

# GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL - NO (129-SEP)

The General Meeting (No 129-Sep) of Great Clifton Parish Council to be held on Thursday 22 September 2022, 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, Noreen Walker. Also invited: Councillors: Debbie Garton (CCC), Jimmy Grisdale & Mark Fryer, (ABC)

## MINUTES

Councillors in attendance was Paul Arts, Jonathan Coles, Malcolm Fee, Peter Gaston, Robert McKenzie, Irene Owens, Noreen Walker, Jimmy Grisdale

1. The Chair Welcomed all to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Alyson Smith, Jo Kirkbride, Debbie Garton: Paul Scott.
2. There were no Declaration of Interests to note.
3. Public Participation, Mary Bradley and David Wilson (representing Allerdale GDF Community Partnership) attended the meeting. Mary gave a 15-minute presentation informing councillors on what GDF is and what it means to the parish councils and local towns. Existing waste is currently stored above ground at around 30 sites across the UK, they need to be maintained, monitored and secured. As some of the waste remains radioactive for hundreds of thousands of years a Geological Disposal Facility will provide a permanent solution for such waste. Allerdale BC put their name forward for exploration of the facility, in return the areas chosen will benefit from Grant funding of up to £1 million annually which has been made available from central government whilst work goes on. Grants from under £10,000, £10,000-£50,000, and above £50,000 can be sought from parish/town councils, community groups, village halls trustees, public sector organisations and businesses who have a project that will improve or benefit a community. Great Clifton Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee are currently applying for grants for three projects stated in item 7.2.
4. The minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting held on 21 July 2022 was discussed, all agreed as a true record and the Chair signed. There were no matters arising from the minutes (128-Jul).
5. The Chairman said of the last few weeks of great sadness and mourning following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
6. **Items for Discussion on Village / Parish Matters**
  - 6.1 It was noted that the Lines Machine and paint purchased in Spring for use on the Rugby Field has not been used, Cllr Coles said that Mr Barber had looked at the field with the intention of using it for a women's football team but never got back to him and no one else has come forward. It was said that the village children often played on the field so why could it not be painted for their use as the paint has a life span and will be of no use shortly. The floodlit Lighting Cllr Coles reported that the state of the metal Kiosk that shelters the switch box is too rusty to repair and requires a new one, the Youth Group has received grants that will cover the cost and a retired electrician, and he are going ahead with this.
  - 6.2 The Annual Play Area Inspection has been carried out and a report was sent to Cllr Mckenzie who said the report was as expected with mostly low to moderate risk.
  - 6.3 Cllr Coles reported of the Youth Group Fun Day being terrible weather, but people seemed to enjoy themselves. He wishes to thank all the people who attended the organising meetings Eva, Irene, Sarah, and Gayle. Special thanks to Bob for erecting and dismantling the marquee. He thanked all for the donations and contributions, Cllr Fee handed over £149.00 to Cllr Coles for the Youth Group fund which were the proceeds from the sale of hotdogs and refreshments on the day.
  - 6.4 Repairs/Renovations of the stone bus shelters was agreed for three quotes to be sought for the render of both inside and outside, the old bench on the rugby pitch has been removed, JC asked for



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it to be replaced, there is no plans for the parish council to replace but funding is available from the GDF should Cllr Coles wish to apply.

- 6.5 Footpaths - Cat Bank Loning is very overgrown and not accessible. Codfitz Loning had remained dry after the works being completed by CCC, unfortunately after heavy rainfall the water is back to levels of not being passable - AM to report both Loning's to the Countryside Access Officer.
- 6.6 GC Community Youth Group is run by JC & GC Community Committee is lead by Lauren Dawson, it was reported that Lauren still hosts a Great Clifton Facebook page even though she has left the village – AM to contact LD to enquire about the group and facebook page.
- 6.7 CCC has reported that they have now repaired the cable fault on the reported streetlights on Stainburn Road. Highways case number EI/62204 is now closed.

Also brought up at the meeting was the hedge leading into the village to Greengarth needs cutting back, the two lights leading into the village were still out on Tuesday, AM confirmed that an email today had said they were now fixed. Rose Villa had until the end of September to tidy the site up and as we approach the end of the month the site is untidier than ever, AM to email Mr West. Cllr Gaston suggested setting the painted stones in two half barrels set in cement and varnished and placed by the school, all agreed to purchase the two half barrels Cllr Gaston will confer with the school for inclusion on project.

### 7. Projects Planning for 2022

7.1 There is no update on the Children's Christmas Party planning.

7.2 GDF Community Partnership Funding – Proposed Projects Updates

Cllr McKenzie reported that the Village Hall Solar Panels Project is proceeding with his enquiries to GDF Partnership Officer for guidance, having been advised that 24 panels could be set on the south facing side of the roof at a cost of £17,000 for supply and fitted and two batteries. He is now in the process of looking at the grant application. The wi-fi is more complicated and more costly for the VHC to do. The hearing loop is to be dropped at this time.

Cllr Arts reported on the Pump Track, he was given two options, option 1 is a self-build, Dirt Construction and Surface, not usable in winter months or after heavy rainfall. Option 2 Professional Construction, the surface is a tarmac type material which is harder wearing and more suitable for wet weather use. Parish councillors chose option 2 to go forward.

He looked to the parish councillors for sites and two were discussed, ONE, the Playing Field by the Rugby field and TWO, the Former Bowling Green by the village hall. After much discussion on safety, access, and visibility the playing field was voted the best option. After contacting the GDF partnership funding Officer in relation to pump track and compiling a report of what it would mean to the older children of the village, why this is needed to reduce antisocial behaviour and vandalism due to boredom he can begin the process of completing the grant application form.

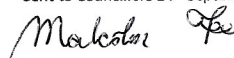
A Meek, clerk reported that she has contacted the GDF partnership funding Officer in relation to new play equipment for the park and talked at length about what will and what won't be looked at, there is quite a bit of preparation before a funding bid is started, report, quotes, planning, inclusion, disability accessibility are high, numbers of children in the village/schools. Numbers attending the park, photos of children in the park and the list goes on. To date I have visited the park twice, emailed and talked to the Whicksteed agent Tom Benson and we have been in constant contact about the play equipment required – I have also met at the park with Tom and Cllr McKenzie. Having received the quote of £58,615.98 (excluding vat) and a plan of the park I have been in contact with the Planning Department to enquire if a planning application would be required, they have since confirmed that it wouldn't. I have read up on all the clauses and inclusions for a grant being accepted, and to date I have been online to begin the processes of beginning the grant application.

### 8. Planning Applications / Decisions

Discussed Reference No: JUL/2021/0296 Stewart Richardson amended scheme to approved application VAR/2020/0029 for the proposed development of 19 houses land to the north of, William Street, Great Clifton, CA14 1UH amended drawings received 12.8.22

Minutes by Angela Meek Ref: (129-Sep)

Sent to Councillors 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022



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reference No: HOU/2022/0162 applicant: Brampton proposal two storey side extension 30 Mabel Wood Close, Great Clifton, Workington, CA14 1BF Planning Application WTPO/2022 /0011 Decision to grant application – the council had no objections to any of the above.

9. Responsible Financial Officer reported bank statement 307 dated 31 July 2022, End balance £13,500.01 and bank statement 308 dated 31 August 2022, End balance £11,916.01. Transactions between meetings Wicksteed, Bucket Seat for the play park there was no income. Schedule of payments/Receipts to record is C.N. 762 Wicksteed Leisure Ltd bucket swing seat £163.80. C.N. 763 triple T Ltd, landscaping contract £440. C.N. 764 Home working/travel/related expenses £348.19. To note CALC are informing parish councils to budget for the elections in 2023.
10. Borough Cllrs Gaston and Grisdale said that they attended the full council meeting this week and with the upcoming changeover there was little on the agenda to report.
11. To note, CALC are advising that Parish Councils Elections will be held in 2023 and councils should budget for this as it is a cost to parish councils
12. Cllr McKenzie reported that the Village Hall had received several bookings for children's parties, we have looked into changing our energy suppliers due to trouble we have had with Eon, but the costs were treble so decided to stay put for the time being. There are two groups who hire the hall who haven't paid their bills, they pay through bank transfer, and it is thought that there is a problem with the sort code, the treasurer is looking into it. We need to take off the late Celia Perry and add some new members to the charities Commission of Trustees.
13. The new treasurer has now taken in the paperwork to change signatories and Cllr McKenzie is not a member of the Allotment committee.

Items for next meeting to note are Rose Villa. The clerk wishes to discuss her absence from the AGM and GM for 18 May 2023 and asked for the meetings to be brought forward by one week to 11 May 2023

14. Date of next meeting is 20 October 2022



Meeting closed at 20:50