



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green  
On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 8 pm**

**1 Members Present:-**

Mr G Barker (GB), Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mr S Massarella (SM), Mrs P Rice (PR), Mr J Spencer (JS), Mr J Woodall (JW)

**2 Apologies: Mr Terry Kay**

**3 Previous Minutes**

Initials missing from previous minutes on members present. Amend and upload to website.

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

**4 Matters Arising: Cleaning of Nethergate Brook. PR advised that there had been some confusion over start times but that the rangers had arrived and cleaning of the stream had taken place.**

**5 Chairman's Report**

KM observed that the AGM had passed in a very positive manner and welcomed Terry to the committee. He also passed general thanks to all members for their continued support of community events.

The Jubilee had been a great success, with attendance estimated to be c. 260, far in excess of expectations. Thanks were expressed to all committee members for their time and effort in making the day a success. KM thanked Mike and Clare Ashton for all their efforts for the day, including the evening event at Glebe Cottage that had offered a welcome wind down for those who had been helping. KM also thanked Mavis Forsyth for providing the table decorations.

JS noted that he received very positive feedback from Gervase Gardens residents about the event.

A renewed visit of travellers on the green was a most unwelcome recent event, but KM advised that he was liaising with Councillor Malcolm on the feasibility of some kind of fence or barrier to prevent illegal access. JW noted that permanent erections such as this had been explored previously and that they had hit legal issues due to the terms of the Clifton's leasing of the land to the city council. KM expressed his thanks to both Councillor Malcolm and Darren White for moving so quickly to set legal proceedings in train to have the travellers removed, and to Terry Key for assisting in distributing leaflets explaining to the village what was happening.

**6 Treasurers Report**

HH tabled the village accounts and special report on the Jubilee Event.

A total of £1522.03 had been raised for the Jubilee event. Of this £750 was council funding, £640 for sales of tea towels and mugs, with the rest being made up of donations. A total of £1349.57 was reported for outgoings, though KM highlighted that there was the cost of the toilet hire at c. £120 to be added to this. Of this amount £560.40 was for tea towel purchases, £373.70 for mugs, £200 for the Black Diamonds Brass Band, and £120.00 for champagne. The balance was for general purchases for the day, including table flowers, decoration, bunting etc.

Thanks was expressed by the committee as a whole for the funding support put in place by the Council that had helped make the day a success. GB confirmed that 120 tea towels had been sold on the day, and

105 mugs given out, with c. 45 going to children in the village. HH thanked Mike Ashton for his commentary and enthusiasm on the day.

HH confirmed that some £276.00 had now been raised for Membership Subscriptions. The £50.00 honorarium had been paid to GB, as well as events insurance of £112.00 for the year. SM queried which events this covered. HH advised that the insurance was for the summer garden party and late summer picnic as events in the hall (Christmas) were covered by the hall insurance.

Bank balance: Current Account £896.59                      Deposit Account £1089.51

The Treasurers Report was proposed by JS and seconded by GB1.

## **7        Secretaries Report**

**7.1        Forthcoming Newsletter.** GB queried the poster for the late summer picnic. KM advised that it would be best not to advertise the magician just yet as his services had not been secured for the day. The dates for other events were checked and agreed. It was agreed that the edition would be a 'Jubilee Souvenir Edition'.

**7.2        CVRA Membership** – GB advised that a further 14 members had joined since the last meeting bringing the total to 262.

## **8        Village Planning Matters:**

**8.1        Old Man of Trent.** GB advised that the application had been re-submitted and that he was going to meet with the Clifton Estate group to swap notes on suitable reasons for objections. It was agreed that a flyer would be posted around the village once this was completed to allow objections to be made.

**8.2        Reading Room:** GB noted that no further feedback had been forthcoming from the council on the state of the reading room. The committee expressed its disappointment that nothing has happened to the building over the last few months. KM is to chase Ian Malcolm for a update on this.

**8.3        34 Village Road.** GB advised that the Planning Permission for the change of use for the Village Shop included a condition that the door had to be replaced within 3 months of the permission date. The permission was granted on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012 so the door needs to be replaced by the 25<sup>th</sup> July. To be reviewed and contact made with the council if this requirement is not met.

**8.4        Vehicles in front of Old Rectory.** JS advised that he had contacted Mr Kumar and the cars were not his. He also noted that PC Darren White was unable to remove the vehicles as he believed them to be on private land. GB noted that this was not the case as the recent Old Rectory planning application was due to the fact that Mr Kumar did not have control over the land outside the main gate. GB to talk to Darren White about providing plans to prove this as it may assist the police in having the cars removed.

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### **9        Neighbourhood Watch**

JS tabled the current crime figures for review. Good news as there was no reported crime for last two months on schedule but JS did highlight that there is a current spate of burglaries in the area and stressed that all residents should follow the guidance issued in the last newsletter.

IT has been observed that there are people living in the Rectory. JS is to raise this with Mr Kumar to ensure he is aware of this.

