



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green
On Tuesday 21st June at 8 pm**

1 Members Present:-

Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mr J Woodall (JW), Mr G Barker (GB)

2 Apologies: Mr J Spencer, Mrs P Rice, Mr S Massarella

3 Previous Minutes

HH highlighted that the note in the Treasurers report regarding payment to GB for newsletter costs was set out in the wrong place. **Action: GB** to amend 4.1 and forward a copy to GB for placement on the website. Minutes proposed for issue by JW, seconded by GBI.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Treasurers Report.

HH tabled the accounts report. 2 Newsletter adverts had been received in the sum of £30 for the year. Membership subscription income was noted as £251.00, although JW noted that a further £4 of income had been received on this since the AGM. **Action: HH** to include in next report. HH advised that the income from the Fish and Chip Disco had totalled some £348.00, although when costs (food and drink) had been taken into account the event had made some £30 in profit. KM highlighted that this figure included the complete replenishment of the drink stock following the theft from the village hall. KM reported that some 15 bottles of white wine, 18 red, 50 canned coca cola and 58 lagers were remaining after the event. It was agreed that the value of these would be tracked in the accounts at purchase price, with any profit taking being at point of sale. **Action: HH** to include in accounts.

HH advised that payments included £419.60 for wine purchase and the CVRA Marquee, £112.00 for event insurance, £80 for Newsletter printing, and a £20 voucher for the auditor.

Bank balance: Current Account £598.26

Deposit Account £1088.63

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

HH queried whether any rent should be paid to the Village Hall. The committee agreed that the Village Hall should receive rental income as per any other user. **Action: HH** is to contact Barry and discuss making payments for the Fish and Chip Disco, AGM and Christmas Party for 2010.

GBI highlighted that the hall is booked out in case of bad weather for the summer events. The committee agreed that payment would be made in this case if the hall was used.

4.2 Planning Matters

- 4.2.1 **The Old Rectory.** GB reported that following the CVRA request Pete Smith had visited the Rectory and that following input from NCC and the local Police the gates and entrance to the property had now been made secure. As the site is now secure it was agreed not to pursue the HSE as suggested at the AGM, but that this would be considered if further problems arose. GB advised that through enquires to NCC they had advised that the marketing of the property by HEB only had to be carried out for 6 months for appraisal purposes. It was therefore noted that there is nothing further preventing Mr Kumar making a further application for enabling development. KM highlighted that the current impasse on redevelopment was not been helped by the Council's longstanding profit share agreement on the property and that this should be lifted to encourage works to progress. **Action: KM** is to discuss this matter with Councillor Ian Malcolm to try and ascertain what the agreement is and whether political support can be gained to have the financial burden lifted.
- 4.2.2 **Reading Room:** KM advised Ed Peterson was still trying to make headway with NCC on gaining agreement to enter and make good the property, but that progress was slow on the council's side. **Action: KM** is to contact Councillor Ian Malcolm if Ed continues to have problems getting the council to sort their side out.
- 4.2.3 **Other Village Planning Matters:** JW reported to the committee that no planning applications of note had been received in the village in the last reporting period.
- 4.3 **Newsletter.** GB confirmed that the next newsletter would be prepared for issue by the beginning of July to ensure publicity of the Summer Garden party. GB highlighted that no village input had been received for the 'Residents' page and asked everyone to think of anything that could be featured. GB noted that he had recently received copies of old photos of the village and that these could be used to raise interest. GB noted that 'displays' had previously been given in the village hall and that this publication could be used to introduce such an idea. JW noted that a photo trail had previously been published and that maybe this could be updated and re-issued. **Action: GB** to include as a feature in the newsletter to raise interest. A further suggestion was made by KM that the history of the Clifton Village Cricket team could be similarly raised.
- 4.4 **CVRA Membership.** GB confirmed that 256 members had joined for 2011, and that although around 20 new members had joined, around 20 more had either left or not been contacted. GB highlighted that the new members database / ticket sheets would highlight to ticket sellers those who had been missed to encourage them to join the CVRA. It is hoped this will further boost membership numbers. HH noted an anomaly for the entry for 12 Groveside. **Action: GB** to check database and alter.
- 4.5 **Neighbourhood Watch** KM noted that it was clear from the AGM that the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator John Spencer enjoyed much support, and was held in high regard by not only the local police, but also the village community as a whole. The committee expressed their gratitude and thanks for Johns ongoing work with the police and local community.

4.6 Website and Notice Board Action: GB is to forward the last meeting minutes to Jonathon Blacknell for inclusion on the website. **Action: KM and GB** committed (again) to tidying up, re-decorating and securing the village notice board over the coming summer months as excuses should become few and far between due to long evenings and fine summer weather.

4.7 Social Events

4.7.1 Fish and Chip Supper. KM summarised that the event had again been a great success, although overall numbers (est. 80) were slightly down on 2010. It was felt by the committee that if the event was repeated in 2012 that a change of catering would be needed to prevent the event stagnating. A curry or Chinese was suggested. **Action : KM** to make enquires with the suppliers of the Fish and Chips as it is believed they may be able to supply this.

4.7.2 Village Summer Garden Party. Action Points.

- GBI has met with Kath Spencer to discuss catering and highlighted to the committee that there was a possible shortfall in people to assist in food preparation. GBI noted that Pat Rice had previously offered to help. **Action: GB** to forward contact details to GBI.
- **Action: KM** agreed to sort out the glasses ready for the bar.
- **Action: KM** to purchase further red (and white wine and orange juice for the event.
- **Action: GBI** to contact Andrew regarding making available his truck to transport tables from the village hall.
- **Action: KM** to contact Mike Ashton and enquire as to whether his gazebo can be made available for the event.
- **Action: GB** confirmed he would be available to help set up and run the bar with Jonathon Blacknell.
- **Action: GB** to assist in event preparation KM requested that GB circulate a new committee contact list.

4.7.3 Late Summer Picnic. GBI confirmed that a new entertainer Jeff Briggs had been booked for the event and would charge £150. He will play for much longer than the booking in 2010 with a 45 minute spot being followed after a break by at least a further hour and a half. KM confirmed that the magician Steve O Magic had also been booked and would provide longer entertainment. A 'best dressed table' (or other more snappy title if someone can think of something) prize of a bottle of wine was raised by HH and agreed.

4.7.4 Other events. A Jubilee Street Party has been suggested for 2012. Date for the diary 2nd – 5th June. It was highlighted that we need to what 'royal' events are planned for which day to ensure we pick the right one. To be investigated further as it draws closer.
(<http://www.royal.gov.uk/LatestNewsandDiary/Pressreleases/2010/TheQueensDiamondJubilee2012.aspx>)

4.7.5 JW highlighted that Diane Rolley had raised a suggestion with him about restarting the Mayday celebrations. Diane suggested that she could provide the dancers and maypole for the event. The consensus of the committee was one of general support for the principle, but that this must not extend to the level of organisation previously required. The organisation needed to be limited to setting up of stalls for people to rent, and serving teas and coffees from the village hall in support of the main entertainment. **Action: JW** to make enquires with Diane on how dancers would be

organised and led for the event.

- 4.7.6 Other entertainment suggestions arising from the AGM were discussed. These included reading evenings, race nights, displays of village history, dancing and antiques roadshows. **Action:** Research / Enquires on these suggestions are to be fed back at the next meeting so that other events can be added to the CVRA calendar.

4.7.7 **Diary**

- Village Summer Garden Party Sunday 24th July.
- Late Summer Picnic Saturday 10th September
- Christmas Tree and Carols Sunday 4th December
- Christmas Party Sunday 11th December

5 **AOB**

- 5.1 University Parking continues to be a problem along Village Road. **Action: GB** as drafted a letter with Simon Massarella for submission to NTU. Wording to be agreed with SM and KM for issue. GB to circulate draft for final comment prior to issue.
- 5.2 Grit bins. **Action: GB** to make enquires with Highways Department. **KM** to enquire with Ian Malcolm as to who we should be talking to.
6. **Next Meeting** Tuesday 9th August at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.