

# GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL - NO. (126-MAY)

The General Meeting (No 126) of Great Clifton Parish Council to be held on Thursday 19th May 2022 following the AGM in the Village Hall

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

## MINUTES

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Attendees were, Cllrs Malcolm Fee (Chair), Jo Kirkbride (Vice Chair), Robert McKenzie, Irene Owens, Paul Arts, Alyson Smith, also attended was Representative (ABC) Councillor Peter Gaston.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Martin Andradez, Jonathan Coles, Noreen Walker, Paul Scott, Debbie Garton, and Jimmy Grisdale.
2. There were no Declaration of Interest to note.
3. Public Participation from Mr West of Rose Villa who informed councillors of his situation with the build, firstly with a digger getting too close to 10ft vertical wall supporting a neighbouring bungalow and which the Council deemed the site a dangerous structure. Having put this right at his cost funds became limited and so he could only complete parts as and when he could afford the materials. And currently Mr West is out of the county a lot looking after his ailing mother. Parish councillors questioned Mr West about the number of cars and vans on site, so it resembles a scrap yard which makes the village looked unkept, a real eyesore to villagers. Mr West assured the meeting that he would tidy the land and remove some of the cars and vans from the site, and to put a fence at the site boundary so as when passing, no one will see in. this will take time to complete as he is away most of the time visiting his mother. Councillors sympathised with his predicament, and all agreed for the fence to be in place by this September.  
When questioned about the Monkey puzzle Tree being damaged, he stated that he had not touched the tree and on looking up online it was said that it was natural for the tree to lose branches at certain times.  
Councillors thanked Mr West for attending the meeting, for his relaying of his circumstances and for answering their questions. Councillors said that now contact has been made, should he need to advise the parish councillors on matters, he knew where to come, Mr West thanked councillors for their time.

#### 4. Minutes of last meeting

- 4.1 All agreed that the General Parish Council Meeting minutes held on 21 April 2022 was of a true record. The Chair signed. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. There were no Chairman's announcements to note.

#### 6. Items for Discussion on Village / Parish Matters

- 6.1 Rose Villa – as in Item 3.
- 6.2 The Rugby Field, Lines machine and floodlit Lighting are deferred in Cllr Coles absence.
- 6.3 The annual play area inspection will take place this month.
- 6.4 Youth Group Fun Day – it was reported that Lauren Dawson has asked to organise the fun day. deferred in Cllr Coles absence.

Parish matters not on the agenda - ongoing dumping and hardening of rubble and soil at Camerton Lonning with the destruction of trees and blocking of the natural spring - JK has reported. Cllr Gaston has had a recent walkabout in the village with Home Group and there is one planned for 10 June.

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RM has reported potholes by the school. Potholes on Moor Road. Fly tipping, a huge bag has been tipped in Callions field which is private land. To note that the Traylor full of rubbish is still there, the Privet by the Clifton Lodge Lane leading the Gavels is very high and overgrown, garages at Clifton Lodge are filled with rubbish - PG will walk the areas reported at the meeting with Home Group at the next walkabout on 10 June. It was reported that a swing in the children's play park is broken – RM will look at ordering a replacement seat to replace the broken one.

It was said that Cllr Wedgewood had not attended a meeting since November 2021, the Chair requested the clerk to contact Cllr Wedgewood and ask if she wanted to stay as a councillor member or if she wanted to resign from office. Talk of the one remaining vacancy the Chair asked Peter Gaston if he would consider joining as a Councillor Member for Great Clifton Parish Council, Peter Gaston said he would consider joining RM proposed, AS seconded, all present agreed, Cllr Gaston accepted, the clerk will forward the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Disclosure Pecuniary Interests.

### 7. Projects Planning for 2022

7.2 The sub-group for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee evening on 2 June 2022 reported of businesses pulling out of their commitments to the bookings, so it has been advertised by advertisement to bring their own picnics to the event. Some fliers have been printed and distributed to councillors to begin house-to-house delivery of the Platinum Jubilee medals. S&R group will be providing the games for the children, hot dogs will be sold in the village hall along with beverages and juices. Crowns have been purchased and gems will be available for children to design their own.

7.3 Painted stones project – (on hold until after QP Jubilee)

8. The council had no objections to the Planning Application FUL/2020/0047 Derwent Forest Development Consortium Ltd, Visitor centre with associated gatehouse, parking and infrastructure the parish council had no objections to this application.

9. Financial Matters reported by the clerk was Bank Statement 304, and dated 30 April 2022, to record start balance 11,443.24, end balance £16,156.95. money in £5,000 precept 1<sup>st</sup> instalment. Transactions not cleared from last month are Triple ttt £440, CALC £250.39.

Schedule of payments/Receipts for meeting ref: 126-Apr are Receipts Different for Cllr Expenses-Receipts for mower [747] £6, Zurich Insurance [748] £920.35, Payments on the evening were mower Cllr/clerk expenses-Receipts for: compost [749] £22, mower costs [750] £61.18, QPJ event [751] £72.15 & [752] 29.30.

- Close of AGAR accounts – Internal Audit complete – clerk presented to the meeting, Chair to sign if accepted.

### 10. Representative Borough and County Councillors Session

Briefing, updates from ABC & CCC. Parish Councillors to Question and Report issues in the parish

- Codfitz Lonning – DG, PG, JG, and the clerk has independently bombarded CCC and Highways to take responsibility for the footpath – the clerk received information from Hazel Wainwright, Countryside Access Officer that they now have a plan for sorting the drainage issues, quote and funding is in place. They are now arranging a temporary closure order in place which because of a legal process will take some time. The plan is for this all to be in place for work to begin in August at the earliest.

11. Correspondences received since the last meeting have been forwarded to councillors with no items to highlight.

12. **Village Hall** - Cllr McKenzie reported of waiting for an electrician to give a quote for work to be done. Two faulty emergency lights have been replaced, they are having problems with EON energy due to over-estimated energy bill, eon has been sending estimated usages since last October

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despite himself allowing a meter reader entry to note the readings. After some toing and froing with the company we have bills heating for £320 and electric for £179. It was noted that the hall has two meters but only one is in use, we are now keeping a close eye on the energy usage as they may need to increase the hire charges.

13. **Allotments** - Cllr McKenzie reported that a meeting has been held by allotment holders and a new committee has been formed with a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and secretary, bob will hand over the relevant paperwork to the new secretary and treasurer, they will have all the names and contact details of all plot holders. The current Rules and Regulations on how the plots are used and what can be placed on them still stand and no tolerance for breaking the rules will still lead to the expulsion of the plot holder. There is £3922.95 in the kitty, so plot holders have been asked for suggestions on what is needed.
14. Items for next meeting are the fun day, and painted stones.
15. Date of next meeting is Thursday 15 June 2022

