



MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 20th May 2019 – 2018pm

Held at

Clifton Village Hall

Total Membership 264

1 **Apologies:** Jonathon Blacknell, Jan Buck, Dan Garnon, Karen Garnon, Sandy McCormick, Linda Pickles, John Spencer

2 **Present:** 32 members:

Graeme Barker, Jill Barker, Glenys Blacknell, Francis Buck, Phil Bull, Sandra Bull, Alma Davies, Julian Davies, Helen Huffer, Mick Huffer, Kath Kay, Michael Knight, Geoff Matthews, Kevin McCormick, Linda Osborne, Ed Peterson, John Pickles, Maureen Preston, Pete Preston, Claire Simpson, Joe Rice, Pat Rice, James Royston, E Skinner, R Skinner, Kath Spencer, Graham Watson, Bob Whileman, Joyce Whileman, Dorothy Woodall, John Woodall, Graham Young

3 **Previous Minutes:**

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

The minutes were proposed for acceptance by James Royston, seconded by Kevin McCormick and approved by the AGM as a true record. GB to forward to Jonathon Blacknell for placing on the website.

4 **Neighbourhood Watch Report**

PC Nigel Bradley, leader of the Clifton Beat team was introduced to the AGM. He outlined three main issues during the last year, being recurring anti-social behaviour (ASB) at the Rectory, Travellers on the Village Green, and thefts from gardens and sheds over recent months.

Recurring ASB events at the rectory have now ceased following arrests of local youths involved at the property and the property has been re-secured. The ASB include theft of the property's CCTV system!

In terms of shed thefts it was noted that this is not only a village issue, being part of a wider pattern of organised gangs, and the police urged all residents to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police. The CVRA will publish guidance to help secure gardens for residents in the next newsletter.

Travellers returned to the green in the spring of this year, and this time caused criminal damage on entry, by tearing up the bollards to gain entry to the green. Due to concern over impending elections and the damage caused additional police resources resulted in them leaving within 24 hours. Residents were assured that as long as there were witnesses to identify the culprits they can be charged with criminal damage. Key things to remember are gender, ethnicity, height and general description.

Issues raised by villagers were:

- 1) Off road motorbikes on the Grove and Clifton Woods. The police are improving resources for dealing with this and will action reports. If bikes are illegally travelling along roads and paths to reach the river these incidents should also be reported as it will lend weight to any proposal to add CCTV to the Fishermans Car Park area to help prevent and capture the behaviour.
- 2) Fly tipping – has been noted at the Fishermans Car Park and again all incidents should be reported as this will again add to the argument to place CCTV down in this area.

The Chairwoman concluded the Report by thanking PC Bradley for attending and for all the work the police put in to keep the village safe.

5 Chairwoman's Report

The Chairwoman welcomed all to the AGM.

The Chairwoman welcomed our new councillors, Andrew Rule and Roger Steel to the AGM.

Thanks were offered to John and Dorothy for continued use of their garden for another successful garden party. The committee are grateful to Glenys for continuing to lead the catering team but would welcome more offers of help towards this.

The idea for a candlelit supper in the church in the autumn, has proved financially unviable so sadly, it has been abandoned. Fortunately, the ever-popular Ceilidh in September, organised by Clare Ashton at St Mary's Church filled the gap in our social calendar.

It was noted that the Christmas party in the village hall was extremely well attended and that for safety reasons, we may have to limit numbers somewhat this coming year. As with the garden party help with the catering will be most welcome. Glenys and Kath Spencer have done a fantastic job for many years but need to take a less hands on role from now on.

This year's the fish and chip supper, was another success, in part due to our excellent resident DJ otherwise known as Jonathon! Thank-you also to John Woodall for organising the talk about avoiding scams.

The litter picks are now a regular monthly activity that anyone is welcome to join in. The chairwoman thanked Alma Davies for her enthusiasm in organising them even while incapacitated. The whole area is looking so much smarter.

We continue to support our friends in the neighbouring villages over plans for quarrying sand and gravel at Mill Hill affecting Barton in Fabis and over the proposed plans for housing behind Barton Green. Thank you to all who wrote in with objections to both schemes. Matters are still waiting to be resolved on both plans so we must remain vigilant and give our support yet again when needed.

Parking by those connected with the university, along Holgate and occasionally into Nethergate, continues to cause ongoing problems for residents in these areas. Parking too close to the corner means that drivers need to travel on the wrong side of the road in order to see oncoming traffic. We have attempted dialogue with NTU but are now looking to NCC to help solve the problem by extending the permit zone.

The Old Rectory looks to be coming to a solution. Delays have been due to bats taking up residence. Once they have been successfully transferred into more suitable bat homes in the grounds, we should see a great deal more activity. Tomlinson provided CGIs of the three new properties to be built in the grounds which were available for viewing at the meeting.

The return of the travellers to the Green in the spring was discussed, with the Chairwoman noting that it was good to see how quickly the situation could be addressed due to the village hall being used as a polling station. With this situation, the council used its full powers to speed up the eviction and a large police presence was seen by all, while eviction notices were served.

Condolences were offered to the families of Barry Stevens and Lilian Young who have recently passed away.

It was confirmed that the Secretary Graeme Barker is standing down due to his many other commitments. A token of appreciation was presented to him s acknowledgement of his 10 years of service to the committee. Graeme thanked everyone and promised to return once his overall work balance is addressed.

The Chairwoman concluded by thanking the whole committee for all their dedication and hard work over the last twelve months plus all our other many regular helpers.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Helen Huffer presented the accounts for 2018-19

Income for subscriptions was significantly higher than 2017-18 due to a number of one-off donations. Increased ticket sales at the Christmas Party and Fish and Chip Supper events, with decreased costs overall helped to support an increased surplus from events from previous years, helping to fund the new Christmas lights. All events made a surplus in 2018-19.

Christmas Card donations were not taken this year, due to the decline in general interest in this means of offering seasonal greetings. It was agreed that alternative donation mechanisms would be used to support the village Hall. £391.94 were spent on the Christmas tree this year, due to a significant investment of over £200 in new lights.

Deposit Account interest was £4.52, giving a total income from 2018-19 of £2778.14

Printing and Stationery costs decreased in 2018-19 to £163.47.

Total Expenditure from 2018-19 was £2431.33

There was a reported surplus for the year of £346.81

The total balance of the CVRA accounts at the end of the year stands at £3,760.54

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 Ed Peterson, seconded by Clare Ashton and accepted by the AGM.

7. **Election of Officers**

Joh Woodall led the election of officers.

Pat Rice was willing to continue as Chairwoman

Helen Huffer was willing to carry on as Treasurer.

Graeme Barker stood down as Secretary, with Ed Peterson being proposed to take up the role.

This proposal was put to the AGM by Clare Ashton, seconded by Sandra Bull, and their election to post was carried unanimously by the AGM.

8. **Election of Executive Committee**

All other committee members confirmed that they were willing to continue on the committee.

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

Officers:

Chairperson: Pat Rice, Secretary: Ed Peterson. Treasurer: Helen Huffer

Executive Committee:

Glenys Blacknell, Kath Kay, Ed Peterson, John Woodall, James Royston, Phil Bull.

9. **Honorarium**

Honorarium £50 to the Secretary – Proposed by Glenys Blacknell and seconded by Kath Spencer. 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	-	Saturday 29 th June - "Holly House" (The Woodalls) or Village Hall if wet
Wine Tasting / Quiz Evening		November 2019 (date tbc)
Christmas Party		Saturday 15 th December – Village Hall

The village were also reminded that the Open Gardens event was to be held on the 13th July 2019.

11. **AOB**

11.1 Village Heritage Signage. Pat Rice and GB outlined that the CVRA were considering whether to progress the village heritage sign. Designs for the preferred laser cut silhouette sign were shown to the AGM. Proposals to advance commissioning of the sign had the general support of the AGM and will be progressed.

11.2 Village Hall and School House Trust (CVHSHT). Clare Ashton reminded the AGM that the CVHSHT AGM would take place on the 30th May 2019 in the Village Hall from 7.30pm. Planning is to be submitted for the extension to the village hall during the summer of 2019, and plans will be available to view at the AGM.

11.3 Almshouses. Signage for the village almshouses was raised by Councillor Roger Steel. The

need for this was acknowledged and the proposed signage supported by the AGM

11.4 Litter Pick. Alma Davies thanked Francis Buck for offering continuity of village litter picks through group leadership during her recent illness. Alma reported that agreement had been reached with NTU to join litter pick and routine cleaning of the area in front of their campus on Clifton Lane. Highways England have been contacted to co-ordinate a tidy of the area in front of the village in consultation with Paul Brown of NCC. Alma is working to secure commitments from KFC and Mcdonalds to provide additional support for litter picking activities and is having more success with McDonalds in this matter. It was agreed to carry out the next litter pick after the forthcoming fair at Barton Green, on the morning of Monday 3rd June.

12 Next Meeting

The Chairwoman closed the AGM thanking members for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 8.45pm. The date of the next AGM was confirmed as the Monday 18th May 2020 at 7.30pm.

Graeme Barker, Secretary to the Clifton Village Residents Association