



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at The Paddocks, 4 Farriers Green
on
Tuesday 10th August 2010 at 8 pm**

1 Members Present:-

Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr K McCormick (KM),
Mr J Spencer (JS), Mr J Woodall (JW), Mr G Barker (GBr).

2 Apologies:, Ms M MacKechnie, Mrs P Moore , Dr R Smith

3 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 15th June were accepted and approved as a true record. A copy will be forwarded by GBr for placement on the website.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 David Jones Memorial. JW reported that following discussions with the church progress appeared to have stalled completely. Regret was expressed by both KM and JW that there seemed to be little enthusiasm for pursuing this matter. JW agreed to continue dialogue with the church to see if any progress could be made.

4.2 Treasurers Report. HH tabled the account report. HH confirmed that the profits from the Summer Party had now been banked and amounted to some £240.38, although JW highlighted that £30 is to be deducted from this for the gazebo hire. GBI noted that there was also a net surplus of drinks that needed to be taken into account.
HH confirmed that Lillian Young's honorarium had now been handed over.
HH Also advised that a further 5 subscriptions had been received as well as a cash donation in the reporting period. In summary it was felt by the committee that the account was looking healthy for this stage of the year.

Bank balance: Current Account £845.26

Deposit Account £1087.75

4.3 Planning Matters

4.3.1 The Old Rectory. JS advised that the Nottingham City Council website was now showing "planning granted" although the formal paperwork was not available for viewing. GBr noted that this not unusual and that it typically meant that a decision had been made but the formal notice had not been published. It was agreed by the committee that a commitment through planning to the renovation was a positive step. GBr/KM did however highlight that it would not be unexpected for the 'enabling development' of new houses to now be resubmitted in the same or amended form. It was agreed to keep a

‘watchful eye’ on the site and the Council website in case this happens. JS highlighted that it was still the understanding of the Gervase Residents that any new housing accessed from Gervase Gardens would require access across land owned by the residents.

4.3.2 – Reading Room: KM has spoken to Ian Malcolm who advised him that the Reading Room had now been emptied and cleaned. IM further advised that the locks had been changed but further works needed to be carried out to remove the gate and signage. KM to continue dialogue with IM on this matter.

4.3.3 – Other Village Planning Matters: JW reported to the committee that no applications of note had been made during the last reporting period. It was noted that the vehicular access had been refreshed to the rear of Gervase Gardens onto Nethergate.

- 4.4 Newsletter.** GBr highlighted that the next village newsletter was due for issue in October and requested that any items for inclusion should be forwarded by the 19th September. It was agreed that GBr would talk to the Mike and Claire Ashton about an article focussed on the success of the Music and Flower Festival. JS to forward Neighbourhood Watch Information. GBI is to forward pictures from the summer party for inclusion. GBr will circulate a draft of the newsletter to the committee ahead of the next meeting.
- 4.5 CVRA Membership.** GBr tabled area lists to the committee and advised that 5 new members had been added to the list bring the 2010-2011 total to 261. Anomalies were noted on the list and GBr is to update these. GBr requested that all committee members review the list to highlight any other errors / information gaps so that the list can be kept up to date. Patch lists were agreed to be kept as currently set out. JS advised that Roy Smith had suggested splitting Gervase Gardens between himself and JS. GBr to update the patch lists to reflect this.
- 4.6 Neighbourhood Watch** JS advised the committee that there structural changes are being made to the management of the Community Safety Panel at city level, but that in summary this would not affect the day to day working relationship with the local Clifton Police Force. HH advised the committee that some residences in the area had been sent a police letter highlighting a recent spate of unlicensed doorstep charity collections.
- 4.7 Website and Notice Board** GBr advised that an updated events lists and a poster for Summer picnic had been lodged on the noticeboard. A copy of the poster had also been forward to Jonathon Blacknell for inclusion on the site.
- 4.8 Social Events**

4.8.1 Summer Party. It was agreed by all parties that the Summer Party had been a great success. JW did however express concern however at the covered awnings provided, most notably by the chairman, given the difficulty taken in erecting them. It was suggested that the committee consider purchasing gazebos for summer events. After consideration the committee agreed to review the situation after the forthcoming Late Summer Picnic. GBr queried whether glasses should be purchased after the shortfall at the summer party but GBI advised that the ‘missing’ glasses had been found after the

summer party. GBl suggested that the existing glasses at the Village Hall be counted to ascertain whether there are sufficient to cover events.

4.8.2 Late Summer Picnic. The date for the Late Summer Picnic is the 4th September. Location Old Rectory Coach House. GBr distributed remaining tickets and lists. Key points:-

- GBl advised that Tim Rogers was booked in for two half hour slots starting at 3pm with a break in between. HH to organise for payment of £100 by cheque on the day for Tim Rogers.
- KM advised that the magician had been booked. KM to advise HH whether a similar payment of £60 on the day is to be made.
- GBl advised that the Village Hall had been booked. Some tables are to be brought up from Village Hall. JS to enquire as to whether transport can be made available. If not the tables will be brought over from the village by hand. Helpers will be required for this.
- KM/GBl to visit the Coach House to discuss the event in more detail and review available space. Specific queries / items for this:-
 - *Gazebos – how much space is available? KM then to advise on which Gazebos are to be sourced from where for the day.*
 - *Can fridge space / fridge in garden be made available? If not possibly organise cool boxes / transport for JW fridge.*
 - *Where can power be brought from? Will extension lead be required?*
- A cash float for the event is required. HH to organise.
- Plastic Glasses for general use to be purchased by ??
- KM is to organise a gift for presentation to Diva and Maurice Bunney.

4.8.3 Christmas Events Dates were confirmed as Christmas Tree – 5th December (erection Sunday 4th), and Christmas Party Sunday 12th December. Events to be discussed in detail at next meeting. KM to instigate tree purchase.

5 AOB

- 5.1 GBr highlighted that the noticeboard was in need of some general maintenance. KM offered to review this to see what could be done.
- 5.2 HH tabled bank forms for completion by GBr. GBr to review and check details with bank in city centre and revert to HH with what paperwork / people have to be present for submission at the bank. *Post meeting note – GBr has checked with Lloyds and no other persons present other than GBr required to submit changes to account – just ID and signatures*

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th October 2010 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.