



Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association

Held at 10 Nethergate Clifton Village
On Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 8 pm.

(1) Members present:

(2) Mrs Pat Rice (PR), Mrs Helen Huffer (HH), Mrs Glenys Blacknell (GBI), Mr John Woodall (JW), James Royston (JR), Mr Graeme Barker (GB)

(3) Apologies: Mrs Kath Kay (KK), Mr Phil Bull (PB), Mr Ed Peterson (EP)

(4) Previous Minutes: Minutes were proposed by JW, seconded by JR and approved by the committee as a true record of the meeting.

(5) Matters Arising

Action: GB to check the noticeboard for up to date police details but they were updated in spring 2018.

(6) Chairwoman's Report

PR thanked John and Dorothy for the use of their garden for what was another successful garden party. Thanks were also expressed to Glenys and her catering team, and the village group led by committee members running the bar.

The campaign against the Gravel Pit at Parton continues. Councillor Gibson has advised that he will be objecting, and Lilian Greenwood is writing to the County Council to express similar sentiments. Councillor Gibson sits on a joint committee for planning and transport where the issue will also be raised. GB enquired as to whether the councillor's position is personal or council representation on an official footing. PR is to enquire on this. Beeston Wildlife Group are also planning object. Sandy Wells is co-ordinating distribution of leaflets around Barton Green.

PR has spoken to Tomlinsons over the last few days, and it is thought that works will begin in earnest in the New Year once planning matters are resolved. A new application has been lodged to move the entrance gates, and GB advised that there are then a number of pre-start planning conditions to be complied with before works can start.

(7) Treasurer's Report

HH presented the Treasurers Report.

HH reported on the Summer Garden Party. Ticket sales of £609.00 were supplemented by £143.20 in bar takings, a total event income of £752.50. Food costs were £310.83, and drinks £186.25. With event insurance drinks licence and gazebo hire totalling £111.00 a profit of £144.42 was made on the day.

In terms of the main account other income included £44.00 of Membership fees. Outgoings were £177.30 to GB for newsletter printing and garden party drinks.

CVRA Current Acct	£2,092.45
Deposit Account	£1,849.88

The Treasurers report was proposed by GB, seconded by GBI and accepted by the committee.

(8) Secretary Report

Newsletters

GB confirmed that a Christmas flyer would be published closer to Christmas to publicise events. It was agreed by the committee that the Christmas card would be retained but that funds would be put towards the proposed Heritage Sign. **Action : GB**

Facebook Management

The operation and management of the Facebook site was discussed by the committee, following a request for open access by the Litter Pick group to allow all members to lodge material. It was unanimously agreed by the committee that the CVRA need to maintain a controlling role on the site to ensure management of content and visibility of material, and that the site would not be made open to general submissions.

The committee did agree that having a second site administrator would be a benefit to cover for holidays and speed of response. James Royston was be asked to undertake this role and accepted.

It was agreed by the committee that the Litter Pick group do excellent work on behalf of the village and that the CVRA would work with them agree the best method of event dissemination. **Action: PB and JR**

(9) Village Planning Matters

Old Rectory

Tomlinsons have asked for any old picture of the Rectory to assist their work. GB to review the collection and committee members to ensure villagers are aware so they can contribute to the most likely effort to see the building transformed in the last 10 years. **Action: Committee members and GB**

Clifton West Housing

GB confirmed that he had spoken to the Planning Department and that the Clifton West housing is likely to go to one of the next two committees. B has checked and the dates for these are the 17th October and the 21st November 2018. Both commence at 2.30pm. **Action: GB** to check for agenda as it is only published a week in advance.

Barton in Fabis Gravel Pit

PR has been informed by Barton that the submission website may not be working and all villagers should submit objections in hard copy if possible. *Post meeting note: Barton have been unsuccessful in having the deadline extended.* GB advised the committee that informal feedback from NCC has not been positive in terms of protecting the Nottingham City side of the boundary from future extension of the gravel pit if approved in the county plan. **Action: Committee to make villagers aware of this.**

Bollards to Village Green

GB advised that he had spoken to Prairie Bryant regarding progress on seeking to extend the bollards to cover the rest of the green, following three further incursions in 2018, and one in late 2017 after installation of the initial partial bollard protection. NCC's position is that they can only go back to the Clifton family to seek further permission when they have sufficient 'evidence' of intrusions. GB asked Prairie to seek clarification from NCC's legal team as to what this actually means as it can only be a question of numbers. **Action: GB to pursue NCC for an answer.**

Village Heritage Signage

Action: GB advised the committee that a local company had been sourced (MLS Ltd - Tel : 0115 9894922 📠 Fax: 0115 9894980 🌐 www.malcolmlane.co.uk) who make signs similar to that voted for by the village. Their advice on budget was between £3-5000. Gaining permission from the Clifton family was discussed. It was agreed by the committee that agreement for further bollards took priority for the village, and with the potential funds required being beyond the CVRA at present that the heritage sign should be pursued as a medium term ambition. Funds are to be built up to commit to this at a later time.

(10) Neighbourhood Watch

GB highlighted that illegal motorbike access to Nethergate was continuing and was a danger to pedestrians in the village and beyond. The committee agreed that it would be a positive move to place barriers at either end of Nethergate and into the adjoining estate to deter riders.

Action: GB to formally write to NCC to request that a chicane style barrier be placed at the ends of Nethergate and the adjoining estate to deter illegal riders.

Action: CVRA and village to report illegal motorbikes to the police via 111 or 999 to allow CCTV to be checked and incidents logged to justify barriers.

GB highlighted that youths had been discovered climbing on St Marys Church in the last few weeks.

Action: ALL - The police are aware but villagers are to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

(11) Social Events

Autumn Candlelit event

GB offered an update to the committee of the sub-committee work on holding a candlelit dinner in St Marys Church. Although the concept was broadly supported, doubts were expressed about the level of interest for the price and general food safety issues of serving hot food in the building. It was agreed that the event would be placed 'on hold'. It was also agreed to open discussion with St Marys Church about holding the fish and chip supper in the building next spring.

Action: GB to speak to Clare Ashton about fish and chip event (*post meeting note: Clare very happy to support this*). Committee to be asked when selling tickets at Christmas for expressions of interest in a candlelit event so that numbers can be more closely assessed.

Christmas events

Christmas Tree Erection 1st December with carols on 2nd December

Action: HH to ensure a tree is ordered via Simon Massarella

Action: EP to co-ordinate Christmas tree erection team

Action: JR to ensure that 6 bottles of red are with Ruth Nettleship prior to the day for Mulled wine.

Action: GB to talk to Clare about organisation for the event and to ensure Owen is available to lead.

Christmas Party – 9th Sunday December from 12.30pm

Action: GBI to contact the catering team – GB to email latest list showing potential new catering helpers.

Action: JR to check bar stocks and ensure we are fortified for a christmas onslaught that requires at least 30 bottles of heavy duty red to be repelled.

Action: GBI to check whether Francis is able to produce mulled wine for the Christmas Party.

Action: GB to check with Clare that the hall is booked for the party date. (yes it is!)

Action: JR is to ask Graham Watson where the Clifton Hall Drive Christmas tree lights were sourced so that replacement can be priced for this Christmas.

Action: GB as ask Prairie Bryant whether funding could be obtained for central village lights via NCC.

Events for 2019

A general diary of events for 2019 was discussed. Possible events included a further Quiz evening and Wine Tasting. Both have been successful and were not held in 2018.

(12) AOB

11.1 Remembrance Day – the committee agreed that as the 11/11 falls on a Sunday the St Marys Church Service should take precedence over a memorial event on the green. *Post meeting note: Rev Owen is offering to hold a wreath laying ceremony at 1pm after the service for those interested. Do we want to accept this offer?*

Next meeting Thursday 29th November at 8pm at 9 Leabrook Close