



## Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association

Held at 9 Leabrook Close Green Clifton Village  
On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8 pm.

### (1) Members present:

Mrs Pat Rice (PR) Mrs Helen Huffer (HH), Mrs Glenys Blacknell (GBI) Mr James Royston (JR)  
Mr Phil Bull (PB), Mr. John Woodall (JW) ,Mr Graeme Barker (GB), Mr Ed Peterson (EP) Viba Ellis (VE)

### (2) Apologies: none

### (3) Previous Minutes:

No comments were passed on the previous minutes and these were formally accepted by the committee. Proposed by JW and seconded by JR.

### (4) Matters Arising

No matters arising were identified from the previous minutes.

### (5) Chairwoman's Report

#### *Christmas events*

PR thanked everyone for their efforts over the Christmas period, noting that the Christmas tree erection and removal had gone smoothly and the carol singing had been well attended. It was observed that the lights were not perceived to be as bright as previously **Action:** It was resolved to identify a cost for replacing the lights ahead of next Christmas. PR thanked James and Jill Barker for their musical input at the Christmas carols.

Everyone agreed it had been a good Christmas party, with highlights being the general atmosphere, 12 Days of Christmas and the catering. GBI advised that support had been good for preparations and they would continue to review what had 'gone down well' for next year's catering. A surfeit of Sausage Rolls had been observed and will be borne in mind for next time around. Thanks were expressed to Clare Ashton for preparing table decorations.

#### *The village in the news*

PR reported that two interviews had been held with the media over the last few weeks. The first was for the BBC regarding crime, although there seemed to be initial confusion over 'Clifton / Clifton Village' in terms of the areas discussed this had been aired twice over the week after. The second had been for the Evening Post following a resident call to the paper to once again raise the profile of the dereliction of the Old Rectory with the press.

### (6) Treasurer's Report

HH presented the Treasurers Report. £495.00 of ticket sales for the Christmas Party resulted in a profit from the event of £111.51. Christmas Card donations of £155.00 were raised – **Action** Agreement to be reached at the next meeting as to where this is to be directed. The invoice for the Christmas tree has yet to be received.

CVRA Current Acct	£1,589.66
Deposit Account	£1,845.44

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

## **(7) Secretary Report**

### *Newsletters*

Costs for printing were discussed. Printing at University of Nottingham Print shop would cost £86.00 for 24 page B+W, £134.00 for the same with a colour cover and £360.00 for full colour. It was resolved to get an alternative quote from Instaprint as the colour was valued by all and other members would be able to pick this up from the City Centre. **Action:** GB to seek alternative quote.

The next newsletter will be prepared at the end of February. **Action – All** – input for articles to be in place by then. EP has kindly offered to provide a feature on bees / beekeeping. A photo challenge was discussed as a local feature – GB to discuss further with PR. A survey may be added to seek formal consultation on preferred site for a new heritage sign. It was resolved to keep membership fees to £1.

### *Membership*

New membership tickets would be printed for distribution in late March alongside tickets for the spring event. **Action: GB** to add Luke Calladine to the membership listings.

## **(8) Village Planning Matters**

### *Old Rectory*

The CVRA have continued dialogue with Mr Kumar and the Council. The matter has now been raised once more with Councillor Chris Gibson and the Heritage Team. As new windows were supposed to have been installed by the end of November, but nothing has happened, a request has been made to re-start the Urgent works process due to inactivity on the site.

### *Reading Room*

It was observed that the works were taking an inordinate amount of time but in contrast to the Rectory progress was being made.

### *Protection of Village Green*

The committee were advised that the final hold up is a requirement from the Clifton family for NCC to provide indemnity by way of insurance against future claims made against the family as freeholders. This is ongoing but NCC have, in the background, lined the works up to start as soon as this is resolved. *Post meeting note: It has been confirmed that the barriers will be simple posts, not post and rail as originally proposed.*

### *Positioning of New Village Signage*

GB advised that NCC had agreed in principle to the funding and erection of signage to denote Village Road. After debate about the necessity of this it was agreed to pursue this one with NCC for the positioning of a sign at either end of the road, being the village green and adjacent to Nethergate.

GB advised that feedback from the village regarding a heritage sign had been wholly positive, with everyone preferring the green itself. GB had sought feedback from NCC on this and they had confirmed that it would require Clifton family agreement but that the council had no objection to us

pursuing it. **Action:** GB to source signage costs and suppliers and seek feedback from the whole village through the newsletter. It was noted that Tony on Nethergate had offered to fund / part fund the sign and VE is to discreetly raise this kind offer with him to see whether it still stands.

### **(9) Neighbourhood Watch**

All parties fed back that their enquires with identified potential NW Co-ordinators had failed. **Action:** It was resolved to put another article in the newsletter. Helen Huffer to make enquires with further neighbours who may be interested.

Lead has recently been taken from the Church roof and it was noted that a local villager from Gervase had been helping to make good the damage. **Action:** Awareness is to be raised in the newsletter for people to look out for any suspicious activity, especially as this has spread to stealing of residential lead when this problem has arisen before.

Beyond this, crime rates were noted to be low with no short term problems being experienced by the village.

### **(10) Social Events**

#### *Fish and Chip Supper*

After long debate about the sullyng of the evening by small oiks it was resolved to keep the format of the evening for 2017. A provisional date for this is the 6<sup>th</sup> May. *Post meeting note: Date has been confirmed by GBI and Clare Ashton.* There may be a problem with supply of Fish and Chips due to change in ownership for fish and chip shop. This needs to be clarified before tickets are sold.

#### *Summer Garden Party*

Provisional date was agreed as 8<sup>th</sup> July. *Post meeting note – date confirmed with Clare Ashton.*

#### *Christmas Party*

Provisional date was agreed as 10 December. *Post meeting note – date confirmed with Clare Ashton.*

#### *Quiz Evening*

Following suggestion by EP, this idea was supported by all and a provisional date fixed for the 11<sup>th</sup> November. *Post meeting note – date confirmed with Clare Ashton.*

#### *New Events for 2017*

One further event was tabled by GB a candlelit ball / dinner in the Church. This has been accepted in principle by the Rector, Owen Page, and it was agreed by the committee to support the idea. A name and 'concept' is required, and the use of the function as a profile raising fund raiser, maybe for village signage or the church was discussed but nothing final agreed. A string quartet or pianist (or both) were suggested for musical accompaniment. GB to investigate possible catering, music etc. and, and check on date and timing with Clare Ashton. A date in early autumn was the preferred choice of the committee.

### **(11) AOB**

*Village Hall Update* - GB offered an update on the proposed extension to the Village Hall. A scheme to provide a new anteroom / catering space, and enlarged kitchen were being discussed by the Village Hall Trust following the rejection of the current plan by the Lottery Fund.

**Next meeting Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 8.00 pm at 9 Leabrook Close**