



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green  
On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 8 pm**

**1 Members Present:-**

Mr G Barker (GB), Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mr S Massarella, Mr Ed Peterson (EP), Mrs P Rice (PR),

**2 Apologies: Mr Terry Kay , Mr J Woodall**

**3 Previous Minutes**

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

**4 Matters Arising: Reading Room – It was noted that there had been no activity on the Reading Room since the purchase was confirmed. A note was made to make contact with the council in Spring 2014 if nothing happens with the building.**

**Old Rectory** – The committee continues to express regret that little can be done about the deteriorating status of the Old Rectory. GB to speak to the Conservation Officer and or / Rowena Usher about the forthcoming ‘buildings in danger’ feature by English Heritage and to make contact with Alison Dudley to see if anything can be done to move the building back towards occupation.

**5 Chairman’s Report**

**5.1 Late Summer Picnic** – KM thanked all for their work in preparation for the event, and noted that Geoff Briggs had once again been a big success with the village, but it was agreed that a new performer would be sought for 2014. PR passed contact details of Alan Turner to the committee for consideration. It was noted that the weather may have discouraged some with number slightly down (57) but those who stayed on were rewarded with better weather.

**5.2 Lamp Posts** – KM thanked Simon Massarella for all his hard work in pursuing the council in understanding what was able to be commented on / changed with the proposed SSE lighting scheme. SM confirmed that the council had already made Clifton Village a special case with lamps coming down from 6 to 5m, and little further could be offered by SSE due to the terms of their contract with the council. Representations from Mick Ackroyd and Mike and Clare for further adjustments had been made but there seemed little chance from the current feedback that anything can be done. GB noted that many areas of the village would see an improvement to lighting levels and general fittings, as the entire village (apart from Ger-vase) would receive the new ‘heritage’ style fitting, due to the Conservation Area status. Light levels are colour of light in Wilford where the scheme has already been implemented have been observe to be far better than currently in the village, so should be a big improvement.

**5.3 May Day** – KM advised that he had contacted Diane Rolley who had confirmed she is no longer involved in the May Day organisation. PR advised that feedback from Mark Fraser (Chair of May Day organisation) was that they would prefer to hold the event on the green but no formal approach has been made to the village or village hall. GB to highlight this to the CVHT. With this contact no longer available it was unanimously agreed not to pursue the matter further for 2014.

**6 Treasurers Report**

HH tabled village accounts and single event summaries from the Summer Garden Party and Late Summer Picnic. £241.00 profit was banked form the Summer Garden Party, but REME marquee hire (£30), and

event insurance and bar licence (£56 + £21 respectively) need to be taken from this. This results in a net profit of £134.00 for this event.

The Late Summer Picnic saw 57 tickets sold for £171 with a £10 donation. Geoff Briggs was paid £150 and there is event insurance of £56, resulting in a small loss of £35 from the day.

The general account summary included payments for flowers for Mavis Forsyth, and resulted in the following balances:

Bank balance: Current Account £1280.75

Deposit Account £1090.39

Accounts proposed by JS, seconded GB, 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 266, still slightly down from the final figure of 268 in 2012-13.
- 7.2 Newsletter** – GB tabled the draft newsletter for distribution. Ticket prices were highlighted at £6 for adults for the Christmas Party. GB requested new advertising inserts for 2014. Comments from PR and KM have already been taken on board for the formal issue. Neighbourhood watch statement awaited for insertion.

## **8 Village Planning Matters:**

- 8.1 NTU Sports Pitch** – PR advised that a complaint had been raised with NTU regarding vibration from works on site. GB noted this was likely to be driven piles, and that these were very close to a residential area and would normally be inadvisable at such distance. Ann Scotney had been contacted. GB suggested that a formal complaint be raised with Environmental Health if the problem persists.

PR advised that further tree felling had been observed by Terry Kay, but following dialogue with NTU by TK/PR this was only removing further specimens allowed in the permission. Following consultation the acoustic fence is to extend slightly onto the Grove, and further along the Parkland (south) elevation. It was noted that the acoustic fence construction is to occur towards the end of the construction period due to the need to access the perimeter of the pitch for construction.

- 8.2 7 Nethergate** – GB advised that a new planning submittal had been received. This was a large improvement on the last one, with the garages omitted, but still contained a new property. It was agreed that the same objections be raised on behalf of the village to counter the infilling and general overlooking risks previously raised. **GB to action.**
- 8.3 Draft Local Planning Strategy** – GB noted that a draft local plan was out for consultation. SM noted that a number of major development sites were noted, including Farnborough School, The Spinney, and green lane. GB noted that this is the village's last chance to make representations. **Action:** SM is to review the documents and liaise with GB to advise the committee whether any formal representation is to be made.

## **9 Neighbourhood Watch**

JS confirmed that he is chasing Darren for Crime Figures to go in the village newsletter.

JS advised the committee that there have been a lot of police alerts in the last few weeks, and these continue to be passed to all members whose contact details he has. There has been recent success with drugs raids on the nearby estate, and the committee was advised that the police are currently targeting speeding in the West Bridgford Area.

## **10** Social Events

**10.1 Christmas Tree and Carols** - SM confirmed that trees had been ordered for the village and church. GB advised that Ruth Nettleship may be doing the Mulled wine. GB to check with Clare Ashton and also ask what assistance the Ashtons need in preparation for the afternoon.

**10.2 Christmas Party** GB to check with Francis Buck whether he is available to help with Mulled wine. GB to distribute tickets with limited numbers to avoid too many people being in the hall.

### **10.3** Diary

- Christmas Tree and Carols Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013
- Christmas Party Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013

## **11** AOB

**11.1 Dovecote / Benches on the Green** – PR noted that the benches had not been attended to, and suggested that this could maybe be included in a suggested funding bid for refurbishment works to the Dovecote. PR believes funding may be available through Heritage Lottery Fund or others for the Dovecote to be attended to, along with the War Memorial Plaque on it as part of the 2014 events. PR to liaise with Terry Kay and the Council to see how best this can be approached.

**11.2 A Wines tasting event** for early 2014 was discussed. Ed Peterson has had previous dealings with Bin Ends on this and will enquire as to whether they would be prepared to hold such an event in the Village Hall. A date of 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> March was suggested for this.

**11.3 Christmas Card Donations** – The committee agreed unanimously that the Christmas Card monies should be donated to the Village Hall Car Park Fund.

**11.4 Village Hall Calendar Fund** – PR highlighted that a calendar is being produced by the Garden Group to raise funds for the Village Hall. GB noted that the print costs were high and he may be able to reproduce using office print facilities far more cost effectively. GB to check this.

**11.5 Tree Works to the Grove** – PR offered a recent update (note to be included in the Newsletter.) The Meeting with Chris Kennedy included the following key points:

- 25-30% of Horse Chestnuts closest to the village will be retained.
- Larches – not all will be removed.
- Trees chopped down will be retained and allowed to rot down naturally.
- Access to Bluebell Woods will be widened to allow contractors vehicles in. A Kissing Gate will be installed here to prevent illegal access.
- Willows will be pollarded.
- Query raised by EP about damage that could be caused by contractor's traffic with work being carried out in winter. This point is to be raised with the NWT representatives.

**11.6 Village Green - Travellers** – Lack of activity was queried by the committee – SM to enquire who best to speak on this to as it is understood that this may now be John Collins as Alex Norris no longer involved.

**12.0** Next Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.