

Date: Thursday 16 December 2021

Time: 7pm

Location: Great Clifton Village Hall

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES No. (120-Dec)

Attendances: Cllrs M Fee (Chair), Robert McKenzie, Jo Kirkbride (Vice Chair), Alyson Smith, Irene Owens, Jonathan Coles, Paul Scott, Paul Arts, Peter Gaston,

1. **Welcome & Apologies for absence** – Noreen Walker, Lauren Dawson
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None to note
3. **Public Participation** - Martin Andradez showed interest in becoming a Councillor Member for the parish, Martin and his wife moved to Great Clifton in the summer of 2021, and he keen to integrate into village life by joining the Parish Council – the Chair asked that he sit through the rest of the meeting and then decide if he would like to fill the remaining vacancy.
4. **Councillor vacancies**
Eleven Councillor Members in Office the parish council has one remaining vacancy
After Item 13 of the agenda the Chair asked Mr Andradez if, after sitting through the meeting he was still interested in joining the as a Councillor Member, Mr Andradez confirmed he was – RM proposed, JC seconded, all agreed. Mr Andradez accepted, and he was co-opted onto the parish council – AM handed Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Disclosure Pecuniary Interests forms to Cllr Andradez.
The council has no vacancies
5. **Minutes of last meeting**
Discussed were the minutes of the General Parish Council Meeting held on 18 November 2021
Amendment to attendees Cllr Gaston's name was missing
Re-presenting amended minutes of 20 October 2021 – all accepted, the Chair signed both documents as a true record
6. **Chairman's Announcements**
Cllr Fee wished it to be noted concern for the young man who went missing earlier in the week, all expressed thoughts are with the family at this time
The Christmas party was a huge success with plenty of children attending - big thank you for organisers and volunteers
Big thank you to Bob who got the tree delivered and decorated in time for the children's Christmas party
The notice boards at Riverside and Greengarth have been vandalised on several occasions, and now the notice board at the village hall has also been vandalised. We have ordered a replacement perplex front at a cost of £89.94, this was replaced earlier in the year along with a second perplex. This cannot continue as it is costing the parish council each time we have to replace and fix – discussed was the requirement for 4 notice boards in the village, the PC has a website and a Facebook page in which to upload agendas and minutes – all agreed that should the noticeboards be targeted again then they will be removed and not replaced. This will leave two notice boards in working order located at the Village Hall and on Gatehead.
7. **Items for Discussion on Village / Parish Matters**
 - 7.1 **Rose Villa** – KM response: Kerry has visited the site, waiting for some more information however she has been unsuccessful in obtaining any further response from the owner of the property since her initial contact. Kerry didn't see any obvious evidence of deliberate damage to the tree although its condition certainly looks to have declined and she was

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damage to the tree although its condition certainly looks to have declined and she was advised the owner has investigated this and has also provided some further guidance in relation to the species of this tree.

With regards to the ongoing condition of the site, he is still in a position where he is unable to progress the approved development which was commenced and was intending to plant fast growing bushes to screen the site however she appreciates that the site was of concern prior to him removing the original hedge. Unfortunately, he hasn't got back to her with any firm dates and the matter is on her list to discuss with her manager next week following her conversation with Cllr Gaston in November. Kerry will be seeking authorisation to issue a further untidy site notice followed up with prosecution action if it is not complied with and she will update us as soon as She has spoken to her manager.

7.2 Projects Planning for 2021

a. Hearing Loop for Village Hall – none to note

7.3 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons – 2nd June 2022 – none to note

7.4 Play Park Scheme – Clerk handed a report of finances for councillors to discuss before a vote is taken on the Play Park Scheme. She advised councillors that should they decide to re-vote in favour of the park play it would severely impact on the councils' finances, concerning as it has not been budgeted for in the precept, and councillors do not wish to up the precept as it will impact on the village's Council Tax Base payments. Further research of the Park Play is that mostly town councils being approached Maryport, Wigton, Silloth, and possibly Aspatria with Great Clifton being the only parish council she can note – finance report attached to the end of these minutes – AS proposed not to proceed with the scheme, RM seconded not to proceed, a show of hands confirmed that the scheme should not proceed – AM to confirm decision with Cllr Garland.

8. AOB

8.1 Pit Gap Lonning (FP 241008) leaves Main Road to pass by Callion's farm. Finger post has been removed and an 'Authorized Access Only' sign was put up early in 2020, which was thought to be due to Covid – AM to contact CCC

8.2 First 2 lights are out on Main Road entering the village from Workington end – AM to report to Highways

8.3 Fly tipping leading down Camerton Lonning – broken plastic large container, a bed at the bottom of there is a burnt-out car – AM to report to ABC

8.4 IO reported that the hedge at Bow Flatts had still not been cut – AM to report

8.5 report of rubbish being burnt and left at the Lane of Cartergarth – AM to send letter to owners to request a clean-up of the area up.

8.6 Home Group has had a tree surgeon to inspect and cut trees to an acceptable height – Parish Councillors wish to note they're thanks to Home Group

9. Planning Applications / Decisions –

Re-consultation on planning application Reference No: FUL/2020/0047

Proposal: Visitor centre with associated gatehouse, parking and infrastructure

Location: Land at Derwent Forest, Broughton Moor, Great Broughton, Cumbria

- No impact on parish – no objections to note

10. Financial Matters/Report - Report by Responsible Financial Officer

Bank Statement Number 299 dated 30 November 2021

Start balance £12,428.42 End Balance £11,414.06


Income: 0

Transactions – Village Hall Hire £180.00

Expenses £195.45

Citizens Advice Allerdale £100.00 (Donation)


10.1 Agreed to precept being the same, 10k – AM to complete form and send to ABC



11. **Correspondence** Letters/emails received since the last meeting - None to note
12. **Village Hall** - To receive an update from the Village Hall Committee Chairman, Cllr McKenzie
- 12.1 The tree came in time for the children's Christmas party
 - 12.2 Mark Elliott gave us £80 towards the Christmas tree, Iggusund donated £40 so the tree didn't cost the village hall anything – the village hall committee wishes to thank both Mark Elliott and Iggusund for their kind donations – AM to write to thank both.
 - 12.3 Good attendance for the children's Christmas party
 - 12.4 We have a new group using the hall for two hours a session
 - 12.5 The fire extinguishers have all been checked
 - 12.6 the booking in system has been updated which now includes an agreement for anyone booking the hall for private parties to read and sign
 - 12.7 We are looking to update our risk assessments, disabled and child protection policies
 - 12.8 we may have to increase the charges due to the cost of gas and electric

13. **Allotments** - To receive an update from The Allotment Committee, Cllr McKenzie
The water was turned off on 5 December and will be off until March 2022

14. **Date of next meeting**
20 January 2022


meeting closed at 20:05

Minutes Ref: - (120-Dec) by Angela Meek