

# GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Date: Thursday 21 April 2022 Time: 7pm Location: Great Clifton Village Hall

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

No. (124-Apr)

**Parish Councillor’s summoned to attend meeting:** Malcolm Fee (Chair), Robert McKenzie, Jo Kirkbride (Vice Chair), Alyson Smith, Irene Owens, Jonathan Coles, Noreen Walker, Katrina Wedgewood, Paul Arts, Martin Andradez, Paul Scott. **Also summoned: County and Borough Councillors** Peter Gaston (ABC), Debbie Garton (CCC), James Grisdale (ABC).

**Attended the meeting was:** Malcolm Fee (Chair), Robert McKenzie, Jo Kirkbride (Vice Chair), Alyson Smith, Irene Owens, Jonathan Coles, Paul Arts, Martin Andradez, Jimmy Grisdale (ABC) Peter Gaston (ABC), Debbie Garton (CCC).

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and the apologies for absence to note were from Noreen Walker, and Paul Scott. Absentee from the meeting was Katrina Wedgewood, Cllr Wedgewood had not attended a meeting since November 2021. AM to contact Cllr Wedgewood.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None to note
3. **Public Participation:** None to note
4. **Minutes of last meeting**  
Discussed was the General Parish Council Meeting held on 17 March 2022, Chair signed as a true record, there was no matters arising from the minutes held on 17 March 2022.
5. **Chairman’s Announcements:** none to note
6. **Items for Discussion on Village / Parish Matters**
  - 6.1 Rose Villa Issues – Kerry confirmed Claire and she met with the owner a few weeks ago to discuss the site and the concerns received. He advised that it is his intention to complete the approved development as soon as finances allow. They explained the appearance of the site is the cause of complaints to the PC. Fast growing evergreen trees have been planted to screen the area but obviously won’t have any immediate impact. They discussed the merits of enforcement action should this longstanding matter not be brought to some acceptable conclusion. He expressed his willingness to attend a PC meeting to consider the concerns raised and any suggestions members may have that would help to alleviate the current issues – AM contacted Mr West to invite him to tonight’s meeting but received his apologies, AM contacted him with the date of the next meeting.
  - 6.2 The Rugby Field – it was reported that the grass cut on the field by Triple TTT Ltd was done too fast and did not pick up most of the grass and was a poor cut - AM to contact company to make aware. MA, JC Reported they are no further on with the woman’s team being signed up to use the pitch at this time and they are waiting to see how the teams want the line set out. RM will cut shorter where the line is to be made when he has the information. AM asked if they are to charge a fee for the use of the pitch as the paint is not cheap and the parish council has paid for the first season but would not be able to foot the bill for paint long term – something for the group to think about.
  - 6.3 Annual Play inspection – it was agreed that the usual inspection be carried out – AM to contact ABC.
  - 6.4 Wall at Croft House – the wall has been fixed and is now safe, AM to write to the owner and give the councils thanks.

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## Parish Council Matters/business

- Two lights entering the village were still out – AM informed councillors that they had been reported in December, February and again in March where she received an abrupt reply to, not to report this again – AM said she will not report for a fourth time – Cllr Garton will chase this up. AM reminded councillors of the ‘New Ways to Report a Highways Problem’ from your mobile.
- PG said of the notice board on Riverside having the front panel off, it was not damaged and people on the walkabout put it back in place. It is not the first time that this notice board had been targeted and damaged, it had recently been repaired and it was decided that if it was to be again it would be removed and would not be replaced. It should be noted to youths that the people of the parish helped to pay for the notice boards through the precept.
- The Finger signpost on footpath 241008 is missing, it was reported some months ago – JC to follow up.
- A new light has been fitted just outside the village hall and is now working.
- The half barrels have all been sited around the village, filled and bulbs planted, the barrel on the Pow was moved to a new location as it was in the way.
- AM reported a Tractor full of black bags on the Gavels to Home Group.
- The stop sign at the top of Gatehead was reported as being unreadable.
- AM brought some litter pick packs to the meeting for future litter picks

## 7. Projects Planning for 2022

- 7.1 Hearing Loop for Village Hall – to remove from agenda until after the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
- 7.2 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – the sub-group have been in touch with companies who have confirmed that they will attend on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. The singer has also confirmed at a cost of £150 for a two-hour session split into two sets. AS will order the two cakes that will be sold in the village hall along with beverages and soft drinks. – AM flags will be ordered to dress the hall up – JK to design fliers and posters, AM offered to print and cut.
- 7.3 Painted stones – this is to be on hold until after the Queens Platinum Jubilee Day – to be kept on the agenda.

## 8. Planning Applications/Decisions

Reference No: OUT/2022/0004 Applicant: J Burlinson Proposal: Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for new dwellings Location: Abbot Wood, Great Clifton – councillors discussed the reasons for objections to the application being: poor visibility from exiting Abbot Wood, sewer pipes and underground tanks running too close to the proposed build, not considering the habitat of red squirrel's, bats, birds and insects, and also mature trees with TPO's in the way. Abbot Wood is a private road, and it does not state that they have sought permission from the landowner. The plans are vague and do not consider the issues highlighted as discussed – the parish council agreed to object to this planning application and the clerk will complete the online application

## Financial Matters - Report by Responsible Financial Officer

Bank Statement No. 303 and dated 31 March 2022, start balance £12881.52, end balance £11443.24. Money in nil, Money out £1438.28. Minus reserves R/PF (-4957.29) CPL (3029.86)  
**Total in GCPC account £3456.09** – Schedule of payments for tonight's meeting was: (743) Triple T

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Ltd invoice £440.00, (744) CALC Annual Subscription £250.39, (745) Travel & expenses £225.21, (746) Petrol expenses for mower £61.08.

The Close of accounts are complete and with the internal auditor.

AM completed the VAT returns claim form for the sum of £368.13.

### 9. **Representative Borough and County Councillors Session**

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

Codfitz Lonning – AM, JG, and DG have all been active in contacting people to meet at the Lonning. AM contacted Open Space Officer for guidance and forwarded contact details to Cllrs Grisdale and Garton – AM also contacted Hazel Wainwright, Countryside Access Officer direct who informed her of a meeting arranged with Cllr Grisdale and some of the Parish Council arranged for Friday 22 April 2022 to look at Codfitz Lonning. From there she will get a scheme pulled together and the work should be done later this year.

### 10. **Correspondence Letters/emails received since the last meeting.**

#### 11. **Village Hall**

We are waiting for an electrician to give us a quote for work to be done, the two faulty emergency lights are due to be replaced. A new drain has been installed across the gateway to stop the water off the old club carpark running down to the village halls car park. There has been a few children's parties held in the hall.

#### 12. **Allotments**

All rents have been paid and the vacant allotments have been let. A water bill for £42.95 has been paid and the water has now been turned on for the summer months. A meeting will need to be called to see if anyone wants to take over the running of the allotments as Cllr McKenzie will be standing down after 27 years of looking after them.

#### 13. **Items for next meeting – None to note**

#### 14. **Date of next meeting**

AGM & General Meeting 19 May 2022

Meeting closed at 20:15