

Great Clifton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Great Clifton Parish Council held on Thursday 13 September 2018

Councillors Present: Malcolm Fee (Chair), Irene Owens, Noreen Walker, Stephen Hodgson, Angela Meek (Clerk)

2 Members of public present

- 1) **Welcome:** MF welcomed all to the meeting
Apologies for absence: Jonathan Coles, Celia Perry, Robert McKenzie, Evelyn Fitzmaurice, Joe Holliday, Phil Tibble
- 2) **Declaration of Interest:** None to note
- 3) **Public Participation:** Marni Jackson approached the PC - Gt Clifton Junior Lions would like to seek a long term lease on the field for the following reasons.
 - a) 2021 RLWC legacy funding applications to secure a 'bait cabin to serve food on children's matches and put in place chemical toilets for use by the public, as this is a capital investment we will need to show evidence that we are able to site and utilise this on the land on a long term lease. We have spoken to some people in RL circles and it has become apparent that there is a vehicle for sale which may be suitable to maintain the field.
 - b) through the funding streams we would look to further advance the facilities over time with the introduction of a small fence to secure the area from dog walkers and other children riding bikes across the field and causing damage (as it happened this year we had to postpone a game as there had been numerous holes dug in the field at the bottom end and it wasn't deemed fit to play on). If we can secure a long lease it will enable us to keep sourcing funding to enhance the field for the children which could be utilised for other activities. Marni left the meeting at 7.20pm
 - c) Parish to discuss acquiring the lease and to sublet to the Lions Club – AM to check if there is a current lease on the pitch – to contact MJ
- 4) **Minutes of last meeting:**

The chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the General Council meeting held on 19 July 2018 as a true record

 - 4.1 Queries: number sequence 9.f.5a Rose Villa – MF initialled
 - 4.2 Matters arising from minutes: Pipes blocking part of the Crossbarrow footpath - MF, RM met with the farmer and the footpath has been cleared
- 5) **Chairman's Announcements:**
 - 5.1 Land at Mabel wood has been has been cleared although planning permission for two dwellings has not yet been granted
- 6) **Clerks Report**
 - 6.1 All actions completed from 19 July 2018
 - 6.2 Contacted External Audit to make sure that they had received paperwork for both Gt Clifton and Winscales for the close of 2017/18 accounts – they have confirmed that they had been received and passed, however I further contacted them to see when the pass certificate will be released. Still unsure of when this will be.
 - 6.3 Completed and sent a VAT returns form claiming £1,381.90 for periods May 17/ June 18.
- 7) **Village Hall (RM Report)**
 - 7.1 Wall at top of stairs is in the process of being repaired.
 - 7.2 Childrens rugby presentation was held in the hall at the weekend due to bad weather.
 - 7.3 The hall isn't being used to much at present.
 - 7.4 The shower room has been painted and the ceilings in the toilets at the side of the stage have also been painted as there were black patches of damp showing
- 8) **Allotments (RM Report)**
 - 8.1 Rats are still a problem
 - 8.2 There was a meeting of the allotment holders on 12th August 2018
 - 8.3 Security of the allotments was discussed but due to the high cost of putting up a perimeter fence it was decided to put gates on the road which leads into the middle of the allotments, I have asked twin to give me a price for this.
 - 8.4 We also discussed a rent increase as the latest water bill was for £425 due to the long dry spell it was agreed to increase the rents by £5 to £20 per plot

9) Village / Parish Matters

- 9.1 Painting of the bus shelters discussed – JK has received a quote from Gary Dixon (JK unavailable) – PT has spoken to Charles Holmes and Joanne Fisher at Allerdale re painting of the Bus Shelters. There should be no problems for either Community Payback or the Allerdale Apprentices painting the shelters, awaiting a call next week to look at the details – on October agenda
- 9.2 Clear up of bonfire site discussed – PT Charles Holmes Head of Service has agreed that FCS can move the rubbish. The problem at moment is that the County Council are in legal dispute with the firm who takes the bulky waste - will keep you updated
- 9.3 Bus stop sign - email sent but as yet no reply – remove from agenda
- 9.4 Autumn Litter Pick, dates discussed – date was agreed for Saturday 13 October 2018
- 9.5 AM has ordered Four Wreaths for Novembers Remembrance Sunday – to invoice Little Clifton for one wreath
- 9.6 Faster broadband in the village – Phil Rushton retired from Open reach/Connect Cumbria but with our correspondences JK reported that the sign on the box has been changed from being connected in the coming months to being connected within the next few weeks
- 9.7 Rose Villa update PT - recently been in contact with the owner to advise he either complies with the requirements of the untidy site notice which was served or he commences the approved development subject to us agreeing a schedule of works. He is presently away for 6 weeks and has requested a meeting with me on site upon his return. Given the condition of the site and the lack of him providing any schedule of works it is my understanding that we will be pursuing further action in relation to the non-compliance of the notice.
- 9.8 Lease of the Gt Clifton Rugby field – as discussed in item 3 above
- 9.9 AOB
 - a) Rubbish bin at Riverside still not moved to the seating area – AM spoke to Street Scene Officer who said a bin would be placed at the seating area
 - b) Hedge at the side of the pitch very overgrown AM to report
 - c) Hedge from Bowflatts to Greengarth is very overgrown and could cause an accident AM to report
 - d) Seat by bungalows on William Street request for its reciting by the pitch – AM to contact Castle and Coasts
 - e) SH Report - 2hr meeting with Home Group Manager Samantha Jackson brought her up to date with all occurrences within the last 20 months. She arranged a street visit with Phil Tibble etc. After visit tenant's all received notice from Home Group that they were in breach of contract in connection with the conditions of gardens. SJ is on leave until 17 September at which time she will continue with 4 other areas of Tennant agreements that has been breached. Problems Involve 6/7 households which may not result in evictions. A further meeting held with police also confirmed they are unable to help any further. Meeting held by local residents discussed bringing in security personnel to control the village. There are approx 20 homes up for sale in Great Clifton with houses on the Gavels taken a 10k reduction in asking prices due to anti-social behaviour.

10) Correspondence

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting

- 10.1 CALC/NALC Subscription Review – to continue with subscription
- 10.2 Various brochures on table

11) Planning Applications

- 11.1 2/2018/0339 – Mr J Burlinson - Proposed two dwellings and garages – Land North of Mabel Wood Close, Great Clifton – AM emailed Planning Officer to say that GCPC objected to this due to access issues and drainage in this area being at capacity. – AMENDED DETAILS issued to ABC – AM to email again stating objection to amended details

12) Financial Matters

Outgoing		Incoming	
Triple TTT Ltd	Invoices 5 (000629) £225.50	none to note	
	Bank Statement No. 258 dated 31 August 2018 – Balance	£8,528.91	

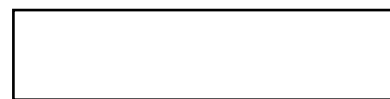
13) Items for future meetings

Lease of the rugby pitch

14) Next Meeting

18 October 2018

Meeting closed at (8:30pm)



Signed by the Chair: