



Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association

Held at The Paddocks Farriers Green Clifton Village
On Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 8 pm.

(1) Members present:

Mrs Pat Rice (PR) Mr Phil Bull (PB), Mrs Helen Huffer (HH), Mrs Glenys Blacknell (GBI)
Mr K. McCormick (KM), Mr Graeme Barker (GB), Mr Ed Peterson (EP).

(2) Apologies: John Woodall (JW) and James Royston (JR)

(3) Matters Arising: HH sought to clarify the position concerning Village Road signs in general. A neighbour had pointed out that the 'Milldale Close' sign is damaged (buckled) and asked who might help with a replacement and asked the cost. EP confirmed a cost of approx. £100 for the sign itself but if new supports were needed then a cost of £150.00 plus erection for £75.00 should be expected. KM agreed to contact Chris Gibson to learn who may help replace the sign with no cost to the Village.

The idea of a 'Welcome to Clifton Village' sign was also raised and it was agreed that this is an excellent idea. Would the CVRA fund this was a question.

The matter of altering the main A453 signs to point to the village is being dealt with by 'Highways England who are dragging their feet on the matter and appear to be bureaucratic and 'far removed'. Lilian Greenwood (MP) has been questioned on this but not yet responded. KM commented by saying he would follow this up.

(4) Chairman's report.

KM was not thinking on this occasion, he declared, and was no doubt taken by surprise that there was a meeting at his home at all. KM thanked all involved with the 'Call My Bluff' wine tasting including PR who, as always, was there on the night to prepare the room with others. KM thanked David Idoine, Vendela Peterson and John Woodall for their renditions and alluded to more full wine jugs on the judges table. Everyone was included in his sincere thank you.

KM referred to the meeting minutes of October as a parody which is to be a touch satirical for humorous effect. EP demurred and agreed to ensure all would be taken seriously in the future with no exaggeration.

KM referred to the Old Rectory and that he had no contact from Mr Trickett.

On the latter item GB said that all Planning Permission has been granted within the past week. GB, with his ear to the ground on this matter, added we should watch this space but did not anticipate much if any movement until the New Year.

Grass Verge: The matter of the grass verge to the A453 and help from Chris Gibson was mentioned. KM is chasing this item. There was a comment that Lang O'Rourke said they would leave this to the spring and more suitable weather for attending the verges. PR reminded the committee that Lang O'Rourke say that beyond 2 metres is the responsibility of the council. This brings into question the area in front of the Village Hall.

KM is chasing on this matter and hopes for success.

Barriers to the Green: Prairie has received only two objections. She is awaiting feed-back from the Clifton family or sufficient time to pass for notification to be considered completed.

Reading Room: There is concern expressed that no progress is being made in spite of the fact that planning is complete. There are questions of viability and willingness to complete by the new owner although a sizeable proportion of the work has, apparently, been carried out. KM will raise this with Chris Gibson.

(5) Treasurers Report

HH provided details of the 'Wine Tasting Evening'.

Stock is now held in the form of wine purchased for the night that was not all sold at the bar. Normally KM would purchase the wine back into his Garage but on this occasion CVRA retains the purchases as stock to use another time. Allowing for this stock at book value and printing expenses for the fliers the evening made a small loss.

It was agreed that for a successful evening this was a disappointing outcome and KM put it to the vote that another or similar occasions should be charged at £7.50 per person. There was a unanimous vote in favour.

November

CVRA Bank Account Balance £1,105.03

Deposit Account £1,842

Plus wine stock value approx. £90.00 (?)

October

CVRA Bank Current Account £1,213

Deposit Account £1,842

KM thanked Helen for gathering funds together and a clear presentation of facts with printed sheets to show breakdown of costs.

(6) Secretary Graeme Report

Membership: GB reported that Membership is now 264 with the addition of 3 new members.

In the context of village numbers and membership numbers PB bravely offered to directly ask what Gervais Gardens residents wanted from the CVRA either through a questionnaire or knocking on the door to ask the direct question. PB anticipated the response to some extent with a comment that Apathy is expressed with enthusiasm on Gervais Gardens.

GB commented that the cost of preparing the newsletter was £2.00 per member. The point being that a large number of Newsletters are received, one imagines willingly, into households that do not pay even the £1.00 annual subscription. With such a tight financial ship being run by the CVRA there appeared to be two suggestions.

- (i) Only post the Newsletter to people who have paid for CVRA membership
- (ii) Ask people on the door if they wish to receive the Newsletter regularly and thereby contribute £1.00 per annum towards the cost.

The latter suggestion appeared to have some wind behind it and the issue was left in the air for the next meeting.

British Legion: GB reported that Terry has asked if the CVRA could give a small donation to the British Legion following their part in the 'Remembrance' event. Treasurer HH looked distinctly uncomfortable at this suggestion and the committee agreed that a donation was not necessary. GB asked that the Remembrance Day needs be raised early to give all potentially involved sufficient notice.

Village Planning Matters

The important items were covered in the Chairman's report.
Please refer to minutes of the October meeting for further detail.

Social Events:

Christmas Party: PR to decorate the Village Hall. EP and KM to source food etc and agreed a date to meet, GBI kindly offered to be involved and organise her team of ladies to prepare food at Kath's home on the day i.e. Sunday morning of 13th December. GBI requested that if KM and EP were to buy the food needed very early i.e. a week before, they be aware of sell-by dates. Food to be delivered to Kath on Saturday afternoon/evening of the 12th by EP. EP thanked GBI for returning to her role of enthusiastic involvement in the preparation of the food with her team although GBI has clearly stated her terms.

Diary:

Christmas Tree erection Saturday 5th December. Need all hands 9.30 am
Carols 6th December. Gather at Tree **for 4 pm**.
Christmas Party 13th December Village Hall. Set up first thing am.
Christmas Tree removal January 9th from 9.00 am

Thoughts for 2016

PR suggested a Burns night event. The suggestion was well received.
Food of Haggis, bashed neaps and mashed potatoes with a taster of Whisky thrown in as a good measure were considered good ideas. Saturday 23rd would be best date for the event. KM stated that he could source the music for a Ceilidh (Kaylee). Visions of the McCormack Tartan are possible as fancy dress was mooted by the men in the room with the best legs, being GB and KM. The fish & chips supper was also mentioned, to be repeated.

AOB

Gravel Pits at Barton in Fabis. PB informed us that a decision on the Gravel Pits will be made this week.

Village Hall Car Park: GB commented that everything looks good and lights are on the way. It will be available for use by the Christmas Party but for the time being access will be through the front gates only.

GB comments that work will be needed to be done at some time to demolish the outbuilding and allow access from the rear of the Village Hall directly into the Car Park. This is in hand. KM wished to express thanks to the Village Hall Committee for all their efforts and a very successful outcome.

Holgate: KM confirmed that the Management Committee involves everyone who lives in the Hall and the Close. They would attend to the matter of widening Holgate for ease of Parking.

Village Hall Coffee Mornings: PR and GBI report that numbers are dwindling for volunteers to set up and run the function. It is highly likely that it will not continue. KM asked the committee at large if anyone wished to take it on?

Litter in the Village and surrounds: KFC does not appear to be honouring its support for providing bins for the inevitable litter from their fast-food outlet. Dealing with litter was part of the planning proposal. PR commented that bins have now been allocated to nearby bus stops and the problem is a little less in those areas. KM said he would pick up the baton on this one and contact both Chris Gibson and Prairie to prompt action by KFC.

Next meeting Tuesday January 12th 2016. 8 pm at 4, Farriers Green.



AGENDA

Clifton Village Residents Association Committee Meeting to be held on

Tuesday 12th January 2016

The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green Clifton Village for 8.00 pm

- 1 Present**
- 2 Apologies**
- 3 Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**
- 4 Matters Arising**
 - Membership and the distribution of the Newsletter – a common approach.
 - Litter in the Village and KFC
- 5 Chairman's Report**
- 6 Treasurers Report**
- 7 Secretary's Report**
- 8 Planning Matters (Any other Planning Submittals / consultation)**
 - 8.1 Old Rectory
 - 8.2 Clifton Village Signage
 - 8.3 Barriers to the Green
 - 8.4 Reading Room
 - 8.5 Holgate
- 9 Neighbourhood Watch Report**
- 10 Social Events**
 - 10.1 Burns Night Saturday 23rd January 2016
 - 10.2 Other thoughts for 2016
- 11 A.O.B.**
 - 11.1 Village Hall Car Park