



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at The Paddocks, 4 Farriers Green Clifton Village  
On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 8 pm**

**1 Members Present:-**

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

**2 Apologies:** James Royston (JR), Mr J Woodall (JW)

**3 Previous Minutes**

No comments were made on the minutes. Minutes were proposed by KM and approved by the committee.

**4 Matters Arising:** It was noted that no progress had been made with the overhanging trees from the Old Rectory onto Gervase Gardens. **Action:** KM to pursue with Anthony Trickett and GB with Prairie Bryant.

**5 Chairman's Report**

KM thanked all who had helped to make the Summer Garden Party a success, including all committee members who had helped before, during and after the event. Especial thanks were expressed to Graham Watson for all his work in providing such a fine spread of food for the day.

KM reported the sad news that Will Joss had passed away in the last few days.

**6 Treasurers Report**

HH tabled the Treasurers Report including full break down of costs from the Summer Garden Party. 117 tickets were sold, including 6 children, with sales totalling £684.00. A further £249.60 was taken on the day in bar sales. Total income £933.60. Costs included a food bill of £470.82 and drinks bill of £224.44. Other costs included marquee hire of £30, the bar licence of £21.00 and events insurance of £56.00. Total payments of £802.26. Profit for the event was therefore reported at £131.34. It was noted that a raffle had been hosted as well but that this had been taken by Clare Ashton on behalf of the Village Hall Trust and therefore the income from this was unknown.

Membership subscriptions had contributed £3.00 during the period, with a further £32.00 being donated by villagers for general CVRA work.

Bank balance: Current Account £1121.29                      Deposit Account remains £1842.48

The report was proposed by PR and seconded by GB. Accepted by the committee.

**7 Secretaries Report**

**7.1 Membership** - GB advised that the current membership stood at 257, still down on the full year total, with 3 new members in the last period.

**7.2 Newsletter** – GB highlighted that date for receiving material for the autumn newsletter is the end of September, and asked for contributions by then. PR to review material and see whether an article regarding the Garden Group outing and open day can be included. A flyer is to be issued in the next week to publicise the Late Summer Picnic and latest update on the Barton Gravel Pit. The final council vote on the sites to be included is in November and it is requested that all villagers express their views to the

County Councillors to reinforce the deep opposition that is felt for the proposals from the nearby city residents.

- 7.3 Website** – GBI noted that Jonathon should still be able to receive items for the website. GB to send minutes for upload. GB is still to place a banner in the Noticeboard to advertise the link to Facebook and the village website. **GB to action.**

## **8 Village Planning Matters:**

- 8.1 Old Rectory** – GB advised the committee that the lack of activity at the Rectory was due to continued dialogue between NCC and Anthony Trickett on the proposals. NCC have advised that they are awaiting revised drawings for smaller houses in the grounds and that one of the applications for a summer room extension to the building had been withdrawn. There was an indication that delays were not all of the applicants making.
- 8.2 Access to Village Bus Stop on A453**– PR advised that no response had been forthcoming from any party regarding the bus stop. Nothing positive was expected on this but GB will check with Simon Massarella on this matter.
- 8.3 Clifton Village Signage** – GB advised that Prairie Bryant had been working hard in the background to broker a solution and that NCC Highways proposals for a wholly new Clifton Village Sign on the highway had been drawn up, priced, and funding in principle agreed with the local Councillors. Prairie is now seeking Highways Agency Funding for the sign as it will be sited on the main road. It was noted that a simple over application of ‘Clifton Village’ over the existing hall sign would be far cheaper and easier to get past The Highways Agency. It was also noted that two signs would be needed for approach from each direction. **Action: GB** to pursue with Prairie Bryant.
- 8.4 Reading Room** – GB has discussed this with NCC and understand that the delay to works is due to the owners struggling to find a specialist window company to provide the needed replacement windows. Details of these are a pre-start planning condition so works cannot progress until this is resolved.
- 8.5 Travellers on Green** - GB has discussed progress with Prairie Bryant and it seems that whilst the works can be justified under the enclosure act that the barrister has advised NCC that they need to make best endeavours to contact the Clifton Family first to seek agreement to the works before starting. It was therefore requested that all villagers are asked whether they have any contact details from the Clifton family. **Action: GB** to seek out names on the lease from CVRA records.
- 8.6 McDonalds and KFC litter.** After discussion it was resolved that we would seek support from our Local Councillors to asking McDonalds and KFC to agree to fund regular litter picks across the green down to the river. There is a concentration of litter growing by the Fishermans Car Park down to the river and these organisations should be obliged to tidy this away. GB to discuss with Prairie Bryant and Chris Gibson.

## **9 Neighbourhood Watch**

KM advised the committee that due to personal circumstances Terry Kay had stood down as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. KM is to approach Simon Massarella to explore whether he would be willing to pick up this role.

## **10 Social Events**

- 10.1 Late Summer Picnic** – Date confirmed as Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Ticket price held at £3. KM noted that a Close up Magician ‘Peter Presto’ had been booked to start entertaining people from around 3pm. Jonathon Blacknell is providing music. Set up is to be from 6pm on Friday night. Jonathon will set up on Saturday morning. PR noted that there is a clash in hall bookings and that if it rains the hall is probably not available. GB to check with Clare Aston on whether tables can be used or will be required for the hall as this could be a major problem for the day.
- 10.2 Autumn Wine Tasting** – EP proposed that the wine tasting event in the autumn be hosted as a ‘call my bluff’ evening. The format would be that c. 6 wines would be on offer to taste, a mixture of white and red.

For each wine three knowledgeable villagers would taste the wine and then read out ‘their’ tasting notes for the wine. One would be true, the other two lies. The villagers would be grouped on tables and would have to decide who was telling the truth. A prize would then be given to the table that guessed most correctly. It was thought that it would be advantageous to have wine available to buy, of possibly free with the tickets, and that beer and soft drinks could be supplied for those to attend with partners who don’t drink wine. The concept was warmly received by the committee. **Action: GB** to check hall booking for the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Ticket price to be settled at but £7.50 was suggested as a reasonable starting point but to be decided. Kevin M, John Woodall and Ed Peterson were suggested as the three hosts.

### 10.3 **Diary**

- Late Summer Picnic – 5<sup>th</sup> September - 2pm
- Autumn Event – check Village Hall for 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Christmas Tree Erection – 5<sup>th</sup> December with Chris Carols and lighting on 6<sup>th</sup> December (4pm)
- Christmas Party – 13<sup>th</sup> December – Village Hall – set up on the day.
- Christmas Tree removal – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 from 9am.

### 11 **AOB**

11.1 **Clifton Village Hall Car Park** – GB informed the committee that the project was now on site and scheduled to complete in early September.

11.2 **Secretary Position.** GB informed the committee that due to work commitments and Alexander being about to start school that he would have to formally stand down from the committee as Secretary for next year. In the interim GB requested assistance in ‘job sharing’ of Secretarial workload to help get both the CVRA and him through the next few months. EP and PR both offered to assist with minute taking at meetings. This was much appreciated and will be gratefully accepted for the next meeting. PR suggested that having some form of list of commitments would help people to understand what needs to be done, and how best people could help out. **Action: GB** to schedule out.

12.0 **Next Meeting**                      Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.