



Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association

Held at 9, Leabrook Close Clifton Village on Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 8 pm

(1) **Members present:** Pat Rice (PR) Chair, Glenys Blacknell (GB) Phil Bull (PB), Helen Huffer (HH) and Kath Kay (KK) Ed Peterson (EP) James Royston (JR) John Woodall (JW)

(2) No Apologies

(3) Previous Minutes: Minutes were proposed by GB, seconded by EP and approved by the committee as a true record of the meeting.

(4) Matters Arising

Action EP to gather material from Graeme relating to:

- Selection of photos for welcome cards for seasons
- Raise issue of maintenance of Dovecote with Tom Street of NCC

PR queried whether the matter of fires (ASB's) in Clifton Woods had been followed up. JW observed that, in the past, small fires were created by youngsters to ensure fire engines raced through Clifton Village – for amusement. JW suggested that when the police are phoned that the matter is called a 'disturbance' rather than a 'fire'. In this way the police should arrive and hopefully discourage reoccurrence.

(5) **Chairwoman's Report.**

The AGM in May was sufficiently attended and went well, with new councillors Roger Steel and Andrew Rule being there. It was good to have the presence of Nigel Bradley, our local police officer who spoke about the action he and his team are taking to ensure anti-social behaviour is controlled. He was accompanied by Scott Clancy who is the Community Protection Officer, based in St Anne's.

PR commented that Andrew Rule is holding a monthly surgery in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 5.30 to 7.00 pm. PR also commented that the main additional topic covered was that of the Bollards and no doubt Graeme's AGM report will reflect this.

The Summer Garden Party was a success aided by fine weather. PR expressed thanks to JW and Dorothy for use of his home and garden and to all the team who helped make the event a great success, particularly to GB for her catering and HH for the Trout and to Maggie Royston who JR confirmed would be able to help next year. Thanks, should be passed to Kevin McCormack for his sterling contribution also. It was noted that although the councillors had been invited, they could not attend, however it was good to see new residents arriving and taking part.

PR confirmed that burglars causing trouble in both Clifton Village and the estate had been apprehended. PB described that having things stolen from his own home he was called to the police station to verify that items there (from the Burglars home) were indeed his. This was part of the process of establishing guilt and with other evidence, include video material from a resident of Silverdale, we are assured the burglars have been detained for a period.

PR noted thanks to GB for announcing the travellers arriving in July onto the non-bollarded part of the Green. The police were quickly notified by PR who also contacted Prairie Bryant and Paul Brown. There was a speedy response from our councillors, Roger Steel and Andrew Rule. The Travellers were moved on the next day. A success, and the process for ensuring speedy responses is being worked on and streamlined.

PR commented on the general state of affairs re the village and that the issue of parking on Holgate was, hopefully, being attended to.

(6) Treasurers Report

HH presented the Treasurers report

Summer Garden Party:

Adults 84 @ £7.00 and children 10 @ £3.50.

The result, after allowing money collected from the Bar, gave a gross collection of £752.00 After overheads of Catering purchase (£298.48) bar stock and glasses (£285.95) plus Insurance, the Licence and the Gazebo (£111.10) the total net amount banked from this event was £453.52.

Payments have been made additionally this past quarter including the gift organised by PB for retiring secretary, Graeme, and his Honorarium.

The result of the above is that the current account has £2,089.52 and a Deposit Account balance of £1,854.

(7) Secretary's report

EP commented that having just taken over the role he needs to settle in to see what is involved. It should be said that although Graeme Barker has retired as Secretary he is still dealing with and producing the Newsletter. This is significantly time consuming in itself and thanks should be passed to Graeme for his continued involvement. Thanks also to Graeme from EP and he knows that Graeme's are big shoes to fill.

EP commented on the meeting he attended which was held at the Cornerstone building on Southchurch Drive on the evening of July 9th. Prairie Bryant had arranged for a number of council representatives and police to gather the views of the public on the City Council's five areas for action covering the Clifton area.

This is part of the ongoing wish/need to help the residents of Clifton area as much as possible in maintaining a reasonable quality of life.

The five areas of action with some observations on the topics were:

1. Families

Supporting families, especially those experiencing difficulties

Food resources for children, particularly at holiday times

Role modelling through football and sport

2. Health

Lack of GP appointments

Fun runs with incentives to arrive for all ages

3. Safety

Green Lane will be closed for removal of speed bumps and laying of new raised area with pedestrian crossings to repair road and slow traffic.

4. Training

Apprenticeships to encourage IT skills

Funding poorer families to subsidise travel to work

5. Neighbourhood

Un-neighbourly noise

Dog fouling

JW reflected that more help with education of parents would be useful.

JR commented that perhaps at Christmas we could help gather some basic food to support food distribution centres. This was supported by the committee with agreement that in some small collective-way we could help the NCC initiative.

Action: EP to ask Prairie Bryant about this.

(8) Planning Matters

Old Rectory

PR comments: Simon Preston, the Group Project Manager for Tomlinson Builders is aiming for September. It has been confirmed that the small number of resident bats can be moved and a specialist is handling the matter to arrange alternative comfortable accommodation. This will allow the project to commence.

Clifton West

PR comments: Awaiting movement, particularly in light of the fact that the addition of more houses to the existing stock, with one access only, would when taken as a whole, now require two access points. The sole access is currently by the Crusader roundabout. Barton Green is off the NCC Agenda for now.

Barton in Fabis Mineral Extraction

This awaits the Govt. Inspector final report and final decision. PR confirms that Julian Coles has worked tirelessly to persuade councillors from the county that Barton in Fabis should not be the chosen site and Shelford should remain part of the strategic mineral plan. However, interested parties appear to be successfully blocking the latter as an appropriate site. PR notified Lilian Greenwood of the forthcoming County Council meeting in the hope that she could persuade labour councillors to vote against the plans rather than abstain as they had previously.

The Bollards. EP confirmed after speaking with Prairie Bryant that funds have not been allocated this year for added bollards. The matter has been raised and will be considered.

(9) Neighbourhood Watch

JR raised the matter of off-road motor bikes racing down Nethergate. He wondered if the metal barriers used elsewhere to slow and deter bikes could be useful at the transition from Nethergate road to the pathway which leads to the back of Barton Green and to the Alms Houses.

Action: EP to look into.

(10) Social Events

A social event for the autumn was discussed. There was a vote as to whether to hold a pub quiz type evening, as previously two years ago, or a 'Call My Bluff; wine tasting evening. The latter was decided upon and EP willingly agree to organise the event. He looks forward to seeing some village members becoming steadily unsteady. JR volunteered to look after the food for the break in the evening.

Call My Bluff – Wine tasting **Saturday November 2nd**

Christmas Party – December 15th.

(11) A.O.B

Village Sign

PR described her preference for a Radcliffe on Trent type approach. This could be sponsored. Sponsors would be on a small plaque attached to the wooden post supporting the sign. PB volunteered to research companies who could quote and progress the matter.

In addition:

HH questioned what amount should be given to the Auditor for her fee in reviewing the CVRA accounts. KK and GB suggested increasing this to £50.00. The committee accepted that proposal.

HH asked about what land in the village was having its grass cut by the council. This appears arbitrary. JB mentioned that there are significant strips of land that are not owned by

anyone. The council should be responsible, but as GB described they do not cut the obvious patches, which includes the green outside her home.

Next meeting

25th September 2019 at 9, Leabrook Close for 8 pm.