



MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 12th May 2016 – 8.00pm

Held at

Clifton Village Hall

Total Membership 258

- 1 **Apologies:** Jill Barker, Glenys Blacknell, Fran Clayton, Margaret Fox, Anne Hooley, John Hooley, Linda Pickles, Maggie Royston, Claire Simpson, Stephen Simpson, E Skinner, Eileen Small, Mr and Mrs J Woolley, Lillian Young,
- 2 **Present:** **37 members:**
Clare Ashton, Graeme Barker, Irene Briggs, Francis Buck, Jan Buck, Phil Bull, Sandra Bull, Betty Cooke, Alma Davies, Julian Davies, Mr E Edwards, Viba Ellis, Dawn Gilbert, Helen Huffer, Mick Huffer, Michael Knight, Glenda Lasbury, Sandy McCormick, Kevin McCormick, Tony Millard, Pat Moore, Ed Murphy, Ed Peterson, Vendela Peterson, John Pickles, Maureen Preston, Pete Preston, Dr Raof, Joe Rice, Pat Rice, James Royston, R Skinner, Kath Spencer, Graeme Watson, Dorothy Woodall, John Woodall, Graham Young,

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4 **Previous Minutes:**

No comment received. To be updated for re-issue on website.

The minutes were proposed for acceptance by John Woodall, seconded by James Royston, and approved by the AGM as a true record. GB to place on website.

3 **Neighbourhood Watch Report**

PC Darren White and PC Joy Davis joined the AGM.

PC Darren White reported that there has been a huge increase in car crime across the Clifton Area, suspected to be travelling criminals with mobile key scanners. If you had a keyless car-opener a thief with a device costing £3,000 bought on ebay could be used by approaching your home and if keys within the operating area the device would read it and your car could be opened but not driven off. (more sophisticated thieves are doing that). The advice is to leave your keys in a metal tin to prevent the signal being scanned. The culprits are from far afield and not local estate source. The message is that they are interested in loose change and anything in the car. The trend is to move away from house burglaries to car crime.

It was reported that overall crime was down c. 20% in the area generally. Darren is being seconded to help in the meadows for a few months. The Notts area is now divided into 4 and all are pushed to cover basic crime. If you see anything use his number (07976 649 234), or ring 999 if you see something suspicious or requiring urgent action. People are typically not reporting crimes or sightings till too late.

John Woodall raised the issue of motorbikes by the river. Darren advised that the police can no longer pursue due to Health and Safety but if they could identify the bikes could then confiscate later as most culprits are known to police.

The Chairman concluded the Neighbourhood Watch Report by thanking Darren, Joy and their wider team for their continued efforts in keeping the village safe.

4 Matters Arising

The chairman offered an update on the Old Rectory, stating that he had, at Anthony Trickett's invitation, had a tour of the works that are taking place in the listed building and that work on the first property was progressing well. Mr Trickett may move into the first property temporarily to secure the site. The chair noted that it was a shame that wall had not been tidied up and repainted to better present the building on approach but had been advised that this was not possible due to the need for specialist materials. This request will continue to be pursued.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that this would be his final Chairman's role, in what had been a busy tenure. It had included addressing village issues from Mayday, Student Parking, The Old Rectory, and the Reading Room, all of which looking to be coming to a positive conclusion.

In terms of Travellers on the Green, the Chairman reported that funding had been agreed by the Council's Area 8 Committee and once the legal challenges had been concluded should go ahead soon.

The Barton in Fabis Gravel pit looks to have been concluded, but the Village need to be on their guard as it is understood that the landowners may be about to launch a planning application ahead of the agreed plan being in place.

The chairman noted that the CVRA continued to represent the village to address signage issues and would continue dialogue with the Highways Agency to chase up their promise to address the main highways signs on the A453.

The Chairman expressed his heartfelt thanks to many people for their support and guidance during his time in office. He thanked John Woodall for his guidance and advice over the years. He thanked Lillian Young and Graeme Barker for their support over the years in their Secretarial role, and latterly Ed Peterson who has taken on much of this work. The Chairman also expressed his gratitude to Helen Huffer, who continues to work tirelessly in maintaining the accounts on behalf of the CVRA.

The Chairman highlighted how many events would not happen without the committee members and wider village community, especially highlighting Glenys and her catering team including Kath Spencer and Pat Moore.

The Chairman concluded by noting that he needed a break from the role, but hoped one day to be able to return and contribute formally to the organisation.

John Woodall concluded by formally thanking Kevin on behalf of the village for many years of effort, including much hard work behind the scenes helping make events a success, and representing the village externally, that go unseen by the village. This was met with hearty applause from the AGM.

6. Treasurer's Report

Helen Huffer presented the accounts for 2015-16.

Residents membership fees were slightly down in 2015, being £267 from £283. Ticket sales were however significantly increased, not least due to the Lecture Series in Spring 2014, and the Wine Tasting event in October. Advertising revenue was also significantly increased in the last year, being £175 for 2015, as opposed to £80 in 2014.

Total income from 2014-15 was £3567.01

Printing and Stationery costs were reduced from 2014, but the Christmas Tree has increased by some £36.00 this year. Spending on food was reduced for events overall.

Total Expenditure from 2014-15 was £2698.37. A £45.00 float has been retained for ongoing events where a bar is run.

There was a reported profit for the year of £868.64.

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

The report was proposed by John Woodall, seconded by Clare Ashton and accepted by the AGM.

7. Election of Officers

Kevin McCormick formally confirmed he is standing down as Chairman for 2016-17. Pat Rice confirmed to the AGM that she was willing to stand in to act as Chairperson. This was supported and seconded by Ed and Vendela Peterson.

Helen Huffer was willing to carry on as Treasurer.
Graeme Barker was willing to carry on as Secretary.

These members were duly elected en masse by the AGM.

8. Election of Executive Committee

The chairman advised the AGM that as one member of the existing committee, ie. himself was resigning there was a single space on the committee. Viba Ellis was proposed on the night by Kevin McCormick, seconded by Sandy McCormick.

The committee were elected en masse by the AGM. The CVRA committee is therefore made up as follows:

Officers:

Chairperson: Pat Rice, Secretary: Graeme Barker. Treasurer: Helen Huffer

Executive Committee:

Glenys Blacknell, Viba Ellis, Ed Peterson, John Woodall, James Royston, Phil Bull.

9. Honorarium

Honorarium £50 to the Secretary – Proposed by James Royson – Seconded by Kevin McCormick. Approved by the AGM.

10. Social Events

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

Summer Garden Party	-	Sunday 3 rd July - "Holly House" (The Woodalls) or Village Hall if wet
Late Summer Picnic	-	Saturday 3 rd September - Old Rectory Coach House or Village Hall if wet
Wine Tasting Evening		Saturday 29 th October
Christmas Party		Sunday 11 th December – Village Hall

KM announced to the AGM that Geoff Briggs, a long time supporter of the Late Summer Picnic had sadly passed away in the last couple of weeks.

11. AOB

11.1 **Clifton Village Hall.** Clare Ashton presented a report on behalf of the Village Hall Trust (CVHSHT)

- The AGM was reminded that the Village Hall AGM would be on Monday the 23rd May in the Village Hall.
- The Village Hall have now completed the car-park and knocked down the store room to give direct access to the entrance. This has resulted in a noticeable uplift in bookings. Clare thanked all concerned, especially the Trustees, including Francis Buck, John Hooley and Architect Graeme Barker in making this happen. There is now however a drive to find funding for the new entrance.
- The CVHSHT have been visited by the Heritage Lottery Fund on the day of the AGM but sadly they have declined the scheme due to its lack of heritage content, being mostly a new build. They have suggested that the CVHSHT seek funding from the Big Lottery Fund.

11.2 **Garden Group.** Pat Rice noted that there would be the annual garden trail on the 9th July 2016, with wine and nibbles at Clare Ashton's House at the end of the afternoon. There is then to be a plant sale on the 6th August at 9 Leabrook Close.

11.3 **St Mary's Church.** Clare Ashton reminded villagers that village Music Festival would be from the 14-16th July. There is to be a Ceilidh on the 30th September and Nottingham Chamber Orchestra will be playing on the 19th November 2016.

11.4 **Welcome Pack** – Graham Young noted that it would be good to have a welcome pack for new residents. It was agreed that the CVRA would look into providing this.

11.5 **Village signage** – It was agreed that the CVRA would chase the Highways Agency on when the signs to the A453 are to be replaced. The CVRA are to form a subcommittee comprising committee members, Alma Davies, Graham Young and Tony Millard to address signage issues in the village. The remit is to include a possible heritage sign on the green, with road signage for Village Road.

11.6 **Village Tradespeople** – It was suggested that it would be useful to provide a list of tradespeople in the newsletter. The CVRA to look into this without seeking to show 'endorsement' for such companies.

John Woodall concluded events by making a presentation to the outgoing Chairman Kevin McCormick of rose bushes and an engraved tankard, and thanking Kevin once more on behalf of the village for all of his support the time in the role. This has included a number of new events such as the Late Summer Picnic and Fish and Chip Super that are now part of village life. There was applause from the AGM.

12 Next Meeting

The Chairman closed the AGM thanking members present for their kind words and attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 9.40pm. The date of the next AGM was confirmed as the Monday * 8th May 2017 at 8pm. (* amended following the meeting)

Graeme Barker, Secretary to the Clifton Village Residents Association