



## **Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association**

**Held at 10 Nethergate Green Clifton Village**

**On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 8 pm.**

### **(1) Members present:**

Mrs Pat Rice (PR) Mrs Helen Huffer (HH), Mrs Glenys Blacknell (GBI), Mrs Kath Kay (KK), Mr James Royston (JR) Mr Phil Bull (PB), Mr. John Woodall (JW) ,Mr Graeme Barker (GB), Mr Ed Peterson (EP)

### **(2) Apologies:** none

### **(3) Previous Minutes:**

None raised. Minutes were proposed by JW and seconded by HH. Approved by the committee. GB to send to Jonathon for the website.

### **(4) Matters Arising**

Fencing to Nethergate. GB advised the committee that NCC had confirmed that they believed the fence was built within the legal curtilage of the property concerned. It was agreed not to pursue this matter further.

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

Pat began by welcoming Kath Kay to the committee and stating how good it was to have someone joining us who already contributes so much to village life.

Thanks were expressed to all who had made the Fish and Chip supper a success, especially Jonathon for his DJ'ing and those who had helped set up and run the evening. It was good to see so many families enjoying the event.

Pat noted that the AGM had been a positive event, but concern was noted over attendance as we were only just quorate. It was agreed to provide drinks prior to the event next year. Pat expressed the committee's gratitude to Helen for her continued hard work as Treasurer and committee member.

Pat reported that the latest Traveller encampment had been a trying time for villagers once again, with visitors at both the better, and worse end of the scale, but that the police had been far more pro-active in dealing with the situation. Police were on scene in less than 24 hours and prompt responses had been given by both Councillor Chris Gibson and Police Inspector Donna Busuttil. The clean up had also been good with James Douglas of NCC being very pro-active. There was however a large amount of human waste, rubbish and broken glass to clean away.

Old Rectory. It was confirmed that Mr Kumar has committed to blocking in all of the windows, clearing rubbish from the grounds and securing the gates. It was agreed by the village that this was not really progress and pressure is to be placed on NCC for a meeting with the village to discuss this further.

Martha Castru and Miguel Casadau have joined the Village in Clifton Hall Drive. **Action:** Address needs to be confirmed for the village database.

The Village Garden event had been a great success. Thanks were offered to Phil for placing photos of the event on Facebook.

## **(6) Treasurer's Report**

HH presented the Treasurers Report.

The Fish and Chip was very successful with £444.50 of ticket sales and £1444.10 of bar profit totalling £588.60. Payments out for food and wine totalled £480.30. With a £21.00 bar licence previously paid out the total profit from the event was £87.30.

Payments in included £258.00 of subscriptions and £44.00 of honey sales kindly donated by Ed.

Payments made out included £155.00 to the village hall for the Village Christmas Card, £42.00 for drinks licences and £50.00 honorarium to the Secretary.

Helen noted that the event insurance for the Summer Garden Party had been completed at a cost of £58.00 but that there was concern that the small print did not seem to include cover for temporary awnings such as gazebos, and required completion of a risk assessment. Ed Peterson agreed to check the insurance documents to see whether we were covered for the Garden Party or required further additions to the policy. GBI to check whether Kevin is willing to lend the CVRA his gazebo for the summer garden party.

CVRA Current Acct	£1,389.49
Deposit Account	£1,848.34

The Treasurers report was proposed by JR, seconded by PB and accepted by the committee.

## **(7) Secretary Report**

### *Newsletters*

GB requested input to the village newsletter by the end of w/c 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### *Membership*

GB confirmed that membership currently stands at 256, about normal for this part of the year but any gaps are highlighted on the ticket sheets and should be requested when selling tickets.

### *Noticeboard*

The police contact details have been updated.

## **(8) Village Planning Matters**

A Ward Walk is to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. All interested parties should meet at the Village Hall.

### *Protection of Village Green*

It was confirmed that the bollards are due to be installed w/c 26<sup>th</sup> June. A query is to be raised as to whether the bollards are to be 1.2m long in total (ie. 600mm buried), or will be 1.2m long above the

ground. It was also commented that the village would appreciate some communication when trees are removed by the council with little consultation or warning.

#### *Old Rectory*

It was agreed to raise the matter at the ward walk and push the council as to why it is not keen on pursuing a compulsory purchase as GB believes this can be done with a third party developer lined up to undertake the works, rather than leaving the council with a financial commitment they cannot meet from their own funds.

#### *Barton in Fabis Gravel pit*

GB reported that the application had been rejected due to insufficient information with supplementary reports on dust and noise being amongst those lacking. Barton councillors believe that there is plenty of existing supply and that this should be a strong counterargument to the application, even without a development plan being in place.

#### *Barton Green Housing (site known as Clifton West)*

Nothing further has been heard. GB to make enquires with Chris Gibson / Rob Percival on when this is likely to be submitted.

### **(9) Neighbourhood Watch**

No new co-ordinator has been identified. All members are to continue to follow any leads as this is an important means of communication for the village and is sadly lacking at present.

It was reported that there have been a number of shed thefts on Clifton Estate. GB is to ensure this is communicated in the newsletter and make contact with the police for any other advice they would like to see added.

### **(10) Social Events**

#### *Summer Garden Party*

GBI may need help with catering due to imminent house move. Other committee members offered facilities to help with this. GBI to keep the committee informed as to what support is required.

**Action:** Set up of garden part from 9am on Saturday. GB to ask Francis and GBI to ask KM and Roy Nettleship. All to be taken down late on Saturday if dry (tents – not members)

**Action:** GB to make enquires about real ale purchase. JR to address any shortfall in wine and soft drinks. Pimms is in hand and GB will prepare, and maybe test.

**Action:** GB and PB to go to village hall for tables – GB to obtain keys from Clare.

**Action:** PR to invite the local police and Lilian Greenwood.

**Action:** GB to invite Owen Page to the event.

#### *Mystery Evening*

A sub-group of JR and GB are to meet at Ed's on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July to discuss ideas for this event. Village Hall booked for 11/11/17.

*New Events for 2017 - candlelit ball / dinner in the Church*

A date of 16 / 23<sup>rd</sup> September was discussed. **GB has checked with Clare and the Church could be available on these evenings. Action: GB / EP** to undertake further research on catering to see whether some serving / table support could be hired in and the catering done by the village.

*Barton in Fabis Beer and Cider Festival*

It was suggested that a village delegation could hire a minibus to go and support the beer and cider festival at Barton in Fabis at the end of September. This was widely supported. **Action:** GB to include an invitation in the newsletter to gauge interest.

**(11) AOB**

*Signage*

It was confirmed that Tony from Nethergate had re-confirmed his commitment to support the cost of a sign on the village green. GB to raise this matter with NCC as soon as the bollards are underway.

*Bar at the Village Hall*

The committee were asked whether they would support setting up a regular bar in the village hall. After debate it was agreed it would be a good longer term addition to the village social life but that this needed to be after the new village hall facilities have been built as the current layout and security of the hall precluded us from offering this at present.

**Next meeting Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 8.00 pm at 9 Leabrook Close**