

Great Clifton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting of Great Clifton parish Council** held in the Village Hall, Great Clifton on 17 May 2018

Present: Councillors: Malcolm Fee, Jo Kirkbride, Bob McKenzie, Noreen Walker, Irene Owens, Alyson Smith, Stephen Hodgson, Joe Holiday, Jonathan Coles, Celia Perry, Evelyn Fitzmaurice, Phil Tibble (Clerk) Angela Meek.

Also present (2) members of the public

No. Item

- 1) **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 2) **Apologies:-** Absence(s) were received from: Stephen Hodgson, Joe Holliday
- 3) **Declaration of Interest:-** None to record
- 4) **Minutes of the Last meeting:**
The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 18 May 2017 as a true record
- 5) **Chairman's Report:**
 - a. Little out of the ordinary to report this year. All the usual problems, lights not working, dog fouling, Rose Villa etc. hedge cutting still with problems though grass cutting and foot paths are well maintained, the children's Christmas party was again well attended.
 - b. In November we co-opted two new members to the parish council, Ms Alyson Smith and Mr Stephen Hodgson but regrettably accepted Councillor Ernie Dixon's resignation.
 - c. The parish council considered four planning applications during the year, which for various reasons we objected to; Allerdale Planning rejected two applications, the power plant on the A66 near Greengarth, and the building of a large detached house on the land between Holme Garth Farm and the Gavels. Two were passed, again both on south side of the A66, one of four houses behind the Old Ginn House Hotel and four bungalows opposite, below Abbott Wood.
 - d. The village Hall is an asset for any activity and is well used, but under capacity.
 - e. The allotments are well supported and in good financial health.
 - f. Financially the parish council is in credit which will be outlined in a report by the parish clerk.
 - g. The main problem we have had this year has been the anti-social behaviour by groups of young people, some very young, though this is not a local problem it's really Nationwide.
 - h. A Tenants and Resident Association and a Youth Group have been set up to counteract this problem, with limited success so far, and perhaps not strictly council business, we are socially involved as a community.
 - i. The two groups mentioned are holding a Fun Day in August hopefully on the former Bowling Green and using the Village Hall which will be morally supported by this parish council

Chair to be elected.

Cllr MF was nominated for Chair, Cllrs voted in favour of MF, MF agreed.

Cllr JK was nominated for Vice Chair, Cllrs voted in favour of JK, JK agreed.

6) Financial Report (Clerk)

- a. The Parish Council finances are balancing – with no outstanding payments.
- b. I have completed the Annual Financial Statement Forms and it has been thoroughly scrutinised and signed off by the newly appointed Internal Auditor Mr Eric Holmes. I have since signed these and I now request the Chair to complete the signatures to finalise the accounts for 2017/18. The Annual Financial Statement 2017/18 will shortly be posted to the External Audit.
- c. As discussed with councillors I requested the services of Mr Eric Holmes for the annual internal audit at a fee of £50.00 per annum. All agreed to his continued service.

7) Public Participation

None to record

8) Date of next meeting

The Annual General Meeting for 2018 will take place on: 16 May 2019

Meeting closed at: (7.15)

Signed by Chair: _____

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