



Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association

Held at 9, Leabrook Close Clifton Village on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 8 pm

- (1) **Members present:** Pat Rice (PR) Chair, Glenys Blacknell (GB) Phil Bull (PB), and Kath Kay (KK) Ed Peterson (EP) James Royston (JR) John Woodall (JW)
- (2) Apologies from Helen Huffer (HH)
- (3) Previous Minutes: Minutes were proposed by JW, seconded by PR and approved by the committee as a true record of the meeting.

(3) Matters Arising

EP confirmed his conversation with Tom Street concerning the Dovecote
EP raised the matter of 'Welcome Cards' and was told that a welcome card is available to use and these have indeed been sent to new residents in the village over the past few years.

Chairwoman's Report

PR commented that since the last meeting there have been no significant issues to report upon. The garden group held the Village Garden Trail in July. This was well attended and continues to be a popular village event.

PR recently walked around the village with Councillor Andrew Rule to discuss some of the issues raised by PR on behalf of herself and villagers. This concerned overhanging shrubs and trees, encroaching pathways. The walk allowed him to see matters for himself and the problems being caused. Councillor Rule informed PR that a Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) could call round to residents whose plants were causing the obstruction. If the offending obstacle was not dealt with then the council would use its powers to do the work and bill the owners.

PR suggested that as the matter was mentioned in the last Newsletter that some residents took note and complied by cutting the trees back. Some residents did not respond and when suddenly hedgerows were cut back one could only assume that a CPO had paid a visit and put in a reasonable request. In addition, council workers had pruned and cut back trees/hedging alongside the main footpath to the Green leading to the Village Hall.

The tree outside 40, Village Road was another item PR asked Councillor Rule to look at. This has since been examined, and deemed diseased. As this tree is on Council-owned land the tree will be removed sometime soon.

Land on Groveside Crescent that isn't being tended was also looked at and following a subsequent meeting with Cllr Rule he reported back that there are no records of the land being owned by the Council, hence not being mown. PR commented that a decision needs to be made as to how this can be kept tidy.

PR noted that parking issues connected with Holgate are down the list, as the Council is currently dealing with parking problems in Wilford village.

PR was able to hand a petition concerning the University wish to extend the lighting over the all-weather pitch from 9 pm to 10.00 pm. This petition was presented to a full council meeting earlier this month and added to this was a separate number of petitions collected by EP.

Jean Green had reported to PR that an Evening Post journalist stopped her to ask about the state of the 'Village Green' as someone had complained about it.

EP commented that this may have just been a 'fishing' trip on the part of the journalist.

PR expressed her condolences to PB over the loss of Betty who contributed so much to village events. PR also expressed her sorrow that we have lost several long-term residents recently.

Village calendars are now at the printers and will soon be available at the same cost of £6.00. Much effort involving various changes has gone into the calendar and the contributions from photographers are much appreciated.

Treasurers Report

Monies received

Summer Garden Party ticket money	£14.00
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Payments made

Chq to Derby & Notts R.E.M.E. for Gazebo hire	30.00
Chq to Helen Lander – Auditor	50.00
Chq to G.Barker – Newsletter printing and party Pimms	123.00

CVRA Bank Account balance

Current Account £1,900.52	Deposit Account £1,854
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Notes from the Treasurer

HH reported that she has been asked by TSB Bank to set up a new business account, to comply with changed banking regulations. Relevant details have been sent and a phone interview to discuss the account will be arranged.

HH understands, so far that there will be no changes to the interest paid or fees incurred and all will be revealed at the next meeting when HH will be present.

The three signatures to the account will be PR HH and EP. This alteration has been put in place.

Secretary Report.

There is nothing to report at this time that has not already been covered elsewhere.

Planning Matters

Old rectory

The builders are awaiting a certificate for permission to remove the bats. Once this has been given work will commence a month from that date.

Youths continue to get into the building. Police councillors and Mr Kumar are regularly contacted.

Housing behind Barton Green.

Lilian Greenwood held a meeting recently to gauge what the traffic problems were like before any further housing developments. A resident subsequently sent in photos of the following morning's traffic where cars were queueing for several changes of lights and where a long queue had formed. PR stated she still maintains that a second access road to the whole area is required.

Proposed Quarry for sand and gravel

PR confirmed a meeting booked with Lilian Greenwood next month, at Ms Greenwood's request, to discuss what needs to go in a letter to the County Council and issues to be highlighted. Julian Coles from Barton is also at the meeting. Barton in Fabis have a meeting this evening to update residents on the current actions. Clare Ashton will be attending.

PR commented that the developers have not given enough detail to satisfy the planners and highlighted the fact that this would be about the third 'Regulation 25' request that has gone in for more information. As PR stated, "This is not normal."

There will now be a delay for a further year (to September 2020)

University 'variation of planning' request

PR confirmed that the University have asked to extend use of their all-weather pitch. The Village finds this unacceptable. Facilities other than the open-air all-weather pitches were granted use up to 10.00 pm. The tennis facility is for example under cover and night-time

lighting is not an issue. This grant of lighting time was made before the last all-weather pitch was built. Now that land and trees have been cleared, the area is more easily visible from the village envelop. The all-weather pitch is a significant intrusion onto village houses and is now more noticeable. This means that any extension of night-lighting for this area would be unpleasant for the house-owners i.e. village residents.

PR described that our Councillors are both in support of the village objections. Roger Steele was supportive during the first planning application.

Bollards to the Green

No developments to date

'A' frame to Nethergate at the Barton end.

EP commented that this this will be brought to the attention of Councillor Rule at one of his Village Hall sessions.

Neighbourhood Watch.

JW mentioned the idea of 'Neighbourhood Watch' operated on-line. This is an App that may be useful for Clifton Villagers to be involved with. It is received by the Police who use this to gauge where to patrol.

PB said that he would take this up and put something on facebook in connection with the matter.

Social Events

Saturday November 9th.

Call My Bluff wine event - will need help with putting out tables and chairs. For this to be a success at least 50 tickets need to be sold.

Memorial Event.

This will be on November 11th at the Dovecote.

Notice to be given to Larkhill

Christmas tree

This to be erected on Saturday December 8th at 9.30 am.

EP to notify the usual helpers

Turning on the lights and Christmas Carols.

Time : 4 pm

Christmas Party

Everyone smiled with delight and a hint of relief when GB stated that she would arrange the food for the Christmas Party this year, although, she commented that that this would definitely be the last time.

Any Other business.

The Village Sign.

PB confirmed he had obtained some detail from Graeme. Graeme's research indicated a cost of £4,000. However, PB stated that he understood a vinyl sign at Ruddington, by way of example, was £2,000.

PR wondered if through the use of advertising on metal plates, to be attached to the sign, funds could be raised to cover costs.

PB has asked Prairie Bryant about the route to take to obtain 'planning permission' and proposes to write to her for guidance.

PB has carried out significant research into various routes and has come to the conclusion that a specialist company covering a large part of the UK with its work and offers could be a useful way to proceed. PB did describe that a design is usually provided by the sign manufacturer and this appeared to be the preferred route by most customers. Certainly, this would allow more control, in dealing with one company only and having them responsible for both design and manufacture.

What the sign should include has yet to be decided upon. And PB showed some solutions used by villages around the country, via his tablet computer. PR also unearthed her own designs and some Art- work produced by her Art class when considering the Village Sign designs over a year ago.

Next Committee meeting

To be held at 8 pm at Leabrooks Close on Tuesday November 19th.