and Parish Elections, on 04 May 2023. Nominations open on 21 March 2023 and close on 04 April 2023, the clerk collected the hard copy nomination packs at this time and handed out to councillors before the meeting. Most forms were completed at the meeting and handed back to the clerk to deliver to Allerdale House.
- Light number 82 is out in the village – the clerk to report.
- A drain outside number 45 Clifton Lodge is blocked and in need of attention - the clerk to report.
- Cars are reported as driving at speed along the lane leading to the school, not just the parents, but delivery drivers and school staff. This is highly dangerous and is likely to cause a collision with a pedestrian, councillors discussed signages being put up along the route and/or speed humps to prevent speeding cars - the clerk to report and request.
- It was reported that there is a big problem with cars parking up on the kerbs and even over pavements, on the Gavels. People with prams and in wheelchairs are struggling to pass and are having to go out of their way to evade the obstruction – the clerk was asked to write a letter which will be hand delivered to all addresses on the Gavels.

#### 6. **Projects Planning for 2022/23**

- (RM) Solar panels for the Village Hall– no update
- (PA) Pump Track – no update
- (Clerk) Play Equipment Project, ongoing with the contractor. It is all now signed and confirmed that Great Clifton Park has been awarded the grant funding for new play equipment. The clerk informed that Cllr Fee and she had received an invitation to attend a drop-in session on Monday 20 March 2023 3-6pm. We will be presented with a framed certificate and introduced to other branded items that show our project has received Community Investment Funding. The clerk will give their acceptance to the invitation at the agreed time of 3:30pm.

#### 7. **Planning Applications / Decisions**

#### 8. **Financial Matters – Report by Responsible Financial Officer**

Bank Statement 314 start Balance £15786.04, Money out £839.48, end balance £14946.56 – there is an outstanding cheque for £300 for St Luke's Church (MF asked to check). There are no transactions, no Income, and no Schedule of payments/Receipts to note.

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Due to changes necessitated by Local Government Reorganisation there will be a delay to the payment of the first instalment of your 2023/24 precept. As a result, the payment to be credited to Parish's bank account on Thursday 6 April 2023.

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

- The Allerdale GDF Community Partnership are holding a 'drop-in' event for Parish and Town Councillors at Dunmail Park Shopping Centre, Workington on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 12.00 noon to 7.00pm.

**10. Village Hall** - Cllr McKenzie reported that the committee had held a meeting where it was agreed to elect Wendy Kirwood as the new secretary. Also discussed the energy costs and it was decided to have one charge of £12 regardless of heating or not, we will monitor the usages to see if this is enough to cover our costs. There is another member to complete the paperwork so they can sign cheques, this will give us three signatories. There was a dance group in on the 12 March from 9.30 to 17.30 this will give a good indication as to if we are covering our costs.


**11. Allotments** - Cllr McKenzie reported that the allotment committee had held a meeting on the 27 February to collect rents, around half of the members paid on the day and the rest of the payments have been made. Repair of the road was discussed and agreed to repair it at the end of March. The Vacant allotments have now been let.

**12. Items for next meeting**

**13. Date of next meeting – Bi-monthly meeting dates for your calendar, diaries etc.**

(AA) & (AGM) 11 May 2023 – (GM) 20 July 2023 – (GM) 21 September 2023  
(GM) 16 November 2023 – (GM) 18 January 2024 – (GM) 21 March 2024

Meeting closed .....8:05pm.....



Minutes by Angela Meek Ref: (135-Mar)

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