

# GREAT CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

GCPC

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Great Clifton Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 December 2019

**Councillors Present:** Malcolm Fee (Chair) Celia Perry Alyson Smith Irene Owens Robert McKenzie Jonathan Coles Angela Meek (Clerk)

3 members of public present

- 1) **Welcome**, MF welcomed all to the meeting:  
**Apologies for absence:** Noreen Walker Jo Kirkbride Peter Gaston Joe Holiday Janet King
- 2) **Simon Sharp, Planning & Building Manager, ABC** – Simon provided information regarding the change of boundaries in the parish of Great Clifton. The original draft Local Plan from 1999 was never completed or adopted, in 2014 a new Local Plan was submitted and again in 2018 but was not adopted; this is currently being looked at with the intention of having it adopted in March 2020. Questions and answer session commenced after.
- 3) **Declaration of Interest:** None to note
- 4) **Public Participation:** Resident objecting to further housing at Clifton Hall Close, Moor Road as the drainage is under considerable pressure and affecting houses in Irving Vale and nearby areas that have flooded on more than one occasion. Old plans show of three streams running through the area causing more drainage issues
- 5) **Minutes of last meeting:**  
The chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the General Council meeting held on 21 November 2019 as a true record
  - 5.1 Queries: None to note
  - 5.2 Matters arising from minutes of 21 November 2019: None to note
- 6) **Chairman's Announcements:**
  - 6.1 MF – none to note
- 7) **Clerks Report:**
  - 7.1 All actions completed from meeting of 21 November 2019
  - 7.2 The VAT return from May/June is now in the account, amount details in 15.1, Income
- 8) **Village Hall (RM Report)**
  - 8.1 Exercise classes are still using the Hall, and the karate class came back on Wednesday but for one week only, the instructor commented that the facilities were far better than where they are currently.
  - 8.2 The Christmas tree and the hall is now decorated
  - 8.3 The Messy Church and the Advent Fair all took place without incident; organisers commented that this could be due to the installation of the CCTV. Messy Church will continue to use the hall for another three months.
  - 8.4 We held the children's Christmas party on Sunday 7 December, there were plenty of helpers but a very poor turn out of children being half the amount of last year. We may need to rethink as to whether it is worth putting a party on next year.
- 9) **Allotments (RM Report)**
  - 9.1 Rats are still an ongoing problem
  - 9.2 A contacts list of members is now on the notice board in case of emergency.
  - 9.3 The running of the allotments has been questioned by a plot holder, I informed him to organise a meeting to sort the issues out, he has not come back to me.
  - 9.4 A sudden death of a villager has left a plot available to let
- 10) **Items for Discussion on Village / Parish Matters**
  - 10.1 **Broken fence and gate on the Gavels** – no update

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- 10.2 **Rose Villa update** – Simon Sharp informed the group that they are still monitoring the site and the owner seems to be complying.
- 10.3 **Lease of the Gt Clifton Rugby field** – AM update - PK stated that this has now been passed at full council and the lease is now progressing through Legal. JS has agreed to pay the invoice once all the clearances are completed; this is with an understanding that should the Parish Council decide to withdraw from the lease they are to repay this back to ABC.
- 10.4 **Sand Bin at Gatehead** – AM contacted CCC – no update
- 10.5 **Road Sweeper for Camerton Lonning** – PG, Highways confirmed that they are not responsible for keeping of Camerton Lonning clear so will not deploy a road sweeper - PG is looking at other ways to have the Lonning cleared and will report back at the January 2020 meeting.

**11) AOB Concerning Parish Matters**

- 11.1 Privet at former mission rooms require cutting back – AM to send letter to owner
- 11.2 Drains at Rose Villa blocked – AM to report to Highways
- 11.3 Cumbria Community Transport – Bus pickup on the Pow for villagers. Terms and conditions to be looked at further, funding opportunity to look at – on agenda for next meeting Item 10.6 Discussion on Village Matters

**12) Projects Planning for 2020**

- 12.1 Hearing loop sound system – no update
- 12.2 VE Day, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – nothing to report
- 12.3 Cars parked on pavements on the Gavels – AS to send photo's to Police at the Hub

**13) Correspondence**

- To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting
- 13.1 Footway Lighting – on agenda for next meeting
- 13.2 CALC minutes of annual meeting

**14) Planning Applications**

- 14.1 FUL/2019/0127 – Mr M Cotter, Woodglen Developments Ltd – Proposed 6 new dwellings, Clifton Hall Close, off Moor Road. Discussed, Parish Councillors strongly object to this and the reasons being that as overdevelopment of area. Huge drainage/sewerage problems causing flooding of low line houses, intervention tanks issues, TPO on trees, Moore Road is not fit for this amount of development, the B road is a narrow country lane with blind bends with no pavements or cycle paths and not designed for an increase of traffic

**15) Financial Matters**

- 15.1 **Income** **PAYPAL CODE 2778** – AM checked with the Cumberland as to unknown source and there is nothing they can do, they said that the account was safe and not compromised by this being paid into the account - AM asked for a letter to be sent to the Parish Council to inform them of this
  - 1p added to the income to keep my finance records matching      £0.01p
  - HMRC VAT Return Payment**      £1027.97
- 15.2 **Bank Statement No. 275 Dated 30 November 2019**      **£5,108.29**
- 15.3 **Unpresented cheques from last meeting:**      £0
- 15.4 **Outgoing**      CP Misc. Receipts for Xmas party      £346.54

**16) Items for next meeting:** none to note

**17) Next Meeting**  
16 January 2020

Meeting closed 8.35pm

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