



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green  
On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 8 pm**

**1 Members Present:-**

Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mr S Massarella, Mr G Barker (GB) Mr J Woodall

**2 Apologies: Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs P Rice (PR), Mr J Spencer (JS)**

**3 Previous Minutes**

11.2 to read as 'written notes'. Minutes proposed for issue by JW, seconded by KM.

**Action: GB** to copy to Jonathon Blacknell for placement on the website.

**4 Matters Arising: None noted.**

**5 Chairman's Report**

KM opened his report by expressing his condolences to the Rolley family on behalf of the CVRA for the recent sad passing of Glenn Rolley. KM acknowledged that Glenn had been responsible for a huge amount of work, not just within the CVRA but for the community as a whole, with the re-introduction of May Day only being possible with both Dianne's and his input.

**5.1 The Old Rectory: It was noted that villagers had seen Mr Kumar on the Rectory site with prospective builders, and that Mr Kumar had verbally advised that he was obtaining tenders with a view to starting work on the site in the near future. KM expressed the committee's hope that the renovation work takes place as soon as possible so that the Old Rectory is occupied and presentable on entry to the village.**

**5.2 Reading Room: GB confirmed that a dialogue had been established with Rod Martin of Nottingham City Council, who was now in charge of the future of the building. GB advised that he would be meeting Rod shortly to discuss options for the renovation and re-use of the building, and that current feedback from villagers was split between simple commercial enterprise to make good the building, and community use for the village. GB noted that Rod Martin had been receptive to both avenues during their discussions. The general view of the committee was that there would likely be insufficient turnover of use to fund a community use for the Reading Room. SM highlighted that there had been dialogue with the Police about using the space as an interview room following the closure of the local police station. **Action: GB** will make contact with Darren White to see if this is still an option, and will report back on his meeting with Rod at the next committee meeting.**

**6 Treasurers Report**

HH tabled the village accounts. £414 of tickets had been sold for the Village Christmas party, and £189.00 was banked from the event. It was however noted that a £93.80 had been made for wine and that the bar stock was below that before the event. It was concluded that a marginal profit had been made from this event. £105 payment had been made for the Christmas Tree. All members agreed that a slightly smaller tree would be beneficial next year to ease with erection and to raise the likelihood of it staying upright in winter conditions! Payments of £74.82 had been made to repair the village noticeboard, and £6 of membership fees had been received. Overall HH advised that there had been a slight gain in the current account since the last report.

Bank balance: Current Account £599.64

Deposit Account £1088.63

The Treasurers Report was proposed by GB and seconded by KM.

It was agreed that the Christmas Card money would be held as a village donation.

## **7 Secretaries Report**

**7.1 Newsletter** – GB highlighted that preparation of the next Newsletter would be commencing in March for printing at the end of the month. **Actions:** GB will liaise with Clare Ashton on church input and requested any articles for insertion from members. SM to prepare an update on the village parking situation for inclusion. KM to prepare Chairman's notes.

**7.2 CVRA Membership** – GB highlighted that the AGM would be due soon after the next meeting, and a provisional date of Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> May was agreed (7pm). **Actions:** GB to check with Barry Stevens prior to issuing the notices in the village. GB to publish notices in the next newsletter. GB to check that this does not clash with the Village Hall Trust AGM.

**7.3 Website and Notice Board.** Updated police details had been uploaded by Jonathon Blacknell following the last meeting. GB confirmed to SM that the notice board appeared to be watertight, as no posters were water damaged when replaced.

**8 Village Planning Matters:** JW advised that the only application within the village was the Old Rectory, which has now been granted permission.

**8.1 Old Man of Trent.** The draft objection letter to the application was tabled for discussion. The general view was that although the village may hold little sway in whether permission is granted, it was important for village concerns on health, anti social behaviour and the general opening hours to be submitted in order to limit its impact. Minor drafting errors to be changed by GB for KM signature and issue. There was discussion on whether a petition ought to be raised to strengthen the village position on the matter, but it was agreed that as this application was outside the village that a notice should be placed in the notice board to raise awareness and allow individuals to comment as they saw fit. **Action: GB**

## **9 Neighbourhood Watch**

No matters noted due to the absence of John Spencer. The Chairman noted that the whole community had all been taken aback at the recent events that had overtaken Kath and John, and all members expressed that the most important thing was that they were both safe after their ordeal. The committee wish both of them a speedy return to the village.

## **10 Social Events**

**10.1 Christmas Tree and Carols.** KM noted that the tree erection had been an 'experience', and that a slightly smaller challenge was in order for 2012 to allow Mike Ashton's 'Bushmills' to be enjoyed more fully. Faulty lights were discussed and it was concluded that the transformer was fine, but the timer switch was faulty. One set of lights was non-operational for quite some time and KM suggested that new lights be purchased for 2012.

**10.2 Christmas Party.** KM highlighted that the Christmas party had been a great success, with a good turnout. Thanks were expressed to the team of villagers who once again had made it possible.

**10.3 New Year Jumble Sale.** JW advised that insufficient jumble had been offered by time the cut-off date for advertising in the Clifton News had arrived, and that subsequent feedback had led to the conclusion that this kind of event was unlikely to happen in the near future. It was noted that part of this is probably due to the growth of doorstep charity collections.

**10.4 Curry Supper.** A Curry Supper was proposed by KM as a replacement to the Fish and Chip Supper and agreed by the committee as a suitable variation on the Fish and Chip supper. It was agreed that for simplicity one 'core' curry would be ordered with a suitable mild option for those who may not like spicy food. A provisional date was agreed of Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> April. **Action: KM** to discuss supply of curry for the evening with Shaks in Clifton and contact Jonathon regarding availability for disco. **Action: GB** to check hall availability. A ticket price of £5 was agreed with no discounted children tickets.

**10.5 Jubilee Street Party.** GB tabled legal forms for road closure and advised there was no fee for submission. It was agreed that this would be pursued. **KM / GB to action.** It was also agreed that a general poster advertising the event would be distributed prior to the consultation taking place. **Action : GB.**

JW noted that the army band was not available on the day, but the committee agreed that some form of live entertainment would be good. **Action: SM** to make enquires regarding a brass quintet that may be available.

**Action: GB** to check booking of Village Hall so as to secure the tables for the date. SM noted that he was able to book out gazebos. **Action: SM** - It was agreed that this would be a good idea for the day.

Ticket prices were discussed - a general charge of £2.50 was discussed as reasonable in order to cover the costs of Pimms and Champagne toast, as well as a contribution towards live entertainment on the day.

**10.6 Summer Garden Party.** Date confirmed as 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Diary**

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| • Curry Disco          | Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> April     |
| • AGM                  | Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May (7pm) |
| • Jubilee Street Party | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2012    |
| • Summer Garden Party  | Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2012   |

**11 AOB**

**11.1 University Parking.** It was noted that the council consultation documents had been received by all members, and all had received SM's recent comprehensive response to the queries he had raised. JW noted his concern about the lack of reserved spaces for people who live adjacent to the green. It was concluded that those residents have the opportunity to put their point to the council as part of the consultation. The proposals were otherwise supported by the committee. KM closed this discussion by thanking SM for his substantial contribution in making the proposals happen.

**11.2 Re-routing of Skylink Bus** KM highlighted that the Skylink Bus was soon to cease (25<sup>th</sup> March) serving Clifton, and be re-routed through Beeston and Long Eaton. This is especially of concern to those local people who work at the airport. He did however note that a new, albeit reduced service, had stepped in to run the route from the Broadmarsh. The Premiere Travel service will be running on a reduced hourly basis. Members to ensure the village are aware of this change to the current service.

**11.3 Gazebo!** GB / KM still to agree a date with Barry to access the hall and review this.

**12.0 Next Meeting** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.