



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green
On Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 8 pm**

1 Members Present:-

Mr G Barker (GB), Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mr Terry Kay ,
Mr S Massarella, Mrs P Rice (PR), Mr J Woodall (JW)

2 Apologies: Mr Ed Peterson

3 Previous Minutes

No comments made. The minutes were proposed for issue by PR and seconded by GBI. The minutes are to be placed on the CVRA website.

4 Matters Arising: Review of Local Plan – SM and GB advised the meeting that they had found nothing of local impact on Clifton Village that could prompt a need for representations to be made in the proposals. The housing site to the south of Bluebell Woods remains but has been a part of the plans for some years and would not require access through the village.

4.1 Village Green – Travellers – SM advised that they had been unable to make any further contact, and had nothing had happened since Simon Peter's report had been submitted to council leader John Collins. The committee resolved to do nothing further at this time as there was a view that the ongoing A453 works would discourage access over the coming months.

5 Chairman's Report

5.1 Christmas Events – KM thanked all for their work in preparation of the Christmas Tree, and noted that there had been a good turn out to both erect and dismantle the tree and decorations. Thanks were expressed to Simon Massarella for co-ordinating the tree delivery. KM noted that he may have taken apart the wiring system of the lights and asked that Jonathon review his electrical handiwork. The committee all agreed that the turn out to the Christmas carols had been very good, and GB noted that maybe the late issue of the flyer the day before had helped remind people it was on. KLM thanked Jill Barker for her violin support at the event.

5.2 Christmas Party – It was agreed by all that this was a big success. Thanks were expressed to Glenys and her team for the fantastic food once again. 96 people in total had attended, and it was noted it had been very busy in the hall with these numbers. It was noted by KM that the increased ticket price had not affected sales and it was agreed that the new pricing should continue.

5.3 Calendars – KM noted that the calendars had been a fantastic success and thanked Pat Rice for all her hard work in making this happen. PR thanked Graeme B for his time in printing and collating these for distribution. Funds again from this are to go to the hall.

5.4 Christmas Cards – The committee confirmed that the Christmas Card monies should be passed to the Village Hall Funding raising account. Total of donations = £155.00. **Action: HH to organise payment to the CVHT.**

6 Treasurers Report

HH tabled village accounts for the period. Ticket sales for the Christmas Party totalled £600, with food costing £280.96. A total of £319.02 has been banked from the event. GB noted that 'bar stock' was down some £169.00 from the Christmas period, but that this did include the mulled wine for the carols, so a comfortable profit was still achieved from the event. £4 membership monies have been received, and £142.00 of income from Tea Towel sales. These have now all been sold.

Outgoings included £106.46 to GB for printing costs, £93.98 to Jonathon Blacknell for web site renewal and Christmas tree sundries, £144.00 for the Christmas tree and £100 to KM for wine purchases for events.

Bank balance: Current Account £1481.93

Deposit Account £1090.39

Accounts proposed by GBI, seconded PR, approved by the committee.

7 Secretaries Report

7.1 Membership – GB confirmed that a further 4 members had joined either at or before the Summer Garden Party. This brings the total membership in 2013-14 to 268, level with the final figure from 2012-13.

7.2 Newsletter – GB highlighted that the next newsletter would be prepared at the end of February and requested any articles for inclusion. TK suggested a publicity shot requesting any memories / contact with people on the Role of Honour to tie in with the WW1 Commemorations. **Action:** PR to set out a Garden Club update – GB noted that a review of the trip from 2013 had been previously discussed so this could be included. **Action:** GBI to forward pictures from Christmas party to GB for inclusion.

8 Village Planning Matters:

8.1 29 Groveside – Trees – The committee were advised that a re-submission for removal of trees to 29 Groveside had been granted in full by NCC.

8.2 NTU Sports Pitch – It was noted that the acoustic fence had now been completed although SM queried whether the location was correct at the base of the bank rather than top. TK observed that on site visits the fence appeared to perform well, blocking out sounds when you moved from one side to the other. TK advised the committee that the expected completion date for the works was now Easter. PR noted that the lighting columns were yet to be erected – it was highlighted that lighting shrouds should be included and the village should keep an eye on whether these actually work when installed. Further shrouds had been promised for the existing pitch. This again should be observed to see whether anything happens.

8.3 Village Lighting – JW reported that a useful meeting had taken place at the Ashton's last week with Chris Gibson, primarily to discuss the lights outside the Til House and Glebe Cottage. JW/SM then reported that this had been followed by a meeting earlier today on the 14/1/14 with the Council Technical advisor Marc Nelson to discuss matters further. The meeting was constructive with Marc able to answer technical queries but JW/SM left not feeling that there was likely to be a positive outcomes to all village issues. Further feedback awaited. Villagers had observed to NCC/Councillor Gibson that some areas seem much over lit (Alwood Close for instance), whilst other areas had gaps between lights over double these figures, and although technical reasons were cited, people were not confident that these were absolutely true given the layout as built. **Action:** SM/JW to feedback any further progress to the committee.

8.4 Replacement windows to council property on Village Road. It was agreed that **Action:** GB would make further representation to Chris Gibson on this as it was not acceptable for the council to vote through uPVC works on a protected building which would be obvious due to only half the building being done.

8.5 Ward Walk – PR noted that the previous ward walks seem to have ceased since the new Neighbourhood officer took over. **Action:** GB to forward contact details of Prairie Bryant to Pat so see if anything can be done to prompt a re-start of these useful events.

9 Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report. Crime figures forwarded by JS for publication.

10 Social Events

10.1 Fish and Chip Supper – Date agreed as the 3rd May. **Action:** GB to check whether the hall is available for this date.

10.2 Wine Tasting evening. GB advised that contact details were with him as Ed away until the end of

February. Any queries / numbers for tickets etc. to go back to GB for communication to Bin Ends. Bin Ends had advised they would provide 6 wines, would charge c. £4 per head plus travel and were expecting to use ½ bottle per person. **Action:** GB to organise cheese and biscuits for the evening. **Action:** KM to talk to Paul Carrol re. Any required beer in case he is able to provide for the occasion. **Action:** GB to talk to Bin Ends about a couple of ‘guess the wines’ to see whether this can be easily included without disrupting the flow of the evening.

10.3 Summer Garden Party – date set as 6th July – **Action:** GB to check hall booking with Clare Ashton

10.4 Diary

- Wine Tasting – Saturday 1st March from 7.30pm
- Fish and Chip Supper – Saturday 3rd May from 7.30pm
- AGM – Thursday 15th May from 8pm
- Summer Garden Party – Sunday 6th July from 12.30pm

11 AOB

11.1 1st World War Memoriam– PR queried whether Mike Ashton is holding an event. **Action:** **KM** to discuss with Mike Ashton to ensure we don’t clash/overlap. JW suggested that any event could be tied to the Late Summer Picnic as the date would be close enough. It was agreed that this was a good idea – possible musical theme from the era. To be followed up later.

11.2 Village Dovecote – fundraising. PR and TK advised that they had been involved in very positive meeting with the County Archaeologist and NCC heritage specialist Tom Street. All seemed to be encouraging funding bids to be placed and County Archaeologist had suggested many things from floodlighting to interpretative boards adjacent to the dovecote. Query raised regarding funding / works structure as the committee don’t want to find the CVRA responsible for managing the works. GB suggested TK/PR go back to NCC as building owners to see how they would see the relationship working as despite not wanting to become responsible for the building it would be good if something positive could be facilitated.

11.3 Tree Works to the Grove – PR highlighted that the flyer contained latest details and works had indeed started in earnest. JW highlighted that the required ‘access road’ to Clifton Woods was more akin to a main road than narrow access strip, and there was a general feeling that this had been downplayed during consultation. KM to review on site along with any other interested parties to see if any further representations should be made.

11.4 Replacement Benches to Village Green – TK advised the meeting that he had found a new hobby, that of picking his way through legal issues to try and get new benches placed on the Green. Councillor Chris Gibson very supportive of the village request for replacement bench (and bin) alongside the Dovecote as part of a 1st world war memoriam event but he is concerned that any new street furniture may be contravention of the lease with the Clifton Family.

TK did however note that half of the requested maintenance works to existing benches had been done but progress had halted due to NCC not being able to find the Dovecote as it has no post code.

11.5 JW tabled a letter from Beth Chadwick requesting village support for undertaking a school charity project in Ghana. The Committee unanimously agreed that £50.00 be given to Beth to support her on the basis that a short article be prepared on her return for the village magazine.

11.6 GB highlighted the current lack of a permanent caretaker for the Village Hall. KM has thoughts on this and will talk to Mike and Clare direct on this matter.

12.0 Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd April 2014 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.