



## Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association

Held at 10 Nethergate Clifton Village  
On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 8 pm.

**(1) Members present:**

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

**(3) Apologies:** none

**(4) Previous Minutes:**

Nigel Bradley has come from St Anns. Minutes then approved by GBI and seconded by KK.

**(5) Matters Arising**

GB to generate a page for the Village Noticeboard with new Police Contacts.

**(6) Chairwoman's Report**

PR confirmed that a submission had been made regarding the ward changes, as agreed by the committee, and copies of this were distributed to committee members. Nothing further had been received in response.

PR, with Kath Kay and others had attended a village ward walk arranged at late notice on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It was noted that the paths to the village green had been cleared, and that NCC had been most supportive in removing rubbish following the Litter pick the previous Saturday. It was noted by members that this event could have been even better attended with wider advertising. The next litter pick is 28<sup>th</sup> April and is already on notice board and website.

PR had attended the recent Area 8 Committee but noted that most of the updates related to works around the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre.

PR continued to discuss the Old Rectory with Councillor Chris Gibson and Prairie Bryant but the latest seems to be that 'negotiations are ongoing'. GB has heard similar from contact with NCC.

**(7) Treasurer's Report**

HH presented the Treasurers Report.

The Christmas Card had raised £100 in donations, and HH confirmed that this had been forwarded to the Village Hall for development funds. A payment of £168.00 has been made for the Christmas Tree.

CVRA Current Acct	£1,518.32
Deposit Account	£1,848.34

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

## **(8) Secretary Report**

### *Newsletters*

GB confirmed newsletter would be published for distribution in 1 week. We are still short of articles for publication.

Tickets for the forthcoming heritage event and new memberships would also be distributed in the next few days.

Membership remains at 283 for 2017-18.

## **(9) Village Planning Matters**

### *Clifton West Housing*

GB confirmed that the CVRA objections to matters of access, open space and impact on Clifton Woods had been submitted and acknowledged by NCC. It was noted that the application is outline for access only and therefore may not consider the above matters but they are thought best aired where possible. There is a public meeting being called on the 10<sup>th</sup> April co-ordinated by Prairie Bryant and GB will forward details to all committee members and beyond when details are made public.

### *Old Rectory*

GB advised that no further feedback had been forthcoming from the Council, other than that noted under the Chairwoman's report. It seems that the legal advisor for the council has been on holiday and Councillor Chris Gibson was therefore not sure what information could be released into the public realm. **Action:** GB to chase a response.

### *Village Heritage Signage*

**Action:** GB to see whether he can find a signage specialist to come and run an event at the hall on how the design needs to be prepared for the chosen technique.

### *Application at 60 Village Road*

The application was discussed by the committee and widely supported by members. No comments are to be made on this.

## **(10) Neighbourhood Watch**

PR advised that 2 vehicles had been broken into on Groveside Crescent and Milldale and residents should be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

It is also noted that gypsies had returned to Silverdale, and that villagers had been door stepped by people offering to 'do work to trees' in the village. Again, any activity is to be noted and reported where appropriate.

The police have asked that residents take photographs of motorcycles illegally travelling through the village, including along the Nethergate footpath, as the police have the ability to put these images with times back together with wider area CCTV images to identify the people responsible.

**Action:** GB to confirm to police that the AGM has been revised to the 21<sup>st</sup> May and request a presence if possible to report on police matters.

## **(11) Social Events**

*Village Heritage Evening – confirmed for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April*

GB has included details in the newsletter but requested support from the committee in finding a speaker. PR and EP kindly stepped forward and offered to help. *Post meeting note: Kathy Powis of Ruddington has kindly agreed to speak at the event for a £50 fee.* GB will be mounting a selection of photographs and it is to be requested that villagers bring along anything historic they have to enrich the evening, and possibly for scanning for the village archive. Complimentary drinks will be provided within the £5 ticket price.

*Fish and Chip Supper – confirmed for the 19<sup>th</sup> May.*

HH to ensure a bar licence is available for this event and the summer garden party. HH also confirmed that Mr Michaeledes was willing to support the event for a further year. Given that it is the Royal Wedding weekend GBI will look out for Union Jack tablecloths at the next visit to the Cash and Carry, Stars and Stripes were also suggested.

*AGM – 21<sup>st</sup> May*

**Action:** GB to ensure a notice is placed in the noticeboard. Flyers are to be sent out closer to the time to remind people of the event and encourage attendance with a ‘free drink...’

Summer Garden Party – date confirmed as the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Possible Candlelit Supper – October – to be discussed further.

Christmas Tree Erection 1<sup>st</sup> December with carols on 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Christmas Party – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday December from 12.30pm

## **(12) AOB**

**11.1 New lights for the Christmas tree were discussed.** PB is to obtain details via Dawn and Graham on Clifton Hall drive. Prairie Bryant is to be asked whether funding could be obtained for central village lights via NCC.

A possible permanent tree was discussed and opposed by some members of the group. It was observed that the majority of the people that erected the tree in 2017 were beyond retirement age, but that those who attended somewhat younger. Committee Members are to highlight the need for volunteers to keep events running in the village and notes down any new names to be co-ordinated by EP.

**11.2 Grit bins** GB advised that the village was on a secondary gritting route, and that this is only triggered in severe weather, if the NCC gritting team have capacity. This is clearly not going to offer the level of support required when it is needed. It was resolved to request a single grit bin at the eastern end of Groveside Crescent where it meets Village Road as this is the steepest hill which is regularly trafficked where accidents could occur.

**11.3 Damage to kerb to Hall access from Village Green** It was noted that the bin lorry is making a real mess of this kerb. NCC are aware of this and a permanent solution is to be sought with them.

**Next meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm at 9 Leabrook Close**