## GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL



Dear Councillor.

we summon you to attend the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Great Clifton Parish Council on

**Date:** Thursday 19 May 2022 **Time:** 7:00pm **Location:** Great Clifton 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 (ABC), Newly elected Cllr representative for Great Clifton Mark Fryer vesting day 1 April 2023 for Cumberland. (email error, could not deliver)

## **MINUTES (125-AGM)**

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

- 1) The Chair Welcomed all to the meeting
- **2)** Apologies for absence were received from Martin Andradez, Jonathan Coles, Noreen Walker, Paul Scott, Debbie Garton, and Jimmy Grisdale.
- 3) The Chair signed the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 May 2021 as a true record. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 4) Chair Cllr Malcolm Fee's reported for 2021/2022
  - The present easing of Covid-19 restrictions has helped the council get back into normality with face-to-face meetings resuming from May 2021.
  - We had eleven Councillor Members in Office and during a meeting held on 16
    December 2021 during the Public Participation Session Martin Andradez joined as the
    twelfth Member Councillor. In the early part of the year and for their own personal
    reasons a councillor resigned leaving a vacancy.
  - One unusual action of the council's remembrance this year was to set up a plaque in memory of the late Celia Perry, a long time Councillor Member and a Trustee of the Village Hall.
  - Thanks to Councillor McKenzie the Village Hall's floor and stage were refurbishment making an excellent asset to the village.
  - The usual council business carried on with a Fun Day in the summer month and a Christmas Party which were both well supported and attended.
  - A three-year fixed contract was attained for the grass cutting of the parishes lands making it more economical.
  - A bench was installed to replace the old original one at riverside.
  - Three Tommy's were installed at strategic sites in the village as Remembrance to lives lost from the village during wartimes.

Chair Signature	
If accepted by your Parish Council	

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- Half barrel planters have also been placed at strategic sites around the village and planted with blue and yellow flowers to support and respect the people of Ukraine.
- Financially we are in a sound position with a balance of £12,881.52.
- Hopefully we can carry on as we are and maybe improve our Membership.
- **5)** Councillor McKenzie proposed Councillor Fee as Chair, Councillor Kirkbride seconded, all agreed. Councillor Fee accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair.
- 6) Councillor McKenzie proposed Councillor Kirkbride as Chair, Councillor Owens seconded, all agreed. Councillor Kirkbride accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Vice Chair.
- 7) The clerk presented the 2021/2022 close of accounts to councillors for scrutiny. They have been internally audited by Mr Holmes and signed off, there were no discrepancies, and all agreed for the Chair to sign for completion. The clerk will forward to external audit for final scrutiny.
- 8) Mr Eric Holmes has completed the accounts for several years and the clerk requested that he continues the appointment of the Internal Auditor, all present voted yes to appoint Mr Holmes for 2022/2023.
- 9) No members of the public present

AGM closed at 7:25pm

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