



**Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association Wednesday 12th January 2022
at Leabrooks Close. Clifton Village.**

Those present:

Pat Rice(PR) Graeme Barker (GB) Phil Bull(PB) Christine Dalby(CD) Julie Reid(JRd) Helen Huffer (HH) Sam ward (SW) John Woodall (JW) Ed Peterson (EP)

2. Apologies from James Royston

3. Previous minutes

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

4. Matter arising.

JW suggested there was an anomaly in the proposal recorded in the minutes to have a subscription of £5.00 for a family, and yet £2.00 per person. A family of just two would be, on this basis, unfairly, be paying more.

5. Chairwoman's Report

PR commented that a few residents had contracted Covid but there are no hospitalisations

PR thanked JRd, with her team, for stepping in at the last minute to organise the Christmas party and to make a real success of the event. With fresh eyes new input and revised approach to the table layout and food, the event was very enjoyable for everyone. James carried out the now familiar singing of 'twelve days of Xmas' and newest residents quickly caught on and joined in.

JW also expressed his thanks to Julie and her team. He commented that there appeared to be some waste of food and this was explained to be due to people having paid but not turning up. JRd confirmed she would be having a meeting with her team at some point in the year and therefore be able to finesse the process of setting up for the Christmas Party.

PR thanked all for selling the village calendars. Any remaining will be used as part of a welcome pack for new residents. To date £254 of the sum collected will go towards the defibrillator. Some of this money comes from donations and the remainder is profit from calendar sales The village hall trust will have a similar amount split from the calendar sales. PB agreed to advertise any spare calendars on the website for £5.00

PR confirmed that all properties at the Rectory Mews are now sold/occupied.

PR thanked Gill Barker for her musical/violin contribution to the Christmas Tree lighting and carol singing.

There was comment that Clare Ashton needed notifying of the Xmas tree event as she has, over the years, provided the wood burning brazier, with Roy tending, and mulled wine and mince pies. Clare has funded these from her own pocket although bottles of wine were used for the punch from the CVRA stock. Note to notify Clare this year of the date. Thank you to Maggie Royston for the roast chestnuts.

The Christmas Tree was dismantled a day later than originally planned when the weather had improved. Thank you to the tree erectors/dismantlers and to Jonathan Blacknell for the supply of electrical know-how and fixing the lights.

PB There was discussion re photos taken by Francis Buck of the Hall to be placed on the village hall website.

6. Treasurer's report

HH confirmed that the account balance is £3,054, net of funds donated for the supply of the village sign.

Please see attached report below.

7. Secretary Report.

EP confirmed he had contacted the council to ask about the fair on Barton Green field which had been held on October 1st in addition to the usual one in August. He is awaiting contact from the council to ask if this is a 'one-off' because the Goose Fair site was not available for that usual event.

EP described contact with Tom Street re the Dovecote. Tom is seeking to have the Dovecote, which is on the Scheduled Monument register, also on the National Heritage at risk register.

There is discussion taking place to clarify how best to deal with the gable ends and the rendered panels of the Dovecote, whether to re-render or re-point the brickwork and replace bricks.

GB stated that there is the possibility to obtain a grant from the University to pay for a study of the Dovecote by students from the Architect Department. There is a deadline for the application of January month end.

EP confirmed he would contact Tom Street directly on the matter.

8. Topics for discussion

8.1 Parking permits.

GB was asked by the councillors to produce a map to identify where double yellow lines and parking bays would be placed. This map was then reproduced and delivered with notes to every householder in the village.

PB asked about parking permits. Councillors have yet to meet, and we await news on this matter.

8.2. The Quarry at Barton

The anticipated meeting at County Hall to review all information has been delayed. London Rock, who are the proposed contractors, have replaced their consultants with another company. Unfortunately, this may mean added information to be sought and added barriers to questions concerning potential sound pollution, noise pollution (particularly for residents at Larkhill) and viability of the site.

A few very able individuals, led by Julian Coles, are taking part in the fight to have the quarry justified/stopped, including Ruth Edwards MP and her husband who has working knowledge of the processes involved in such applications. Goalposts are being repeatedly moved whenever pertinent information contradicting the value of the site is registered. The change of consultants is one added factor which will delay any meeting at County Hall.

8.3 The Dovecote. See previous

8.4 Jubilee Celebrations

The country is aiming to have its big lunch celebrations on the Sunday. i.e. 5th June.

PB thought it reasonable to go with the rest of the country and not on Friday 3rd as originally planned.

JRd commented that more time would be available to set up etc.

EP has ordered a Jubilee pack.

It was agreed that Sunday would be preferable for the event, and PR will check that the Village Hall is available.

A sub committee was agreed.

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

It was agreed Clare Ashton should be asked to join, owing to her experience from the last Jubilee.

HH suggested the sub-committee meet when the Jubilee pack is available.

PB mentioned that the grass to the Green should be organised to be cut. PR has contact with the City Council staff – Paul Brown, to oversee this.

GB suggested that a Brass Band would be an excellent addition for the day, cutting through the noise and adding atmosphere. They will need to be booked quickly.

PB reminded that Jonathan was involved with his sound system on the day. PB also mentioned the YouTube video of the last event and agreed to bring this to the front page of the village website so that one could view with ease.

9. Social Events for 2022

A spring social event would usually be a fish & chip supper with disco.

GB suggested that this be used for the Autumn by which time Covid and its threat may have lessened.

There are various options for a spring event and the idea of a series of talks/lectures gained traction.

Dates for such were identified as March 26th, April 2nd and April 16th.

GB and PB agreed to research into speakers for such events.

JW proposed 16th July for the summer garden party.

A date for the Autumn event has yet to be decided.

10. AOB

10.1 Village sign

PB declared that the village sign is in hand and ours is being worked on.

10.2 Defibrillator

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

HH suggested we need to know more about the defibrillator and particularly where it was going to be placed. It needs to be a positive venture that can be described as such, on residents doorsteps, to raise funds.

JW suggested placing the defibrillator outside The Reading room. With permission from the owner and perhaps pay rent for such.

CD asked about possible telephone kiosk to house the defibrillator.

PR The question arises as to where the best location is. PR will arrange for a professional who can walk through the village and point out the most practical/best sites for positioning. PR asked SW to investigate where the defibrillator is located on the NTU Clifton campus

10.3 Tree planting.

The Oak tree planted in 1987 to commemorate the Domesday celebration has yet to have a plaque to mark the event on the tree that was planted. It would be good to organise such.

CD previously suggested a new tree to mark the Jubilee celebration.

The topic was discussed and concluded this could be planted on the area of The Green by the Alms-houses. CD agreed to research the matter and also investigate the idea of a park bench under such a tree, in the shade, would be a useful addition.

10.4 The Constitution.

JW raised a matter of the Constitution. He pointed out two anomalies. One concerns the inclusion of a Legal Adviser on the Executive committee. JW suggested this is no longer necessary or relevant. This means that the statement '*The number of committee members should not be more than 6 in addition to the Executive*' is not strictly correct as there are now 7 in addition to the Executive, but the latter is reduced by one (the legal adviser) The total therefore still being 10.

The second point raised, concerns: '*the executive committee should meet not less than 6 times annually.*'

JW suggested reducing this to 4 X including the AGM

These matters to be raised at the AGM.

10.5. Annual Subscriptions

EP sought to clarify the subscription charges. He proposed that a family of 2 or more pay £5.00 annually. An individual to pay £2.50.

This was agreed.

HH requested that this be announced in the next newsletter.

Dates for the diary:

- Suggested, village hall, evening-speaker meetings:
26th March
2nd April
- AGM date 16th May
- Jubilee celebration Sunday 5th June
- Summer garden Party 16th July

Next committee meeting to be March 9th

Treasurers Report:

Please see below.

CVRA Meeting January 12th 2022

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income

Donations from Garden Calendar	£105.00
Christmas Party	£371.70
Membership	£8.00

Payments

Chq. to J. Royston - Wine & Beer £160.22 Food £25.64	£185.86
Chq. to J. Reid – Payment for Party Food	£303.77
Payment in cash for Party Food	£12.90

Money In £484.70

Money Out £502.53

Account Balance £ 8054.83

