

Great Clifton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting of Great Clifton parish Council** held in the Village Hall, Great Clifton on 18 May 2017

Present: Councillors: Malcolm Fee, Jo Kirkbride, Bob McKenzie, Noreen Walker, Irene Owens, Cllr Joe Holiday, Jonathan Coles, Celia Perry, Ernie Dixon, (Clerk) Angela Meek.

Also present: 4 members of the public

PART 1		
No	Item	Action by
1	<u>Welcome.</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from Phil Tibble	
3	<u>Declaration of Interest</u> JC, Planning application	
4	<u>Minutes of the Last meeting</u> The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 19 May 2016 as a true record	MF
5	<u>Chairman's Report - 2016/17</u> 1) In May 2016, the lease for the former Bowling Green and car park adjacent to the Village Hall was handed over to the Parish Council with responsibility for use as an amenity or other use, promised funding from ABC still not forthcoming. 2) Bus shelter on The Pow has finally been erected but two panels have been vandalised and broken, council decision was not to replace them. 3) Playground equipment annual inspection completed, assessed as low to very low risk 4) In June 2016, poor reception of broadband was mentioned for the first time, telecom box on main road needs replacing. Mr Phil Rushton to attend this meeting to report progress information or lack of. 5) In July 2016, invasive Japanese Knotweed reported in village, enquiries to County Council Environment Department resulted in it being landowner's responsibility for clearing. After we approached the land owner it was dealt with. 6) In September, a defibrillator and CPR training course was held, it was well attended and appreciated by all who volunteered. The defibrillator was used in Clarendon house care home in January and left inoperable been serviced by Fir Rescue Department and is fully functional and checked weekly. 7) Clifton RL Club has now disbanded due to lack of interest and so will not require Hall for changing. 8) In February, Evelyn Fitzmaurice was co-opted and welcomed onto the Parish Council. 9) In March, Sue Hayman MP held a surgery in the hall, several local people attended to voice their complaints about incoming families not fitting in to village standards, noisy gatherings during day and nights, houses and gardens abused. Mrs Hayman promised to contact Housing Associations concerning their policy on letting houses and on dealing with the problems. Council is awaiting results. 10) We have had three litter picking sessions during the year hoping to set a standard for the village, the last one was very well attended by parents and children resulting in 14	MF

	<p>bags of litter and heavier pieces of household waste. Hopefully the message is getting across. I thanked Allerdale Council on behalf of GCPC for their efficient collection of all bags.</p> <p>11) One planning application was refused during the year and two others were approved.</p> <p>12) The Village Hall is being used regularly, over the year all safety regulations have been attended to, i.e. disabled ramp built, hand rails fitted, fire extinguishers checked and passed off, and outside lighting installed.</p> <p>13) All allotments have been let with a waiting list for any vacancies.</p> <p>14) Both Hall and allotment committees are financially sound.</p> <p>15) Thank you all for attending all meetings over the last year and much appreciation everyone's input and hard work.</p> <p>16) Council agreed that Triple T Ltd provide a good service and contract was renewed for 2017 season.</p> <p>Chair to be elected.</p> <p>(i) Cllr MF was nominated for Chair, Cllrs voted in favour of MF, MF agreed.</p> <p>(ii) JK was nominated for Vice Chair, Cllrs voted in favour of JK, JK agreed.</p>	
6	<p><u>Financial Report</u></p> <p>1) The Parish Council finances are balancing – with no outstanding payments.</p> <p>2) I have completed the financial statement form but would like for it to be checked before sending it off to the External Auditor LBDO (government contract). AM to email details to JK.</p> <p>3) The Annual Financial Statement for 2016/17 was agreed but not signed off until checked, will bring to June meeting.</p>	AM
7	<p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>Litter bins for all bus shelters were requested to reduce amount of litter strewn in these areas.</p>	
8	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The Annual Meeting for 2017, will take place on: 17 May 2018</p>	All to note

Signed by Chair: _____

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