



Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association

Held at 10 Nethergate Clifton Village
On Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 8 pm

(1) **Members present:** Mrs Pat Rice (PR), Mrs Helen Huffer (HH), Mrs Glenys Blacknell (GBI), Mr John Woodall (JW), Mr Graeme Barker (GB), Mrs Kath Kay (KK), Mr Phil Bull (PB), Mr Ed Peterson (EP)

(2) **Apologies:** James Royston (JR)

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

(4) **Matters Arising**

Action: PB and PR advised that a supplementary site had been set up for the Clifton village litter pickers and linked through to the CVRA site for ease of independent operation by the litter pick group.

Action: GB is to contact Prairie Bryant re. the legal situation regarding bollards to the village green.

Facebook Site: PB confirmed that James Royston is now an administrator on Facebook

Christmas Card: It was unanimously agreed by the committee that village Christmas card would be discontinued for future years due to lack of interest.

(5) **Chairwoman's Report**

PR observed that the Remembrance Day services, both at church, and later on the green were well attended and thanked John Day for leading these.

Thanks were offered to a large number of people for a successful combination of events at Christmas. This included the Christmas tree erection team, including Kevin and Jonathon, with especial thanks to Keith for continued use of his electricity. The Christmas party was considered a huge success, though the committee agreed that a limit on numbers would be required in future years as space was tight on the day. Roy and Ruth's help in making the mulled wine, and Clare Ashton for providing warm mince pies and chestnuts was also noted.

PR offered especial thanks to Kath and Glenys for all their support on the catering over many years, There are many people willing to help with catering but a general co-ordinator is now required. GBI may consider offering support if no-one else is available in the summer but the committee agreed that efforts must be made to find a suitable replacement before the summer.

Action: EP is to circulate the catering list to all and a flyer is to be put into the next newsletter
(Action GB) asking for further support.

Note: Planning actions are documented under section 8.

PR noted that the Barton Green convenience store had re-launched with a fully functioning post office and banking facilities and encouraged all to support this new and important venture.

Litter picks continue on a monthly basis, with Francis Buck co-ordinating whilst Alma recovers from surgery.

(6) Treasurer's Report

HH presented the Treasurers Report.

Christmas Party: HH reported that 97 tickets were sold before the day, but that there were a significant number more taken at the bar on the day. In total some £606.00 was raised from ticket sales with a further £79.90 in donations. Payments out for food totalled £249.81, with £179.61 for drinks and £52.58 for other sundries. After all bills were settled a total of £232.19 was banked as surplus from the event. During the reporting period £193.94 was paid out for new Christmas lights for the tree. An invoice is awaited for the Christmas Tree in the region of £150.00

CVRA Current Acct	£2,065.11
Deposit Account	£1,849.88

The Treasurers report was proposed by GB, seconded by KK and accepted by the committee.

(7) Secretary Report

Newsletters

GB confirmed that the next newsletter would be issued in late March. **Action : GB.** Articles should be submitted by mid March for inclusion. It was confirmed membership for 2019-20 would remain at £1. Membership tickets will be issued out alongside the Fish and Chip Supper tickets in early April.

Village Welcome Cards: **Action: PR** is to look at the calendar photos to find the most appropriate for using on the welcome cards. It was agreed that these would be seasonal with 4 different pictures for use during the year. GB to order on line once images identified.

(8) Village Planning Matters

Old Rectory

PR reported that Simon Preston of Tomlinsons had advised that there are bats throughout the Rectory, and works would therefore be delayed until the bats leave, which would be at least 6 months time. No work will take place until then. Tomlinsons remain committed to the project. There have been a number of break ins by large intimidating groups of youths, and after several failed visits 5 were recently arrested. Having had the security cameras and equipment stolen from a 'secure room' the security is now to be reinforced at the site.

Clifton West Housing

A meeting was convened by Councillor Corall Jenkins at the village hall following the planning committee meeting on the 19th December where the outline proposals were voted through by the council. The width of the access road continues to be questioned, as does the sheer volume of traffic struggling to exit the village in the rush hour. It was agreed to write to Lilian Greenwood and Highways England about the proposals. Clifton Woods has now been designated as an ancient woodland, affording it more protection than previously, but buffers are still narrower than those recommended when housing is adjacent to such a space. **Action : All committee members** should keep a look out for the detailed proposals once published so that we can make further representations on the design as it emerges.

Barton in Fabis Gravel Pit

Committee members questioned why more had not been done to publicise the appalling politicisation of the gravel pit proposals. It was agreed to talk to Julian Coles to understand more the situation and what could be done in this regard (**Action JW and EP**). The Planning committee

meeting where the proposal will be voted on is the 23rd April. As the County Council allow representations at the meeting, Barton are co-ordinating various speakers from the area and have asked someone from the CVRA to speak. PR and EP are currently planning to attend along with other villagers. PR noted that Lilian Greenwood has been very supportive of the Clifton concerns, and had attended a meeting at County Hall to discuss the matter with the planners.

(9) Neighbourhood Watch

There is still no-one coming forward for Neighbourhood Watch. Committee members should continue to seek a new co-ordinator. In the meantime all activity is being linked through the CVRA Facebook page from the local police notifications where relevant.

(10) Social Events

Autumn Candlelit event

KK advised that a chef from ROMO is available for up to 80 people and may be suitable for hosting an event at the Church if this goes ahead in 2019.

Events for 2019

A general diary of events for 2019 was discussed. The events listed below are those committed to for the 2019 diary.

Scam Talk: Date: Village Hall - Thursday 18th April from 7.30pm. JW proposed a talk by a local speaker Thomas Lane from the Nat West Bank who speaks well regarding scams and how to avoid them. It was agreed by all that this would be a good spring event. Format – formal talk with free drink handed out beforehand. Cost £2.50 – tickets pre-sold.

Fish and Chip Supper: St Marys Church – 27th April from 7.30pm. The church is happy to host. Clare Ashton is going to check that a licenced bar is acceptable before we go ahead with licence and publicity. Cost £6 / £3 as previous years.

Summer Garden Party: 29th June – Holly House Village Road from 12.30pm. The village hall is booked so that furniture can be used.

Wine Tasting / Quiz evening: It was unanimously agreed that this should be held again towards the end of October – date and theme TBA.

Christmas Party: 15th December from 12.30pm

CVRA AGM – Monday 20th May - 7.30pm – free drink to be offered. GB to include in the newsletter.

(11) AOB

11.1 NTU Parking to Holgate – After discussion it was resolved to formally write to the Council and request that parking permits are extended along Holgate with a 2 hour time limit to allow weekday services to be attended at St Marys. This proposal has the support of the church. **Action: GB** to contact Holgate residents and ask for their support, and if and when gained write formally to NCC to start the process. The request will also ask for double yellow lines on the blind bend between Holgate and Village Road as this is currently dangerous when the University staff and students park there.

11.2 Dovecote – EP highlighted that perilous state of the Dovecote and it was agreed that the CVRA should be taking action to highlight this and ensure the council undertake the necessary work to upkeep this important asset. **Action: GB** to contact Tom Street at Nottingham City Council to discuss this before a formal representation is made in writing.

11.3 Digital Distribution of Newsletter – After discussion it was resolved that the membership for 2019-20 would include an option for the newsletter to be sent out digitally, rather than hard copy. **Action: GB** to ensure question is on the membership listings.

Next meeting Tuesday 14th May at 8pm at 10 Nethergate