



MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 15th May 2014 - 8pm
Held at
Clifton Village Hall
Total Membership 274

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members present.

1 **Apologies:** Mike and Clare Ashton, Nigel Chadwick, John Hooley, John Jenkins, Eileen Small, John and Kath Spencer, Jean Thomas, Graeme Barker, Jill Barker, Linda Pickles, Alex Massarella, Ann Massarella, Rebecca Massarella,

2 **Present:** **40 members:**
Glenys Blacknell, Diva Bonney, Maurice Bonney, Irene Briggs, Phil Bull, Sandra Bull, Nigel Cartwright, Paul Carrol, Betty Cooke, Linda Daley, Mr E Edwards, Diana Gamble, Dawn Gilbert, Pamela Gupta, Mrs SM Harding, Mr R S Harding, Ann Hooley, Helen Huffer, Mick Huffer, Terry Kay, Sandy McCormick, Kevin McCormick, Simon Massarella, Geoff Mills, Pat Moore, Will Mortledge, Mr D Murphy, Ed Peterson, Vendela Peterson, John Pickles, Joe Rice, Pat Rice, Dianne Rolley, James Royston, Claire Simpson, E Skinner, R Skinner, Eileen Small, Barry Stevens, Graeme Watson, Dorothy Woodall, John Woodall

2 **Previous Minutes:**
No comment received. To be updated for re-issue on website.
The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Ed Peterson, seconded by Pat Rice, and approved by the AGM as a true record.

3 **Neighbourhood Watch Report**
John Spencer was thanked for once again keeping up the community dialogue with Police on behalf of the Village. AGM's thoughts are with John and Kath as John recovers from his recent hospital visit.

Crime figures for the year are down from 2013, and no major issues, either past or current were reported to the AGM. A further update on this will be provided in the next newsletter.

4 **Matters Arising**
No matters arising were raised.

5 **Chairman's Report**
The chairman began by asking that a thought be spare for villagers unable to attend, including Mike Ashton, Terry and Kath Kay and John Spencer.

Issues arising in 2013 have been very much a continuation of those with us for some time. The Reading Room is well on its way to be resolved, with planning granted for a single property. The Old Rectory seems irresolvable but dialogue continues with the council.

Maintenance and coppicing work to the Grove Woods is ongoing with work to conclude in the

autumn. What has been done so far does not seem to detract from the area and no negative feedback has been received from the village.

We have been unfortunately re-visited by the Travellers in 2013, but they were quickly moved on thanks to the swift efforts of the police and Councillor Ian Malcolm.

The A453 widening works continue but the good work and planning put into this are helping to ensure minimum disruption to our daily movements. We look forward to the time this work is complete.

Given this and the tram disruption we now face the prospect of Gravel extraction in adjacent Barton in Fabis. This massive site stretches from Barton in Fabis to the edge of Bluebell Wood and Holme Pit Nature reserve. Barton are fighting hard to oppose this and we should support them however we can. Consultation response forms will be distributed around the village to facilitate this.

Village Social Events

It has been a good year for village events. The Wine Tasting, facilitated by Ed Peterson, though a little boisterous was well supported and seemed to suit most palates.

KM highlighted the hard work put in by the committee and a small band of supporters in erection and dismantling of marquees, tables, etc, as well as catering led by Glenys Blacknell. KM highlighted that Glenys and Kath will be stepping back from the lead role in organising the catering, and asked that any villagers willing to give even a little of their time make themselves known to the committee.

In addition to her committee role, thanks were expressed to Pat Rice for her continued lead role in organising the Gardening and Art groups, and in maintaining the planters in the village.

KM then thanked John and Dorothy Woodall and Diva and Maurice Bonney for their continued generosity in providing wonderful garden spaces for the Garden Party and Late Summer Picnic.

Simon Massarella is standing down from the committee to allow new members to join, but the CVRA are thankful that Simon is to stay on as a village representative in a 'Special Projects' role. This will have a focus on Highways and Planning issues.

KM ended by stating that his will be his last year as Chairman. Anyone interested in the role is encouraged to come forward to support the committee, and the village in general to ensure that the community spirit and unity that make the village a special place will continue.

6. Report by Councillor Ian Malcolm

Old Rectory - The council are discussing issuance of an Urgent Works notice to make good the roof and board up windows, but it is acknowledged that there is little further the council can do due to a lack of funds. The cost of cleaning up after travellers v. Cost of permanent solution was raised but IM advised that this came out of general council staffing and was impossible to quantify and compare.

Fencing to the Green – IM advised that work on this had been suspended due to a number of obstacles. Funds had been directed to the Village Hall, permission was needed from the Clifton family, and legal advice would be needed on the legality of permanent features on the Green.

Reading Room - the AGM was reminded that the condition of sale requiring works on the Reading Room by May 2014 had all but expired. The issue of grey plastic gutters was raised by Terry Kay but IM advised there was no funding available to do anything better.

It was noted that some footpaths require repair in the village. IM is to look into this further.

Maurice Bonney suggested that a sub-committee be set up to look at what could be done with the Old Rectory.

7. Treasurer's Report

Helen Huffer presented the accounts for 2013-14. The CVRA had 265 members in 2013-14, with subscription income totalling £267.00. Social events had been well attended and had generated some revenue. The Christmas Card had been well supported with £215.00 being donated to the Village Hall Car Park Fund. Excess Jubilee Tea Towels had also been sold off at Christmas generating further income.

As per previous years regular expenditure included Insurance for external events, drinks licences, printing and website maintenance. Mavis Forsyth was presented with flowers when leaving the village, and Beth Chadwick had received £50.00 towards her Project Ghana work.

After last year's AGM £20 of fertilizer was spread on the Green by Terry Kay. HH thanked Terry for his time and effort that had resulted in such a fine show of daffodils this year.

The £3.51 cash in hand anomaly has now been banked and will not be reported again. Income over expenditure showed an excess of £451.49 for the year. The accounts in total hold £2404.21.

HH thanked Helen Lander for continuing to audit the accounts. The AGM agreed the presentation of a £25 gift voucher to Helen Lander for this.

The report was proposed by Simon Massarella, seconded by Kevin McCormick and accepted by the AGM.

8. Election of Officers

Kevin McCormick was willing to carry on as Chairman.

Helen Huffer was willing to carry on as Treasurer.

Graeme Barker was willing to carry on as Secretary.

Proposed by John Woodall – Seconded Vendela Peterson – elected by the AGM.

9. Election of Executive Committee

The chairman advised the AGM that all but one member of the existing committee, Simon Massarella, had proposed to continue to serve. One nomination was received from Phil Bull. This was proposed by Graeme Barker and Seconded by Kevin McCormick.

Election of all officers and committee was proposed by Glenys Blacknell and seconded by Sandy McCormick. All were elected en masse by the AGM. The CVRA committee is therefore made up as follows:

Officers:

Chairman: Kevin McCormick, Secretary: Graeme Barker. Treasurer: Helen Huffer

Executive Committee:

Glenys Blacknell, Ed Peterson, John Woodall, Pat Rice, Terry Kay, Phil Bull.

10. Honorarium

Honorarium £50 to the Secretary – Proposed by John Woodall – Seconded by Kevin McCormick. Approved by the AGM.

11. Social Events

Dates and venues for coming events (will be published in the Newsletter, Website and shown on the Noticeboard):

Music Festival	-	10 th – 12 th July 2014 at St Mary's Clifton. Tickets from Clare Ashton.	
Summer Garden Party	-	Sunday 6 th July 2014 - "Holly House" (The Woodalls) or Village Hall if wet	
Late Summer Picnic	-	Saturday 30 th August 2014 - Old Rectory Coach House	or
		Village Hall if wet	
Christmas Tree Carols	-	Sunday 7 th December – 4pm Cross Hill	

A new entertainer is sought for the Late Summer Picnic. Suggestions were welcomed. Any new ideas for social events were also requested.

12. AOB

12.1 Clifton Village Hall. Clare Ashton presented a report by the Chairman of the Village Hall Trust, Mike Ashton.

- Planning has been approved with no conditions.
- Negotiations are ongoing with Nottingham Trent university for the lease of the strip of land required to access the car park.
- £25,000 funding has been secured from Nottingham City Council Area Committee for Clifton. More funding ideas and contributions are requested though to ensure the work can go ahead.
- Thanks were expressed to the Village Hall Trustees and Graeme Barker for input on the Car Park designs.

12.2 BBC Documentary Request. Pamela Gupta advised the AGM that she had been approached regarding the production of documentary on Clifton. JW noted that he would be interested in knowing further detail on what is proposed. Diva Bonney suggested that the Old Rectory and its relationship with the Hall be covered. Pamela has had contact with members of the Clifton family and the church would be part of it. It was generally concluded by the AGM that there was more to be gained than lost by such a feature.

12.3 Tree Planting at Clifton Hall. It was noted that the fence and retrospective permission for the planting of trees in the Hall grounds had been discussed at the last AGM. Pamela Gupta was therefore surprised that an objection had been submitted on by the CVRA. It was noted that the works should have had planning permission and committee members have authority to make submissions on behalf of the village. The submittal was therefore in line with the general CVRA remit. KM will however look into the matter and communicate further with Pamela on the background to the objection being raised.

11 Next Meeting

The Chairman closed the AGM thanking members present for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 9.50pm. The date of the next AGM was confirmed as the 14th May 2015.

Graeme Barker, Secretary to the Clifton Village Residents Association