



## MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. 7.30 pm

Held at

Clifton Village Hall

Total Membership 268

### 1. Apologies:

Graeme Barker, Kath Kay, Sandra Bull, Patrick Reid, Linda Pickles, Geoffrey Harrow

### 2. Present: 27 members and, additionally, 2 guests

Phil Bull, Christine Dalby, Gary Dykes, Claire Simpson, Jonathan Blacknell, Glenys Blacknell, Nigel Cartwright, G.C.Young, Joe Rice, Pat Rice, Mary Feasey, Eilleen Skinner, Abdua Raof, John Pickle, Bob Skinner, Vendela Peterson, Kath Spencer, Linda Osbourne, Francis Buck, John Woodall, Dorothy Woodall, Clare Ashton, Steve Osbourne, Christine Cartwright, James Royston, Ed Peterson, Julie Reid.

Guests: Cllr Andrew Rule, Cllr Hayley Spain.

### 3. Previous Minutes and Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

The minutes were proposed for acceptance by John Woodall, seconded by Phil Bull. and approved by the AGM as a true record. As previously, this year's minutes will be forwarded to Jonathan Blacknell for placing on the website.

**Introduction:** Chairwoman, Pat Rice (PR) introduced and welcomed Julie Reid (JRd) who is now assisting PR in the general running of the committee as Vice Chairwoman. PR briefly mentioned the need for help following a period of illness.

### 4. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Report

PR would normally introduce the police at this stage and that this was the first time ever that a representative of the local police had not turned up to give a brief report.

Nigel Cartwright (NC) expressed his disappointment, saying that the essence of local policing was to be in touch with the community and attend such local meetings.

PR The current police team in Clifton is headed by Inspector Stephen Dalby, Sgt Simon Reid with 4 PC's and 2 PCSO's.

PR summarised the matter of crime in the area, having looked online for the information. This online information reports on the wider area, within half a mile from the village, up to March 2023, for the year.

The village is only mentioned twice, that being a public order offence near Clifton Hall Drive, and a sexual offence near Clifton Hall Drive, the latter still under investigation.

Several reports have been noted of youths caught on camera trying door handles in the early hours of the morning. PR advised everyone to always lock car doors, remove valuables and ensure side gates are bolted.

PR noted that the police have prioritised the following criminal activities:

- Serious knife crime
- Drugs, often involved Operation Reacher, described last year at the AGM by Sgt Bradbury. The carpark is an area of concern in this context. Message to Sgt Simon Reid about the drug related rubbish found in the carpark.
- Anti-social behaviour – most often around the trams.

Acquisitive crime theft etc with car key burglaries being highest problem where access to the car is made electronically. PR reminded all to keep their car keys in a metal box (Faraday cage) to deter.

PR mentioned the idea being mooted to have speed pipes that will check speed of traffic along Village Road. This has been a successful approach elsewhere in Nottinghamshire and is now being discussed with our police and councillors.

## **5. Chairwoman's Report**

PR thanked all for attending and supporting the village resident's association and, in anticipation, our two Councillors – to arrive later. This will be Andrew Rule and our new councillor, replacing Roger Steel, being Cllr Hayley Spain.

Christine Cartwright (CC) voiced her thanks to Roger Steele for all his help to the village over the years.

Two significant events to be celebrated occurred last year, these being the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. (funding was applied for by the committee and received from the city) and the Kings Coronation, which received no funding.

It was intended to hold the Queens Jubilee Celebration on The Green, but poor weather meant a quick change of plan to use the church. (Thank you, PR, and all involved with that very speedy change).

Owing to the success of that event the Kings Coronation was also held in the church and was equally successful with 70+ attendees including a sprinkling of children.

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebration the committee also bought a tree, a Bird Cherry, which was planted on the Green with a memorial plaque to record the event. At the same time another plaque was also placed for the oak tree that was planted back in 1986 to commemorate the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Domesday Book. Thank you to JB for his attention to the newly planted tree, with watering it during the hot summer period.

In July last year the annual garden party was successfully held again in the garden of John and Dorothy Woodall. Glenys Blacknell and Kath Spencer have agreed to do the catering again this summer, so all will be welcomed and well fed.

The autumn social event was a success with dancing till late, all on Chile Con Carne served from the small village kitchen by EP, and the team of PB, JR and CD.

Christmas lunch was led by Julie Reid with other committee members and friends. Prior to this event was the tree lighting and carol singing. Again, a well-attended event and thanks to Clare Ashton and helpers for their warming fire, mulled wine and mince pies.

In 2023 we have had the quiz night with sausage mash and gravy and more importantly, recently, the Coronation big lunch.

There have been houses/buildings of concern to the village over the years - currently a home on Milldale. Mary Fessey (MF) confirmed the owner had attended the house and done some work around the building. Work is still needed on the front garden which is overgrown and could attract vandalism, appearing uncared for.

Bollards to the Green are now all in place and the area where the village sign is positioned has received a treatment of yellow rattle seed, paid for by the Village funds, in the hope of establishing this triangle of land as an attractive wild-flower area. This is the land that the village has agreed will not be cut by the City Council as part of their cost savings.

Steve Osbourne (SO) expressed dismay that the grass edges to the Green look so untidy, particularly around the bollards.

The Barton in Fabis committee, with help from Larkhill residents, are working on their opposition to plans for quarrying gravel from the nearby Trent river valley area. Our village support will be needed again to fight this potentially dusty and noisy eyesore on our back door.

On the matter of the Barton Green development of approx. 250 houses PB asked about the conflict of interest apparent in the sale of the land by the City Council and them overseeing the planning application. Irrespective, the proposed housing development at Barton Green will go ahead. We have the opportunity now to comment on aspects of tree protection and protecting the adjacent woodland. This must be done by 28<sup>th</sup> May.

The village parking permit scheme is in place and we thank our councillors and particularly residents Nigel and Christine Cartwright for their persistence in pushing this scheme to its completion.

Much has been achieved by the village over the years. The Dovecote is a recent concern and the committee has the matter in hand in the sense of pushing the City Council to help maintain the building.

A defibrillator has been obtained, with the help of John Woodall, from the Benenden Health Insurance group. A significant sum of money has been raised towards the defibrillator and this will be used to purchase the cabinet that will house the machine. The device will be fixed on the garage wall of St Mary's House, which is the residence of our vicar, Ester and her

family. As St Mary's house is roughly in the middle of Village Road this was deemed a good spot. Electricity from the church-owned property will help keep the cabinet warm in winter and the device active.

The church will be recompensed annually at a cost of approx. £10.00 per annum.

JW. There will be booklets available to describe how the defibrillator should be used. A training session will be made available, sometime, in the Village Hall.

PR expressed her thanks to the many people involved in helping the village be the fantastic place it is. She thanked her committee and individuals who give their time and efforts willingly, from manning the DJ table to baking cakes, from erecting Xmas trees and lights to painting the village hall railings and windows. Thank you all.

## **6. Treasurers report**

In the absence of our Treasurer, Helen Huffer, Julie Reid commented that the Village Accounts could be found on the website. They are also attached below.

In summary there is a surplus of income over expenditure for 2022/23 of £483.16.

This leaves a bank balance of £3,915.19

A copy of the report is attached. There was a reflection on:

- The need to maintain the increase in subscriptions to allow for significant increases in printing costs.
- An acknowledgement that inflation has eroded potential surplus on social events (events are not run to make a surplus, but should not make a loss)
- Thank you to Helen and the Auditor for their conscientious work
- All agreed to the Honorarium for the Auditor of £50.00.

The Accounts were proposed for acceptance by John Woodall and seconded by Clare Ashton.

## **Election of Officers**

John Woodall (JW) was invited to lead the election of officers. He commented that Helen Huffer has been our Treasurer for 30 + years. He expressed thanks to Helen for maintaining her presence and involvement on the committee. JW also thanked Ed as Secretary for his work and particularly to Pat for her leadership and continued effort on behalf of the Village.

Ed Peterson wishes to resign as Secretary but continue with the committee.

JW noted that Graeme Barker had offered himself to be Secretary.

## **Officers.**

Pat Rice as Chairwoman with Julie Reid as assistant Chair.

Graeme Barker as Secretary.

Helen Huffer as Treasurer

This proposal for the election of officers was put to the AGM by JW and seconded by CA

The vote was unanimous, in favour.

### **Election of the Executive Committee.**

The committee members, being:

Phil Bull, Christine Dalby, James Royston, Ed Peterson, John Woodall.

There were no proposals for new officers and the above agreed to continue. Proposed by PB, seconded by CC and unanimously accepted by the AGM.

### **9. Honorarium.**

Honorarium for £50.00 to the Secretary. Proposed by JW and seconded by PR.

PR expressed her personal thanks to Ed Peterson for his years of taking minutes at meetings, for his efforts as Secretary and involvement in social events. She hoped he would continue with the social side. PR presented a gift from herself and the committee which was gratefully received by EP.

CC expressed her thanks to the committee, commenting that things just seem to happen and “we really notice that things do get done.”

### **10. Social Events.**

We have the summer garden party to look forward to.

There will be a wine tasting event in the Autumn and the usual Christmas activities at the end of the year.

The ‘Garden Trail’ will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup>, around the village, commencing at Pat’s home and finishing at Clare’s place for drinks and chat.

### **11. Any other Business**

CA wished to thank everyone who arrived the Monday after the Coronation celebration to clean the church, not just cleaning from the celebration but giving a general spring clean.

The church will be open for a ‘fun day’ at Bank Holiday.

There will be a Ceilidh on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the church and a concert later in the year, probably the Nottingham Chamber.

Clare wished to thank everyone for their support of the village hall through the purchase of raffle tickets over the years. A major refurbishment and extension is taking place this summer and the Village Hall will be closed for two months (July & August)

PR welcomed our newly elected Councillor. We already know Andrew Rule and welcomed Hayley Spain. Hayley Spain (HS) briefly described her hopes to make our local voice heard.

CC expressed her wish to see HS available at some surgery meetings and hoped that HS

would be aligned with the issues we see as important. A need to know how HS will work with us and we work with her. Haley Spain can be contacted at:  
[haley.spain@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:haley.spain@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

HS was warmly welcomed by all.

PR asked EP to comment on work so far concerning the Dovecote. EP gave a brief resume of thinking and efforts to date. Communication is established with Toby Ebbs, the Nottingham City Heritage Officer. A meeting with Tim Allen from Heritage England in February concluded that the building should remain simply a Dovecote and thoughts of using the building commercially (originally proposed by Alice Ullathorne and Tom Street from the City) would not be accepted by Heritage England.

The current view of Toby Ebbs, who has taken over the Tom Street role, is to ensure the building is water-tight with a new roof and be re-pointed. The new roof should not be replaced with similar timber shingles but most likely with rosemary tiles or slate, as used in nearby buildings. Heritage England agree with this.

There is a Nottingham City sponsored Building and Preservation Trust in place that should be the framework to raise funds and ensure the Dovecote is properly maintained. A new board of trustees is being sought for this Trust. We await developments.

The building is on a long lease from the Clifton family, and it is a responsibility of the city to keep the building in good order as part of that lease agreement. There is no communication necessary with the Clifton family as there was with the bollards to The Green. A skills and training grant may be the way forward to obtain Heritage Lottery funding and this is being investigated. A sum in the region of up to £100,000 may be needed.

CC asked several questions concerning the Dovecote and commented that her experience with the Nottingham University suggests that funds may also be available from other sources, such as Nottingham University.

The meeting concluded with thanks again from PR to all attendees.

**AGM for 2024 to be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm.**

**Wine will be provided afterward for all attendees. Please stay and chat.**

Accounts below:

## Treasurers report

### CVRA AGM Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### Treasurer's Report

1. We began the financial 2022/2023 year with £3,431.83

#### Income

2. We received £650.00 from membership which was set at £2.50 for single or £5.00 per household.

3. Under Social events we received funding from the City Council for the Jubilee Event of £1,962.00. Income came from Mug & T/towel sales at the Jubilee event and ticket sales for the Boogie Disco Night last November & Quiz Night in March.

4. The Summer Garden Party and Christmas Party made an overall profit, but the cost of food was significant and reduced the profit amount.

5. In Donations we received the largest amount from the sale of Calendars via the Garden Group. Additional donations came from individuals wishing to give towards the cost of the defibrillator.

6. The **Total Income** received for the year was £6,840.

#### Expenditure

7. Last year I mentioned the cost of the Village Sign Installation would be included in this year's accounts at a cost of £822.

£53.24 was given to people as a thankyou gift from the CVRA giving the total shown of £875.24 in Gifts and Donations.

8. Expenditure in the social events included items for the Jubilee, Disc and Quiz Night.

9. The Christmas Tree cost has significantly increased. Printing and Stationary costs are just a little more than last year.

10. The item of Other this year was for the Web Site renewal which is for three years. The purchase of the Wild Seed and new Wine Glasses for the CVRA amounted to a total of £458.99.

11. We finished the 22/23 year with an expenditure of £6357.54.

12. We have an excess income over expenditure of £483.36.

13. The balance at the financial year end is £3915.19.

**I would like to thank Helen Lander for auditing the accounts and this concludes my report.**

Helen Huffer – Treasurer CVRA.

## Annual Accounts

CLIFTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION		
2021/22	<u>Village Accounts</u>	April 1st 2022 to March 31st 2023
8,111.02	<b>Balance brought forward</b>	3,431.83
<b>INCOME</b>		
537.00	Residents Subscriptions	650.00
1,057.00	Summer Garden Party	759.50
384.60	Christmas Party	876.40
560.00	Other Social Events	4,115.50
289.00	Grant/Donations	439.50
0.00	Other (Adverts)	0.00
<u>2,827.60</u>		<u>6,840.90</u>
<b>less</b>		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
1,194.03	Summer Garden Party	585.05
502.53	Christmas Party	958.85
461.09	Other Social Events	2,707.99
222.00	Christmas Tree & Lights	360.00
322.14	Printing, Stationery and Newsletters	361.42
50.00	Secretary's Honarium	0.00
50.00	Gift for Auditor	50.00
20.00	Gifts and Donations	875.24
4685.00	Other	458.99
<u>7,506.79</u>		<u>6,357.54</u>
-4,679.19	<b>Excess/(Deficit) Income over Expenditure for the year</b>	483.36
<u>3,431.83</u>	<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<u>3,915.19</u>
<b>Represented by :</b>		
45.00	Cash and Cheques in hand	45.00
3,386.83	New Club/Society Account	3,870.19
<u>3,431.83</u>		<u>3,915.19</u>
Accounts audited and found to be correct 30/04/23		
<i>H M Lander</i>		
H M Lander A.C.M.A.		
<p>Note: The Bank Statement at the end of the financial year does not match the value shown above, due to an unrepresented cheque for £21 (Nottingham City council) and an error by the bank re the cheque deposited on 31/03/23 for £90 which only shows as £20 on the statement. Helen has spoken with the bank about the latter and this is being corrected.</p>		



