

GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL 142-Jul

CLERK: Mrs Angela Meek, 10 Newlands Lane, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3NF

The **GENERAL MEETING** of the Great Clifton Parish Council on was held on Thursday 18 July 2024 – 7pm - in the Village Hall in Great Clifton.

MINUTES

Attendees were Councillors Paul Arts, Jonathan Coles, Malcolm Fee, Peter Gaston (Vice Chair), Jo Kirkbride (Chair), Robert McKenzie. Angela Meek, Clerk & RFO.

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Alyson Smith. There were no Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests, no resignations and no co-options to note. The parish council has five vacancies.
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 16 May 2024 were discussed and agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising from the AGM.

4. There were no members of the public present.

5. **Planning Applications/Decisions.**

Planning Application received EN0110004 - Lostrigg Solar - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation - The Applicant has asked the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for its opinion (a Scoping Opinion) as to the information to be provided in an Environmental Statement (ES) relating to the Proposed Development. - The Planning Inspectorate has identified Great Clifton as a consultation body which must be consulted before adopting its Scoping Opinion. The Planning Inspectorate would be grateful therefore if councillors would:

- Inform the Planning Inspectorate of the information you consider should be provided in the ES; or confirm that you do not have any comments.

Parish Councillors agreed to withhold comments at this early stage as not enough information and infrastructure of the project is known.

6. **Financial Matters** presented by the Clerk –

Bank Statement number 329 dated 31st May 2024 – start balance £22,018.69, end balance £20,355.45, no money in, money out £1,663.24.

Bank Statement number 330 dated 30 June 2024 – start balance £20,355.45, end balance £19,131.35, no money in, money out £1224.10.

Payments between meetings were (BT) clerk's 1st quarter salary £1,166.10.

Schedule of Payments –

- Triple TTT Cumbria Ltd, Inv. No 14059 April Grass cut [817] £319.00, & Inv. No. 0105 May & June Grass Cuts £880.00 – (one cheque totalling £1,199.00, the cheque was signed between meetings by the Clerk and Cllr Fee.
- Bank Transfer, clerk's 1st qtr. salary £1166.10.

- Yell, Inv. 3022553677 Annual Website and Domain [818] £86.40.

An amendment to the SoP was added at the meeting

- Misc Receipts relating to the running and upkeep of the mower and flower planters, totalling [819] £120.23.

Cheques were agreed and signed.

Overview of Accounts were inspected, all agreed they were accurate and correct, and the Chair signed both the SoP and OoA as true and accurate records of the accounts.

It was agreed to adding Cllrs Gaston and Kirkbride to the Trustees account for signing of cheques [A] Cllr Kirkbride to request forms for both signatories.

7. Communications to 18 July 2024

- Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters

8. Projects, Grant Applications

- Children's Pump Track – Report by Cllr Arts – at this time there is not the funding available for this size of project – it is to be put on hold until funding is made available – in the interim this should be removed from future agendas.
- Harry Gill footpath project – councillors have agreed to meet onsite next week (weather permitting) and trim some of the brambles to tidy up the site.
- Refurbishment of the four stone bus shelters – the clerk has received two quotes for the refurbishment of the bus shelters
 - Maple Leaf £1,500.00 per bus shelter totalling £6,000.00
 - Triple TTT £1,400.00 per bus shelter totalling £5,600.00

It was agreed to the refurbishment of two bus shelters this financial year and two next year. The two bus shelters this year would be the left-hand side coming into the village from Workington, Greengarth and Gatehead, Cockermouth direction. [A] Clerk to contact Triple TTT to talk about costs of £1400 per shelter being repeated for both years.

9. Parish Matters.

- Triple TTT have confirmed that they will continue to accept parish council cheques.
- U7189 Gatehead, Great Clifton - Planned Road Closure, it was said to be for Fibrus laying the cables for fibre broadband connectivity. Some underground and some on poles. This will give residents a choice of a better speed of broadband.
- Kirkoswald Parish Council has two notice boards for sale at £500 ono for each, councillors thought that with the three in the village with one in need of repair it was not the right time to purchase new ones [A] the clerk will inform their Chair of this council's decision.
- Cllr McKenzie reported that in the playpark, there were loose stones edging the roundabout and children had begun to pull them up. He has since been in and concreted them down and so far, they have been left alone.
Cllr Gaston suggested adding a deterrent to the area to see if damage to the park could be stopped [A] the clerk will investigate it.

- We are receiving complaints from the drivers of coaches bringing children to Derwent School as they are having to mount the pavement as the hedges leading to the school are very overgrown and have the potential to cause damage to windows causing injury to children on the bus **[A]** the clerk will report to Cumberland Highways.
- Loose kerb stone lying on roadside by the William Street sign, will require resetting in place **[A]** the clerk will report to Cumberland Highways.

10. Village Hall – Report Cllr McKenzie

- The boilers have been serviced at a cost of £150.00
- We have had a quote of £1300 for the repainting of the gable end of the hall
- The hall has been really busy recently with it being used almost daily
- There was a dance group in recently and they have caused scratch damage to the hall floor
- The youth club has reduced their times from two to one day a week in the hall due to the older children playing outside during the summer months
- A group has started a village larder from the hall which is on twice a month where villagers can buy a carrier bag full of food for £3.

11. Nothing to note for Allotments.

12. **Agenda items** for 19th September 2024 meeting to be forwarded to the clerk before 12th September 2024.

13. Dates of meeting for the year ahead are:

19th September 2024 [GM] 21st November 2024 [GM] 16th January 2025 [GM]
20 March 2025, [GM].

The meeting closed at 20:25

Meeting notes by the clerk Angela Meek