



**Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
at Leabrooks Close. Clifton Village.**

**Those present:**

Pat Rice(PR) Julie Reid(JRd) Helen Huffer (HH) Sam ward (SW) John Woodall (JW) Ed Peterson (EP)

2. Apologies from James Royston, Phil Bull, Graeme Barker, Christine Dalby

**3. Previous minutes**

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting by JW and seconded by HH.

**4. Matter arising.**

A photo of the Village Hall has been placed on the website so that prospective users can view the rooms.

JW asked about progress with the added Fair on Barton Green in October last year. EP replied this was in hand awaiting a response from the City 'event team'. The environment department (noise etc) recognised that the second fair had been noisy, but it was not in their remit to prevent this happening again. It is the department at the city dealing with 'events' who can decide to rent the land or not.

**5. Chairwoman's Report**

PR commented that the past weeks have been a quiet period with two significant events taking place. Firstly, the arrival of the village sign which is now stowed away at Phill Bull's home. Secondly that the application for the Quarry at Barton in Fabis has been suspended while the applicant considers options.

In addition, the matter of parking permits continues positively, and steps are being taken to protect the Dovecote.

Calendar sales are now finished with 157 calendars sold and possibly some extra from the new residents at the Rectory Mews. Any remaining Calendars will be given to new residents as part of a welcome pack. PR has passed approximately £179.00 to our Treasurer to be a contribution towards the defibrillator. This amount includes donations as well as sales. In addition, Clare Ashton has collected £145.000 from her personal calendar sales and this will go towards the Village Hall funds for the proposed extension/refurbishment. The actual building works to the Village Hall are delayed owing to the difficulty in finding the right contractor.

PR expressed many thanks to those individuals who went from door to door selling the Calendars. PR - Residents do look forward to these and it has become a part of the village scene.

## **6. Treasurer's report**

HH confirmed that the account balance is £3,386, net of funds donated for the supply of the village sign.

Please see attached report below.

## **7. Secretary Report.**

EP confirmed that he had communication with Tom Street who is the heritage buildings officer at Nottingham City. The property department responded to complaints that the rendering to the gable ends was about to collapse by erecting the scaffolding we now see and removing the rendering. Tom Streets awaits a decision by National Heritage to confirm the replacement of bricks on the gables or to simply re-render. It may take some time for this national body to decide, and the scaffolding could be in place for many months.

Tom Streets is adding the building to the local buildings at risk register. The Dovecote is a Scheduled Monument and is also eligible for the National Heritage at risk register. If the Dovecote were also added to the national register, it would immediately improve its chances of gaining grant-funding from bodies such as the Architectural Heritage fund and the National Lottery Heritage fund. This would then be a potential additional source of funds for a feasibility study with a view to refurbishing the Dovecote for possible commercial use.

An application has been made to the city for funding to carry out the repair work first listed in the report from 2015. This report is available to be seen on the village website

## **8. Topics for discussion**

### **8.1 Parking permits.**

Nigel Cartwright, from Holgate, is running regular ZOOM meetings which include members of the committee and the two Councillors, Andrew Rule, and Roger Steel. Significant progress has been made and the whole village consulted and recently notified of the planned/accepted changes. On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March a further meeting with the Councillors and chaired by Nigel Cartwright will clarify the likely timescale for this planning to take effect.

### **8.2. The Quarry at Barton**

PR referred to the altered prospects for the quarry at Barton in Fabis. The applicant has withdrawn. This is excellent news that progress by the proposed quarry contractor and their

consultants has been stopped. However, this is not the end of the matter and PR and EP will be at Barton in Fabis on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> evening to hear the latest update.

**8.3 The Dovecote.** See previous

#### **8.4 Jubilee Celebrations**

It was agreed at the last meeting to organise for the village celebrate for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

EP has received the Jubilee pack which contains scant information. The subcommittee will meet on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March to start the process to organise a successful celebration.

A subcommittee was agreed.

- Julie Reid
- Helen Huffer
- Christine Dalby
- Graeme Barker.

PR and EP offered to join. Clare Ashton has been asked to attend.

First meeting to be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Some effort has been made by EP to locate a brass band for the event. The band previously used were contacted but they are not available and people they recommended are also committed to other events on that day. It was suggested to ask JB if he could provide a sound system and perhaps suitable music.

#### **9. Social Events for 2022**

- Story telling Evening Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.
- It was agreed to ask Mike Payton a professional storyteller, sourced by PB, to speak. He offers several topics to speak on and it was agreed that his 'Strange Encounters' talk would be worthwhile.
- EP to produce flyers and tickets to everyone by tomorrow evening.
- Jubilee celebration Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Summer garden Party 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Autumn Social Event. 22<sup>nd</sup> October It was agreed that Halloween should be avoided. Suggestion that this event be the Fish & Chip supper disco.
- Xmas tree Erection. December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Christmas tree lighting December 4<sup>th</sup> – note to ask JB, Clare Ashton to provide punch and mince pies. Roy to be given notice for the brazier and Jill Barker for carol singing music.
- Christmas Party Sunday December 11th

#### **10. AOB**

##### **10.1 Village sign**

This has been completed by the fabricators and those who have seen it say it is very well done. Thank you very much Phil for providing the lead in the whole project and looking after

the Village Sign people when they came to Clifton Village and for his trips to Norfolk, meeting with the designers and people involved. PR also met with the Village Sign couple and was able to see the sign and thank them for their work.

PB has also obtained two quotes (applied for three) for the erection of the sign. The best appears to be at a cost of £700.00 plus VAT.

## **10.2 Defibrillator**

The total donations and proceeds of sales of Calendars has raised £284.00 towards the cost of the defibrillator.

Tim Harding from the village may be able to raise additional funds through his contacts and he is looking into the matter.

PR repeated It is necessary to have a drive to raise funds for the defibrillator. We will need funds in the region of £900.00 plus. This will not include ongoing fees to service etc.

SW reported that two defibrillators are available on the Clifton Campus. He will obtain a map to show where these are in the main pavilion building and the Erasmus `Darwin building.

## **10.3 Tree planting.**

Councillor Andrew Rule has offered a tree for the Village. Clare Ashton has suggested this be placed on Gervais Gdns alongside where a previous tree had been located. SW has suggested a Cherry tree as these do not grow too tall.

\*Plaques should be obtained for the new tree to mark the Jubilee celebration and also for the Oak tree that was planted to celebrate Doomsday in 1987. The Oak tree planted in 1987 has yet to have a plaque to mark the event. It would be good to organise such.

### **Village entrance Kerbing and Speed**

SW pointed out the loose kerb stones that need attention.

EP reported that Dan Garnon had been cleaning the gutter of weeds and accumulated material at the village green area. A thank you, Dan.

The matter of a 20 mph speed limit was again raised.

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

- AGM date 16th May
- Jubilee celebration Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Summer garden Party 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Autumn event October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Christmas tree erection December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Christmas tree lights and gathering December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Xmas Party December 11<sup>th</sup>

- Next committee meeting to be Wednesday May 11th
- Treasurers Report:**

Please see below.

**CVRA Meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Income**

Donations from Garden Calendar £179.00

**Payments**

BACS payment to Mr Christmas Tree £222.00

Chq. to Village Sign People £4,625.00

Money In £179.00

Money Out £4,847.00

Account Balance £3,386.83

Money still held from Village Sign Donation £225.00

