



Minutes of ZOOM meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
September 7th 2020

Those present over the internet:

1. Glenys Blacknell(GBI) Phil Bull(PB) Helen Huffer(HH) Kath Kay(KK) Ed Peterson(EP) Julie Reid (JRd) Pat Rice(PR) James Royston(JR) Sam Ward (SW) John Woodall(JW) Graeme Barker(GB)

**2. No apologies**

**3. Previous Minutes:**

Minutes were proposed by GBI and seconded by JW and approved by the committee as a true record of the meeting.

**4. Matters arising:**

PR confirmed that, as previously discussed, we wardens to the village should focus on checking the vulnerable people only and that, if possible, the ticks remain as one colour in the windows of houses and replaced with a red tick if someone is ill and/or needs help.

**5. Chairwomen's report**

PR commented that there was not a lot to report upon. PR confirmed that the Village sign had been ordered and this was the matter dealt with, until the sign was ready from the manufacturers. This would be up to 18 months from date of order. JW expressed surprise that a donor had been found for the payment of the village sign in full. PB confirmed this news had been placed on the village Facebook page.

PR confirmed, having spoken with Councillor Andrew Rule, that the City were working to ensure the remaining Village Green was bollarded as soon as possible.

PR said that she was aware that parking would again become a contentious issue as the students return. Money has not yet been allocated to deal with Holgate. Priority for necessary signage is being given to Wilford this year, at the request of our two councillors. There is no guarantee when funds will be allocated to Clifton Village and the Covid problem has delayed many works.

Mark and Sarah Heining had reported to Pat the intrusive noise of the motor and scrambler bikes being used in the wood at the back of Milldale, using the new pathways laid by the council.

PR has written to Andrew Rule about a camera to be positioned viewing the 'Fisherman's Car Park'.

### **Treasurer's report**

HH reported that the donation of £5,000 had been received to pay for the Village sign. The donor wishes to remain anonymous and The CVRA express their thanks for the generous gift on behalf of the village. HH confirmed that the deposit payment to the 'Village Sign People' for £150.00 had been made and we were now on their list. Also that payment, as agreed at the last meeting, was made to the Auditor for £50.00. HH confirmed that the revised accounts balance, to include the donation of £5,000, was £8,279.00.

GB confirmed that payments for the Newsletter would be made to the printers 'Ginger Root' used by GB on previous occasions. Ginger Root have premises in Lenton, and Colwick.

Proposal to approve the accounts made by JW and seconded by JR.

### **Secretary Report**

EP stated that discussions had taken place between CVRA members over the past weeks, with concern expressed about the lack of an AGM. The question was raised as to how necessary or otherwise we should consider holding an AGM, even by ZOOM, in these unusual circumstances. The date at which the AGM was to have gone ahead was May 18<sup>th</sup>. The UK was in the middle of 'Covid lock-down' at that time and so the AGM could not have been held.

EP had referred to JW on this matter. JW commented that no officers had been elected to continue and no new officers had been voted into place. JW referred to the following extract from the CVRA Constitution.

### **Meetings**

- a. *An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held on or as soon as may be convenient after the first day of May in each year for the purposes of receiving the annual report and financial statements, to elect honorary officers and the Members of the Executive Committee and transacting such other business as may be properly transacted thereat.*
- b. *An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association may be called at any time by the Secretary at the request of the Chairman and four (4) Members of the Executive Committee, or at the request of 10% of the existing Members who need not be Members of the executive Committee and whose subscriptions are fully paid up.*

- c. *Notice of the Annual General Meeting and of every Extraordinary General Meeting and of the business transacted thereat shall be advised (paragraph 12 refers) by the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the date holding the same.*

JW had considered the above and suggested that we should have an AGM by some means. He had attended some AGM's for other societies and although not 100% satisfactory at least they dealt with the main issues, namely:

- The agreement of the accounts for the CVRA
- The election or re-election of officers

The Quorum required involves 25 members and this should be achievable with a well organised ZOOM meeting.

JW questioned how this number could be confirmed and recorded. GB stated that there is a mechanism within ZOOM for doing this and the condition could be easily met.

JW confirmed that an AGM could be left until May of next year but a notice to this effect should be placed on the Village Noticeboard.

KK suggested the use of the church as it was possible for 30 people to meet in the church. GB suggested that no services were being allowed in St Mary's Church. PR questioned if this was the case and would check with Clare.

GB suggested that the use of Microsoft 'Teams' as a more user-friendly forum for a meeting. GB has experienced using Teams to host 40+ students at his University Lectures. JR also commented on the efficiency of 'Teams'. However, although all options are open for an effective meeting, perhaps a noticeboard 'Note' to say that the AGM is delayed until next year would be a cleaner solution.

EP commented that the quality of this CVRA ZOOM meeting was the worst he had encountered and the delay of audio from PR meant her contribution was seriously compromised.

## **Planning**

Nothing to report.

The Old Rectory with adjoining buildings should be finished by January of 2021.

## **Social Events**

- November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Dovecote. This Remembrance occasion should go ahead as all activities will be outside.
- Christmas tree erection. We should be able to carry this out within Covid restrictions.

- Lighting of the Christmas tree. Social distancing should be manageable. The event will be more restricted than usual and we need to wait until nearer the occasion to see how we may manage the event.
- The issue of powering the Christmas Tree lights was raised and EP asked GBI and JB if they could be powered by battery. This, JBI commented would not be practical. JW agreed to look into how we may have the lights powered not from Keith's house but the adjoining.
- Christmas Party. As restrictions stand this event is highly unlikely to take place.

#### **AOB**

- The bench seats by the Dovecote.

One bench has been repaired by Michael Atheron from Nethergate. He commented that he now has the wood for the second bench. 'Thanks', have been passed to him for his enthusiastic efforts to bring the seat benches back to life and also for strimming the grass around 'The Dovecote.'

- Parking Permits.

PB has raised the matter of parking permits. Currently the parking restrictions mean that when friends/family arrive by car there may be no room except on the street. As PB discovered when he give his drive-parking-space to visiting contractors. PB was fined for placing his own car on the road.

PB has our two local councillors and Lilian Greenwood on the case in the expectation that Parking Permits can be organised for residents.

- Speeding on Village Road.

There was no time to discuss the issue of speeding cars along Village Road. This will be raised at the next meeting.

The meeting lasted 40 minutes only, although there was further discussion after this time without the full complement of the CVRA committee.

#### **Next Meeting**

It was agreed that we would meet again, by ZOOM, on Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm

#### **Dates for the diary**

November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance service at The Dovecote

Christmas Tree erection on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am

**Secretary's note:** *Events have overtaken the above in that meetings are now limited to 6 people. It is highly unlikely we will hold the usual 'Switching on the lights' or indeed the carol singing around the village afterwards.*