



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green  
On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 8 pm**

**1 Members Present:-**

Mr G Barker (GB), Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr Terry Kay (TK), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mr Ed Peterson, Mrs P Rice (PR)

KM took the opportunity to warmly welcome Ed Peterson to the Committee.

**2 Apologies:** Mr S Massarella, Mr J Woodall

**3 Previous Minutes**

No comments made. The minutes were proposed for issue by HH and seconded by PR.

**4 Matters Arising:** KM advised that he had made contact with the solicitors last believed to hold the Reading Room deeds, but had yet to go back to them with the information passed to him by GB. **Action: KM** to pursue.

Feedback from Pat Moore on the Village Green bench was that the disturbance was intermittent and it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

**5 Chairman's Report**

**5.1 Village Green** – KM noted that he had no further contact from Councillor Alex Norris and that the issue seemed to be being quietly dropped by the council. KM to chase Alex Norris for a response to his recent correspondence to see if the council have any intention of addressing the issue by installation of a permanent barrier to the green.

**5.2 Tree works to Clifton Grove** – Ed and Pat advised that a recent meeting of the local neighbourhood group, chaired by Roy Nettleship, had included attendance from Councillor Roger Steele, Leon Hayward of NWT, Chris Kennedy, Mark Heining, Andrew Rule and Tim Harding, and had been very informative. The Notts Wildlife Trust funding had been renewed for 3 years on the area. The original focus had been the SSSI, but they were now moving onto the woods. They have charitable status and are mainly funded by the council and National Lottery. They aim to improve local facilities by building relationships with the local communities and improve facilities and access, with a view to increasing visitor numbers.

The original coppicing was to be 30% but has been reduced to 7%. The strategy on the Grove is to lose uniformity of species to increase diversity and therefore animal life in the area, which includes stripping of low level cover as well as tree works. Concerns have been raised that this could leave the backs of gardens facing onto the Grove more 'exposed' and less secure, and discussions are ongoing for replacement planting so that this does not occur. £1000 has been spent already planting wild meadow flowers and grasses along arts of the Grove, with the intention being to leave large areas uncut to allow these to flourish.

A particular issue was raised by Mark Heining where it was highlighted that a large bank of trees are to be removed close to the Fishermans Car Park. The Grove walk is to happen on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. Pat Rice will aim to provide some feedback for the village newsletter on this.

## 6 Treasurers Report

HH tabled the village accounts.

HH reported that the Fish and Chip Supper had been a great success, with 94 ticket sales and a profit of £270.57 being banked. The bar takings were £230.57. The Membership income was currently £259.00.

Payments out included event insurance for the Garden Party and Late Summer Picnic (£112.00). 2no. temporary licences were obtained from the council for alcohol sales (£42.00). Newsletter printing costs of £80.00 were paid, as well as the £50 secretary's Honorarium and £25 Auditors voucher.

Bank balance: Current Account £1061.49

Deposit Account £1090.39

The Treasurers Report was proposed by PR and seconded by GBI.

## 7 Secretaries Report

7.1 **AGM** – TK confirmed that the £20 of fertiliser had been spread on the Village Green. It was highlighted that the Jubilee had not been mentioned in the yearly review. KM to ensure this is covered in the Newsletter.

8 **Newsletter** – GB advised that he would like to complete the Newsletter for distribution before the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup> June as he will be on Holiday for 2 weeks. This will allow the Music Festival to be included. Christmas dates were discussed for inclusion. The 8<sup>th</sup> December was agreed as the preferred date for the Carol Singing and Christmas Tree Lighting, with the 15<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas Party. GB to check these dates with JW before publication. £3 was agreed as an appropriate ticket price for the Late Summer Picnic. PR to forward photos of the Coronation Party to GB. PR away when being distributed - TK to pick this area up.

8.1 **Notices**– Previous minutes have been issued for publication on website. GB highlighted that the advertisers are due for renewal **Action: ALL** - It would be good to find some new ones to sponsor the publication.

8.2 **CVRA Membership** – Membership packs were handed out for return before the 28<sup>th</sup> April.

## 9 Village Planning Matters:

9.1 **NTU Sports Field.** TK advised that the NCC have confirmed that the 2m high fence put forward for acoustics was a 'mistake' and that they were expecting this to be rectified. GB noted that the quick responses from the councillors to the CVRA letter was positive and hoped this would be properly resolved. TK to keep in touch with NCC to ensure things are being closed out the way the village expect.

9.2 **Reading Room.** GB advised that NCC had confirmed in writing that protective clauses have been included in the Reading Room Sale to ensure it has to be renovated in a set time scale or revert to council ownership to prevent a repeat of the Old Rectory sale.

## 10 Neighbourhood Watch

GB advised the meeting that JS had received feedback from the council that despite concerns about damage to the green, the Police Initiative to pull in traffic from the A453 was having very positive results. Over 250 fixed penalty notices have been issued for 'the fatal 4' (being drink driving, seatbelts, mobile phone use and speeding). Due to village feedback they have now ceased pulling in HGV's in this location but will be continuing with the rest of the operation due to its success.

GB also advised the meeting that there had been no reported crime in the village in the first three months of the year.

## **11 Social Events**

**11.1 Summer Garden Party.** GBl noted that the co-ordination group for the catering would be meeting soon, but no input was required at this time. It was agreed that Marquee erection would be Sunday Morning – GB to check with JW. Tables to be moved by KM (and helpers!). Pimms would be served as an option for the free ‘welcome’ drink. Gb to check what glasses are in storage.

**11.2 Late Summer Picnic.** Date booked in Village Hall diary. No further actions at this time.

### **Diary**

- Summer Garden Party                                 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Late Summer Picnic                                     Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013
- Christmas Tree and Carols                            Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- Christmas Party   Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013

## **12 AOB**

**12.1 May Day discussions** – It was highlighted that a group in Clifton are looking to re-start May Day. KM has tried making contact with the group leader following correspondence but has had no response. Mavis Forsyth had attended a meeting in the Peacock Pub on the 6<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the event, and it was clear that this was to be a wholly new event, as it would be located on the green space behind the Leisure Centre on the estate, not on as traditionally held, on the Village Green. After long discussion it was agreed that the CVRA would not pursue involvement in this new event, primarily as it would preclude the village from re-stating their own May Day at the traditional location on the green in the future.

**12.0 Next Meeting**                                 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.  
*Advanced apologies noted from Ed Peterson for this meeting.*