

GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL [137-Jul] GM

CLERK: Mrs Angela Meek – www.greatcliftonparishcouncil.co.uk - 01900 65360

Councillors, summoned to attend the **GENERAL MEETING** of the Great Clifton Parish Council on: Thursday 20 July 2023 at 7:00pm in the Great Clifton Village Hall were:

Cllrs Paul Arts, Jonathan Coles, Malcolm Fee (Chair), Jo Kirkbride (Vice Chair), Peter Gaston, Robert McKenzie, Alyson Smith. Also invited: Representative Councillor for Great Clifton, Mark Fryer, Cumberland Council.

MINUTES

Present were Cllr Coles, Cllr Fee (Chair), Cllr Kirkbride (Vice Chair), Cllr McKenzie, Cllr Smith, Angela Meek, Clerk.

- The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. There were apologies received for Absence from Cllr Arts and Cllr Gaston. There were no Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests to note. No resignations and no co-options to note.
- The Minutes of the meetings held on 11 May, the AGM 2023, and the General Meeting were discussed. All agreed they were both of a true record and the Chair signed. There were no matters arising from the AGM, and the General Meeting.
- There was no Public Participation at the meeting.
- Planning Applications
 - Reference No: **WTPO/2023/0013** - Applicant: Dave & Susan Holmes
Proposal: Trim back branches on the trees that are overhanging the garden area of 20 Mabel Wood Close, Great Clifton, Workington, CA14 1BF
 - Reference No: **WTPO/2023/0018** - Notification on works to Tree Preservation Order trees – Applicant: Anya Caine, Proposal: Trim back overhanging branches at 15 Mabel Wood Close, Great Clifton, Workington CA14 1BF

Councillors instructed the clerk send an email to Cumberland Council to show their concerns on the cutbacks of the trees with TPO status.

- Financial Matters presented by the Clerk – Statement 317 and dated 31st May 2023, start balance £20,421.16, end balance £18,160.63, money out £2,260.53. Statement 318 and dated 30th June 2023, start balance £18,160.63, end balance £17,435.23, money out, bank transfer £725.40.

Signed by the Clerk: *Angela Meek*
Dated: 22 July 2023

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS					
Cheque No.	Name of Supplier	Details	Nett amount	Value Added Tax	Gross Amount
784	BANK DECLINED CHEQUE NO. 784			£0.00	£0.00
788	Leisure Limited	Purchase of a Bench/Seating	£208.30	£92.09	£260.45
788	Office 365	Annual Subscription	£22.22	£0.00	£22.22
788	Kaspersky Internet Security	3 year subscription	£8.45	£0.00	£15.11
788	Angela Meek	Half year expenses	£103.23	£0.00	£103.23
788	Amazon Product	apple bag fillers (park Opening)	£0.00	£1.33	£7.99
788	Amazon Product	apple bag fillers (park Opening)	£7.48	£1.50	£8.99
788	Amazon Product	apple bag fillers (park Opening)	£8.99	£2.00	£11.99
788	Tesco Receipt	Paper & Stamps	£14.00	£3.50	£17.50
788	Triple TTT Ltd - JUNE	Grass Cutting of parish lands	£440.00	£88.00	£528.00
788	Triple TTT Ltd - JULY	Grass Cutting of parish lands	£440.00	£88.00	£528.00
790	Clerks Salary Amendment	Underpayment by bank	£302.70		£302.70
Total			£1,684.10	£242.08	£1,926.18

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS					
Paying in No.	Name	Details			Gross Amount
					£0.00
Total			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Mark Fryer

On the evening the clerk received an invoice for the website and domain totalling £86.40, and miscellaneous receipts for running of the mower and purchase of plants for the planters totalling £381.58. All agreed to the payments and the Chair and Cllr McKenzie signed the cheques. Councillors discussed the overview of the accounts.

The clerk reported that Cumberland BS had not amended the bank transfer for the newly agreed salary despite a letter and minutes reference being handed in, in early May 2023. This is now completed.

6. Projects, Grant Applications

6.1 Childrens Playground equipment - The clerk reported that she had been busy with the playground, visiting the park on several occasions to take photos of damages being caused, and meeting with PCSO Luke King regarding damages being caused.

- Corresponding with Tom regarding the wetpour flooring by the climbing frame not being fit for purpose and to have the company return to put it right, Tom is looking into this.
- Communicating with Wicksteed with regards to the invoice for the new play equipment being £4033.60 over the original quote, after much toing and froing the agent Tom confirmed the quote is to stand and an invoice was received to reflect this.
- Wicksteed are requesting half the invoice cost to be paid and the rest when all the snagging list has been completed, the clerk suggested that this should happen as soon as the money is in the account, councillors agreed that she proceed with the 50% of payment.
- Corresponding between GDF funding and the Cumberland BS regarding the grant payment as the Cumberland BS is rejecting their BACS Payment. Visited the Cumberland to see if the payment had been received and it had not - this is ongoing.

6.2 Childrens Pump Track – postponed in Cllr Arts' absence.

6.3 Solar panels for the Village Hall – Cllr McKenzie reported that he had looked at the funding and grants information being forwarded by the clerk but when looking into them they were a 50% for 50%, with the panels costing £17,000 it was not possible for the Village Hall Committee's account to fund around £8,500.

7. Parish Matters

- Request for speed humps at Derwent Vale School - EI/136887: Highways Response: Assessments of the site outside Derwent Vale Primary School have established that the volume of traffic using this road is very low, and its narrow width encourages low speeds of traffic. In relation to your request for speed cushions or road humps to be introduced, this level of traffic calming is reserved for areas where speeding has been identified as a serious problem, and all other measures have been ruled out.
- There was no update on Rose Villa and the site remains an eyesore for the villagers.
- Renovation of the four stone bus shelters was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk send out tenders for chip off, and exterior dash and inner rubbed up smoothed finish. To be discussed at the September meeting.
- Councillor Kirkbride has taken the lead on the Harry Gill footpath project – meeting with the local Nature Partnership to walk the path, suggestions on path and stream clearance of brambles and nettles were looked at, allowing the natural plants and shrubs light to bloom. The stream has plenty of life in and around it and would make an ideal picnic and seating area once cleared. Cllr Smith will speak to the landowner seeking permission to use and upkeep that part of the land to enable a seating area. the clerk will ask the grass scaping contractor Triple T Ltd for a quote to clear the site

in September, Cllr Kirkbride can meet with the contractor to show the area. To be put on the agenda under Harry Gill Project for September.

- The Chair and the clerk attended the GDF event held at Dunmail Park on Thursday 13th July 2023. A meet and greet and a film on the ups and downs of nuclear power stations.
 - Motor cyclists causing mayhem for villagers, one person said to have ridden with a toddler on the handlebars of the bike – PCSO Luke King asked the clerk to urge everyone to report incidents to 101 to allow the police to see what is going on in the village, this will allow for police presence in the village.
 - The damaged tree at the Market Cross property has been removed.
 - It was reported that children were throwing soil at each other on the Gavels.
8. Village Hall – Cllr McKenzie reported that a dance group had booked the hall at weekends. Two of the three boilers have been serviced at a cost of £140, the third boiler is for the showers only and as they are not being used it didn't require a service. July has been quiet for bookings, but we are starting to get bookings for August. At present we are managing to cover the running costs, but this will need to be reviewed when winter comes as we must make £30 per week before energy costs are included.
9. There was no report for the Allotments.
10. Agenda items for September Meeting not on the agenda.
- Harry Gill Footpath project
11. Date of next meeting – (meeting dates for the diary)

21 September 2023, 16 November 2023, 18 January 2024, 21 March 2024

Meeting closed at 20:10