



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green
On Tuesday 13th November 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), Mrs P Rice (PR), Mr J Spencer (JS), Mr J Woodall (JW)

2 Apologies: Mr S Massarella (SM)

3 Previous Minutes

Action: GB to copy to Jonathon Blacknell for placement on the website. GB: Done.

4 Matters Arising: Access from Nethergate – KM advised that he had spoken to Councillor Malcolm on this matter and that they would not be taking any further action as they were too short of staff and had higher priorities to be addressed in the city.

5 Chairman's Report

5.1 Travellers – KM advised that Mick Huffer, Simon Massarella and himself had attended a very positive meeting with the City Council. This was following extensive work by both Mick and Simon to lobby the council. The council's representatives expressed a clear preference and support for a long term physical solution to be agreed. This is due the cost of each eviction standing at about £5000. The most suitable proposal put forward was for stained timber posts set into the ground to prevent vehicular access with a locked gate to allow access to the Village Hall. The council have advised that they are trying to contact the Cliftons as lessees of the green to gain their agreement to such works under the existing lease. The council put the capital cost of such a scheme at c. £17,500-20,000 but will only progress further if they have village support. Once the next stage of dialogue has occurred the CVRA would publicise a public meeting at the Village Hall where the Council could present the proposals and then allow the village to vote on them. KM / SM to keep the pressure up on the council to pursue this matter whilst the council are willing to offer positive support.

5.2 Reading Room - KM stated that he had spoken to Councillor Malcolm and that the reading room would be officially up for sale in the very near future. More work was to be carried out. JW highlighted that Mike Ashton had been handed a number of files pertaining to the Village Hall Trust that included hand written correspondence from the Clifton Family that expressed a desire for the Reading Room to remain in village hands. JW advised that he had previously registered an interest in the property on behalf of the CVRA some years ago. It was further noted that the location of the deeds was likely known, and that these could possibly be obtained for a fee. GBI advised KM to speak to Councillor Malcolm as he had stated at a recent meeting that it could be possible to obtain them. KM to pursue the matter to see whether the deeds can be located and a cost ascertained for their recovery.

TK highlighted concern that the possible sale of the Reading Room would leave the local authority and the village with little control over the possible future use. GB noted that during his previous discussion with the estates department they had acknowledged shortcomings with the Rectory sale and were keen to have protection in place for the future use and timescale for development to take place to avoid a repeat situation.

6 Treasurers Report

HH tabled the village accounts.

HH advised that some £93.00 had been banked from the Late Summer Picnic, with a further £19.00 arising from other sundry income. Cheques had been paid out totalling some £120.25 for the Summer Garden Party, and a further £113.21 for stationary and newsletter printing.

The £750 overpayment to the council from the Jubilee had now been reimbursed.

Bank balance: Current Account £943.73 Deposit Account £1089.51

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

7 Secretaries Report

7.1 **Christmas Flyer** - After discussion it was agreed that there was no need for a Christmas Flyer this year.

7.2 **Notice Board and Website** – Previous minutes have been issued for publication on website. GB noted that the Christmas Card would be posted on the website following the Christmas Party and final submissions. *Post meeting note: Could GB have all submission for the Christmas card by the 20th December*

7.3 **CVRA Membership** – GB advised that a further 6 members had joined since the last meeting bringing the total to 272.

8 Village Planning Matters:

8.1 **NTU Sports Pitch.** It was confirmed that the application had been granted conditional approval at the recent council meeting. TK expressed his thanks to the village for their support and GB for his input on planning and acoustic matters. It was observed that little more could have been achieved given the support the scheme had at council level. GB queried whether any of the conditions had been submitted, and that the local residents should be notified when they do. TK will contact Councillor Malcolm to see whether anything is known about likely dates for submission. TK observed that some preparatory works were being carried out. Times of flood light display are being recorded to ensure NTU adhere to the current permission for the existing pitch.

8.2 **Old Man of Trent.**

GB advised that the application had been granted permission, and that disappointingly a letter of reassurance had been relied upon by the committee as sufficient reassurance that they would keep the area free from litter. This will need to be closely monitored if the scheme is built but there is nothing further that can be done.

8.3 **34 Village Road.** A letter has been passed to the Planning Team requesting action on this council owned property and its entrance door. As previously highlighted by KM a complimentary letter was also passed to the council regarding the plastic pipes on the Reading Room that are in clear contravention of the council's own Conservations Area documents. Responses are awaited on both. KM to continue to liaise with Councillor Malcolm on these matters.

9 **Neighbourhood Watch**

Apologies were offered by JS on behalf of PCSO Joy Davis and PC Darren White who wanted to attend the meeting but had been unable to due to a prior commitment.

10 **Social Events**

10.1 **Christmas Carols.** GBL confirmed that Jonathon had sorted out the lights. KM reported that a 19' tree was on order – a welcome relief from last year! Mavis has requested 6 bottles of 'good red wine' for the Mulled wine. KM to sort out. It was agreed to meet at 9.30am on the 1st December to erect the tree.

10.2 **Christmas Party.** Tickets handed out. JS to ask Fran Clayton whether she would like to sell tickets in Gervase Gardens. KM / GBL confirmed that Francis Buck had agreed to produce the mulled wine. GBL confirmed that arrangements for food were in hand. GB reviewed 'bar stock'. It was agreed that KM would purchase fruit juice, 24 bottle of red wine, 24 cans of bitter and cans of both coke and diet coke for the event.

Diary

- Christmas Party in Village Hall Sunday 9th December
- 2013 AGM Thursday 16th May 2013

11 **AOB**

11.1 **Parking Permit System.** Frustration was expressed by committee members that increasing numbers of students are parking on Groveside, Leabrook, Parkland and parts of Village Road beyond the permit boundary. Major concerns were raised by JW about the council stance that they were not going to hand out permits as part of Phase 2, and this was highlighted as a reason why support for Phase 2 had been mixed. It was agreed that a piecemeal solution of part extension would only repeat the problem and that wholesale implementation should be sought from the council, but only on the basis that residents could have permits. KM to discuss communication of this point back to the council with SM.

11.2 **Village Planters.** PR requested that the CVRA consider whether financial support could be given for keeping the village planters stocked. £60 was requested for 2013. This had the unanimous support of the committee. HH to liaise with PR to arrange for suitable payment to be made from the CVRA funds.

11.3 **Village Hall Car-Park.** KM advised the committee that the Village Hall Trust had reached a suitable first stage agreement with the University over gaining a right of access to the land locked space behind the hall for car-parking. KM/GB will continue to report back to the committee on progress but is hoped that a planning application may be lodged in the first half of 2013.

12.0 **Next Meeting** Tuesday 19th February 2013 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.