



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green  
On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 8 pm**

**1 Members Present:-**

Mrs G Blacknell (GB1), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mrs P Rice (PR), Mr J Spencer (JS), Mr G Barker (GB)

**2 Apologies: Mr S Massarella, Mr J Woodall**

**3 Previous Minutes**

No comments. Minutes proposed for issue by JS, seconded by KM.

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

**4 Matters Arising: Village Planters – KM noted that the relocated planters looked great, and thanked Pat Rice for her efforts in co-ordinating the moving and planting of the boxes. PR stated this had been a real team effort by members of the Gardening Club and other residents and thanked all concerned.**

**5 Neighbourhood Watch**

JS introduced PC Anthony Parker and his colleague Nathan to the meeting. Their presence at the meeting is due to a localised increase in village crime over the last few weeks. There have been 2 burglaries in the village recently, 6 robberies on the village green, and a number of cars vandalised on Village Road adjacent to the University entrance. On burglaries the village should look out for any suspicious activity. On the robberies these have been focussed around attacking students returning late at night from NTU campus. Villagers should be on the lookout for youths loitering on the green at night, and people are to be warned to be careful when crossing the green at night. The police noted that over and above the crime itself these issues will have a large negative impact on the local crime statistics and local insurance premiums.

On all of these matters the police requested that villagers call them immediately on 999 or 101 if any suspicious activity or criminal acts are witnessed.

The committee agreed that a notice should be issued by the CVRA communicating these points to the village. **Action: GB** to include in Christmas flyer.

The committee thanked JS for organising the police's attendance at the meeting, and the police for their advice and continued efforts in the area. PC Parker and his colleague then left the meeting.

**6 Chairman's Report**

**6.1 The Old Rectory** The Chairman was pleased to report that a new planning application had been lodged with NCC for the redevelopment of the Old Rectory, though no details had been posted on the Council website at the time of the meeting. JS advised that a number of residents bounding the site had been sent letters from Mr Kumar's new Planning Consultant informing them of this progress and their intended submission. GB highlighted to the meeting that this planning consultant was the ex-head of planning for SW Nottingham and should give the village the confidence that matters were being progressed in a professional manner. *Post meeting note: Now registered –please see council reference: 11/03825/PFUL3*

**6.2 Reading Room:** KM reiterated his frustration at the continued lack of progress with the Reading Room. GB noted that a new representative at the Council, Rod Martin, had been put in contact with him following the village walkabout. **Action: GB** to see what progress can be made with Rod prior to the next meeting. KM noted that much of the delay was due to the council not having the title deeds. It is believed that JW may have further details on where they can be found. **Action: KM** to ask JW whether any specific details could be passed to the council.

## **7 Treasurers Report**

HH tabled the village accounts and noted that there was little change from the last report. The only item was £2 membership fees from PR.

Bank balance: Current Account £557.51                      Deposit Account £1088.63

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

## **8 Secretaries Report**

**8.1 Newsletter** – GB tabled the winter flyer for comment. KM noted that the front page would now contain the crime warning. PR tabled revised information for the gardening club for insertion. JS requested that space be allocated to explain the Neighbourhood watch forms on the rear of the document. GB to distribute flyers as soon as available to committee members for posting.

**8.2 CVRA Membership** – GB confirmed following receipt of further membership fees at the meeting that the membership now stands at 269.

**8.3 Website and Notice Board.** SM requested that any problems with the noticeboard (possible leaks due to door warping was noted) are fed back to him so that any further maintenance can be undertaken. GB noted that on browsing the website that the Neighbourhood Watch section was out of date. **Action: JS** to review this and forward information to GB for formatting and input to the website (*post meeting note: done*)

**9.0 Village Planning Matters:** No other planning applications of interested were noted.

## **10.0 Social Events**

**10.1 Christmas Tree and Carols.** **Action: KM** to find out who has lights. Christmas tree erection at 10am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. Mavis has agreed to sort out Mulled Wine. The Ashtons are organising Mince Pies, chestnuts, carol sheets and brazier.

**10.2 Christmas Party.** Tickets handed out. **Action: KM** to purchase 30 bottles of red wine for Mulled Wine. GBI highlighted that Barry Stevens has requested items for the Lucky Dip'. GBI noted that it was not necessary to note vegetarian numbers when selling tickets as they would be providing a spread of vegetarian food in any case. GBI co-ordinating food and decorations.

**10.3 New Year Jumble Sale.** GB confirmed the hall was booked. No further actions at present. *Post meeting note: Feedback from JW is that Dorothy has received no offers of assistance at this time, presumably due to Christmas. We will need to co-ordinate with Dorothy in the New Year if this event is to happen.*

**10.4 May Day Event.** Concern was raised by committee members about the diary proximity of the proposed May Day celebrations and the Jubilee Street Party. After discussion it was agreed by the committee that it was better that for 2012 the CVRA focuses its effort into making the Jubilee Street Party a real success, rather than trying to organise two large village events in quick succession. This event will however be discussed once again in 2013.

- 10.5 **Jubilee Street Party.** Action: KM to approach Mike Ashton to discuss how best to co-ordinate our efforts to making this event a success. Does Mike Ashton have bunting that can be used? Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June was identified by the committee as the preferred date.
- 10.6 **Summer Garden Party.** Suggested dates were tabled for the Garden Party. The committee agreed that the preferred date was the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Date to be fed back to JW.

**Diary**

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| • Jumble Sale                  | Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 |
| • Fish and Chip (Curry?) Disco | to be discussed at next meeting        |
| • Jubilee Street Party         | Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2012       |
| • Summer Garden Party          | Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2012      |

**11.0 AOB**

- 11.1 **University Parking.** SM advised the committee that the dialogue with NTU's representative Mark Simmons continued, but it was obvious that they had little power to prevent legal parking within the village. Closure of the College Drive entrance had been raised by SM and is under discussion by NTU's estate team. Feedback on this will be awaited. SM reported that the subsequent meeting organised by Mr Bulmer of the council had generated the parking survey now being posted in the village and urged all to answer this as it will inform the council as to whether any parking restrictions are needed. It was noted by JS that there was little space on the form to specifically address the parking on the entrance to the village, and HH suggested that a cover letter be added to address any points not set out on the form.

GB observed that the evening parking (and subsequent crime) could be linked to the fact the current NTU Student Union in the city, Byron House, is closed for redevelopment and the NTU Union building is therefore temporarily on campus. SM to raise with NTU whether evening parking can be organised on campus to mitigate this.

- 11.2 **Gazebo!** GB advised that Barry Stevens had told him that a damaged gazebo had been found in the Village Hall and identified as belonging to the CVRA. He has requested that someone from the CVRA organises its removal as it is in the way. GB / KM to agree a date with Barry to access the hall and review this.

- 12.0 Next Meeting** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.