



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green
On Tuesday 19th February 2013 at 8 pm**

1 Members Present:-

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

2 Apologies: Mr J Woodall (JW)

3 Previous Minutes

Action: GB to update minutes to confirm attendance of Mick Huffer at Village Green meeting (5.1) and o copy to Jonathon Blacknell for placement on the website. *GB: Done.*

4 Matters Arising: None were raised from the previous minutes.

5 Chairman's Report

5.1 Parking Restrictions – Phase 2 is due to be implemented on 6th March 2013. KM thanked Simon for all his hard work in liaising with the council to reach the current position. KM has written to councillors and expressing the Villages dissatisfaction that the current solution, although solving the NTU parking issue, is disadvantaging the people it is supposed to be helping, as they can no longer freely park outside their own homes. SM highlighted that the council are stating that the reasons for no permits being issued is that people have drives, and is council policy not to issue permits where people have drives. It is however clear that many people in Phase 1 who have permits, including Alwood Grove and parts of Village Road, have driveways. The situation is therefore not being applied evenly across the village. **Action: KM and SM to write** to the council and MP to highlight this imbalance and see whether funds can be found to pay for permits to be issued to those who need them.

5.2 Village Green – proposals for bollards to prevent illegal encampment – The recent quotation from the council was tabled by KM, confirming that they had now got a price that was within the originally stated budget. TK expressed concern that the scheme should not be progressed until the village is properly consulted, as the bollards may not need to be as high, and other defensive measures such as strategically placed trees may be able to be introduced as part of the same package to improve the overall look of the proposals. The committee agreed that proper village consultation was important to the process. **SM to write to the council** to express general support and invite them to provide the public consultation that had been discussed.

5.3 Travellers Rubbish. GBI highlighted that many discarded lighting tubes, left by the travellers were now being unearthed by local youths as the planting adjacent to the footpath had died back for winter. Despite several calls to the council to come and remove this dangerous rubbish, nothing had happened. SM suggested making contact with Paul Brown of NCC. **Action: KM to make contact with Paul** to see whether this rubbish can be removed.

5.4 Access to Village Hall. Complaints were fed back to the committee about cars blocking access to the footpath alongside the schoolhouse and village hall. **Action: KM to speak to Mike Ashton** to ensure that the tenant in the schoolhouse is aware of the problem, and also to see whether a note could be included with village hall bookings to encourage people to leave the footpath clear.

5.5 Reading Room - KM observed that it was positive news that the Reading Room was under offer. GB highlighted that it was important to secure the long term future of the notice board on the building if it was sold, and also that the council ensure obligations are placed in the contract to commence works are included so that the situation at the rectory is not repeated. **GB to write to the council** to make these

points. GB noted that he had found the contact details in London previously mentioned by John Woodall. **KM to make enquiry** with London Solicitors in Lincolns Inn to see whether title deeds are obtainable, and at what cost.

6 Treasurers Report

HH tabled the village accounts.

HH confirmed that the takings from the Christmas Party had amounted to some £514.00, with some £228.32 being paid into the bank. Following food and drink payments a net profit of some £16.65 was made. GB confirmed that the 'bar stock' was of similar levels to before the party. £121.00 of donations were received for the Christmas Card. SM highlighted that the Christmas Tree had yet to be invoiced and paid for.

It was noted that the Christmas tree lighting was relatively poorly attended and there was discussion as to whether a 'christmas flyer' should be issued next year to address this. To be agreed nearer to the time.

HH confirmed that the Port-a-loo from the Jubilee had finally been paid for (£132.00) and the £60.00 donation made to Pat Rice for the Village Planter upkeep.

HH noted that licences and insurance would need to be purchased for the years events.

Bank balance: Current Account £889.29 Deposit Account £1089.51

The Treasurers Report was proposed by GB1 and seconded by SM.

7 Secretaries Report

7.1 Newsletter – GB advised that the next Newsletter would be prepared for distribution in mid March, to coincide with membership renewals and advertising for the Fish and Chip Supper. GB to await confirmation from KM before the Clifton Hall article is included. Article on village hall fund raising to be included. GB requested an update on the village green and parking restriction from **SM/ KM** closer to the publication date.

7.2 Notice Board and Website – Previous minutes have been issued for publication on website.

7.3 CVRA Membership – Membership remains at 272. Renewal cards will be distributed with envelopes to all committee members at the beginning of March.

GB highlighted the extensive photo collection passed to the CVRA by Fran Clayton. New photos are needed for the Village Hall, (**GB action**) but in the meantime it was suggested that we should scan all photos and maybe look to offer village calendars / photo albums. We may possibly include a feature in the newsletter requesting names for mayday / school photos to engage the village interest. *Post meeting note: many photos already available on Clifton Village Website under 'pastimes'. GB to check for overlaps etc.*

8 Village Planning Matters:

8.1 34 Village Road. Concern was expressed that nothing had been done to change the door. KM to talk to Ian Malcolm about escalating the situation to try and resolve the current lack of activity.

8.2 NTU Sports Field. TK advised that they continue to have positive dialogue with NTU about the sports pitch. They had recently met and agreed a slight realignment of the pitch location that would help to reduce the number of trees to be removed. TK said that the University are aware that they need to consult

with the village via the council when details of the fence are produced and will continue to feedback progress to the village.

9 **Neighbourhood Watch**

JS advised that the recent crime wave experienced around Groveside had now abated but it was highlighted by HH that it had taken a long time to respond to emergency calls (see 11.1).

10 **Social Events**

10.1 **Fish and Chip Supper.** It was agreed by the committee that the format would remain as before. Date was confirmed as the 4th May to best co-ordinate with Jonathon Blackwell's availability. **GB** to check the hall is available. **KM** to check Fish and Chip order availability.

10.2 **Summer Garden Party.** Dates were discussed and after consideration the 28th July agreed as the preferred one. **Action: GB** to advise John Woodall and check hall availability.

Diary

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| • 2013 AGM | Thursday 16 th May 2013 |
| • Fish and Chip Supper | Saturday 4 th May 2013 |
| • Village Garden Trail and Tea | Saturday 29 th June 2013 |
| • Summer Garden Party | Sunday 28 th July 2013 |

11 **AOB**

11.1 **Police Station Relocation.** SM noted that there is no longer a police car presence in Clifton, and all emergency calls at night are now being answered from the Meadows. This was cited as a reason for not reaching Groveside in good time recently, with the car being stuck in traffic. After discussion it was agreed that KM would write to the Police Commissioner to express our concerns about the current arrangement, especially as the A453 is about to be dug up for the new dual carriageway.

12 **Proposed Tree Removal to Clifton Grove and Riverside Walk.** KM advised that he had undertaken a very positive walk with Chris Kennedy of the council and Lionel Adderley of the village where the plans were explained in more detail. Although some 713 trees are marked, Few trees will be removed; 90% or so being coppiced to create fresh growth, more green and more light to encourage more diverse wildlife. There are some plans for replanting on the Grove, some with oak trees, and KM reported that the council representatives are 'flexible' in dialogue so if a tree is borderline they could be persuaded to keep some of that is the general wish.

Action: After discussion on this matter it was agreed that KM would talk to the council and Notts wildlife trust to see if a 'Walk in the Woods' could be arranged as non confrontational way for villager to understand the need for the removals and could agree any changes there and then with the council. Work is due to commence in October/November this year.

12.0 **Next Meeting** Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.