

GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

GCPC

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Great Clifton Parish Council held on Thursday 18 July 2019

Councillors Present: Malcolm Fee (Chair), Irene Owens, Noreen Walker, Celia Perry, Robert McKenzie, Jo Kirkbride (Vice Chair), Peter Gaston, Jonathan Coles, Angela Meek (Clerk)

Three members of public present

1) **Welcome,** MF welcomed all to the meeting:

Apologies for absence: Janet King, Joe Holliday, Alyson Smith

Last minute amendment to the Agenda – all agreed to changes

2) **Declaration of Interest:** None to note

3) **Public Participation:** Great Clifton Pit film and photos, person queried as to why no-one knows about these items – MF informed her that the film was shown in the Village Hall in 2018 with only nine people attending. It was agreed to hang laminated photos in the Village Hall – RM will hang them up.

4) **Minutes of last meeting:**

The chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the General Council meeting held on 20 June 2019 as a true record –

4.1 **Queries - 9.7.c:** The bench belongs to GCPC and not Home Housing

4.2 **Matters arising from minutes of 20 June 2019:** Missing seat – RM told the group that the seat was removed for repair – RM will talk to DO regarding the repair.

5) **Chairman's Announcements:** None to note

6) **Clerks Report:**

6.1 All 14 actions completed from meeting of 20 June 2019

6.2 To reward RM for his hard work and dedication in keeping the grasses in the village cut I have researched the lengths-man scheme, an odd job person and other ways to give something back to bob for his time, none of which would benefit Bob. – Suggestions of a gift was agreed to be looked at – AM to put as item on agenda for the September meeting.

6.3 Gardening, and bottles and cans recycling bins are suspended until the issues have been resolved, normal household waste and monthly paper and cardboard are unaffected. PG reported the reasons for the issues being around the new contract undertaken from FCC. A meeting is to be held on Friday 19 July – PG will update at the next meeting.

6.4 HMRC have advised me by letter that my tax return has been selected for inspection and this will delay payment.

7) **Village Hall (RM Report)**

7.1 Karate and exercise classes are still being held in the Hall

7.2 The Flower Show will be held in the Hall on 10 August 2019

8) **Allotments (RM Report)**

8.1 The gates are now in use, a notice has been placed on the gates stating that the gates should not be left unlocked, but some are ignoring the notice

8.2 Rats are still a problem

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9) Village / Parish Matters

9.1 Fence and gate down at bonfire site – nothing to report.

9.2 Rose Villa update – Kerry McCartney reported that she and her manager had a site visit with owner, and a schedule of works had been provided which they intend to monitor to ensure works on site progress.

9.3 Lease of the Gt Clifton Rugby field - AM reported to PK that the GCPC wished to proceed under the Community Asset Transfer scheme and requested him to begin proceedings. I contacted Brockbanks Solicitors for a quote to deal with the transfer of the lease and was quoted an hourly rate of £193.00. I then contacted Paul Hopkinson who is the solicitor acting for ABC for advice as to what we need a solicitor to do. I explained that the land will always remain a Green Space only. Paul will be better able to advise me if a solicitor is required when he has the lease from the Estates Department.

9.4 Sand Bin at Gatehead – AM contacted CCC for a replacement salt bin for the site, quotes from private companies vary from £50-200+ depending on size. Waiting to hear back from Highways.

9.5 Projects Planning for 2019

- a. Concrete steps at the end of the car park – AM to obtain two more quotes – RM to look at quoting for checker plate steps being installed
- b. Echoing in the main hall restricting hearing – sound system or a hearing loop for use in meetings – on agenda for next meeting

9.6 Purchase and installation of a teen shelter – waiting for installation and invoice.

9.7 Complaint of giant hogweed encroaching on public footpath – Mabel wood leading to Main Road – school children are unable to use the footpath and having to go the long way round. One person required hospital treatment - AM to write to D Gates to have the footpath trimmed back

9.8 AOB

- a) Bus calling at the Pow - PG reported that as the private bus company he had contacted had not returned his call he had approached another firm - update in September
- b) Residents on The Gavels are complaining about the state of gardens both with residents and empty properties and how Home Housing not inspecting empty properties as some of the properties having been empty over 3 months – PG reported that he and the Portfolio holder for the area completed a site visit of the Gavels and understand why the residents are concerned about infestations – houses 14, 15, 17, 32, 33, and 40 are said to be in the worst state possible – AM to report and also to invite HH to the next meeting to report on progress's in the village.
- c) Hedge at number 25 Clifton Lodge is very overgrown and forcing pedestrians to walk on the road – AM to contact Home Housing to have the tenant cut it back to within the boundary
- d) The hedge on Camerton Lonning is very overgrown – ~~GRPC~~ is responsible for the hedge
- e) Date for the litter pick agreed as 26 October 2019

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- f) Light out on the footpath leading from The Gavels to Clifton Lodge – RM to check
- g) Licence for the Great Clifton Community Youth Group fun day signed off by MF

(7.57) - Meeting briefly stopped by children shouting in the lobby

(8.01) - Meeting resumed

- h) Flood lights and barriers on the rugby field discussed – lighting in ownership of rugby club – RM to talk to secretary of club, responsibility for the barriers will fall to GCPC on transfer lease from ABC – barriers being in a state of decay
- i) CP requested permission to hold a children's Christmas party – all agreed for CP to proceed
- j) PG reported that a lamppost on the Pow leading to Lowther Street has been wrongly numbered not 74 but 47
- k) Squirrel pox warnings have been issued, JK to have leaflets put in notice boards requesting people to contact her if they see any sick red squirrels and she will collect

10) Correspondence

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting

- 10.1** Highways England – notification of works – work will begin on 29 July 2019 for 13 weeks – Stainburn Bypass will be closed both sides forcing traffic to come through the village – JK, AM has responded that while the works are being carried out GCPC would like to request that clear 30mph signs are erected (or painted on Main Road) and speed control devices are installed at each end of the village prior to these works commencing. waiting for reply

11) Planning Applications –

- 11.1** Ref: HOU/2019/0136, Mrs S Thompson, proposed access ramp and associated safety railings for disabled person, 19 Greengarth, Great Clifton – all agreed - no objection

12) Financial Matters Bank Statement No. 270 Dated: 30 June 2019 **£5,980.05**

- 12.1** PKF Littlejohn LLP – Logged CU0102: receipt of documents for close of financial year 31st March 2019 – no further action is required

12.1 Income None to note

12.2 Outgoing 661 Triple t Ltd (grass cutting) £1212.60

662 Citizens Advice Allerdale - (donation) £50.00

663 A Meek – expenses £250.40

664 RM grass cutting costs £63.86

12.3 Unpresented cheques from last meeting: None to note

13) Items for next meeting:

- 13.1** Robert McKenzie - token for his time with grass cutting during the summer months

14) Next Meeting

Thursday 12 September 2019

Meeting closed 8.30pm - Minutes recorded by Mrs. A Meek

Meeting Identification No: (92-jul)

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