



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at 10 Nethergate
On Tuesday 29th July 2014 at 8 pm**

1 Members Present:-

Mr G Barker (GB), Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mr Phil Bull (PB), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr Terry Kay (TK), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mr Ed Peterson (EP), Mrs P Rice (PR), Mr J Woodall (JW)

2 Apologies: none

3 Previous Minutes

No comments – one typo to be corrected as spotted by the secretary. The minutes were proposed for issue by JW and seconded by GBI. The minutes are to be placed on the CVRA website.

4 Matters Arising: None

5 Chairman's Report

5.1 Mike Ashton – Kevin noted that Mike's funeral had been a very fitting event, and one that was a fantastic send off for such an important character in village life.

5.2 Summer Garden Party – Kevin thanked all committee members and other helpers for making the event such a success. The event benefitted from good weather and had been well attended. The raffle had raised significant funds for the village, and Kevin expressed his thanks to Sandy for running this on the day. He also thanked Paul Carrol for his generous donation to the village of a barrel of real ale that had been well received. **Action: KM** to write to Paul and formally thank him. KM apologised to the catering team for a lack of flowers on the day to thank them for all their hard work, and promised to rectify this at some later date.

5.3 Bench at Dovecote – Kevin expressed his thanks to Terry Kerry for all the hard work that had resulted in the new bench being erected by the Dovecote. It was good to see this come together so swiftly. GB/TK confirmed that Mick Ackroyd had offered to renovate the other bench being stored in the Village Hall.

6 Treasurers Report

HH tabled the Treasurers Report and Summer Party summary sheet. The Summer Party had raised significant funds, with £603 of ticket sales, £186.50 bar profits and £268.36 being donated for the raffle. This was offset by food expenses of £315.01, and drinks bills of c. £125.00. It was noted that the £30 donation needed to be paid to JW for hire of the marquee. After discussion JW proposed that the raffle profits be added to and a £500.00 donation be made to the village hall car park fund. This was unanimously agreed by the committee.

The Treasurers report was then discussed. Donations and subscriptions in the sum of £15 had been received, along with a further £20 of tea towel sales. Events insurance for Late Summer Picnic and Garden party had been paid (£112.00), and expenses paid to the Secretary in the sum of £188.75 for printing newsletters and event drinks. KM had been paid £111.14 for drinks for the Fish and Chip Supper.

Bank balance: Current Account £1244.07

Deposit Account £1841.27

Accounts proposed by GBI, seconded PR, approved by the committee.

7 FROM HERE Secretaries Report

7.1 **Membership** – Following receipt of the latest members at the meeting GB confirmed the total membership as 281 – the highest since GB took on the role. KM confirmed that Barry Turner had joined for 2014.

7.2 **Website** – GBI queried whether the last newsletter had been sent to JB for upload. (GB now done). PB asked whether a Facebook page had been considered by the CVRA. GB and other members supported this move. **Action: PB** to investigate setting this up with a link from the website and advert in the newsletter.

8 Village Planning Matters:

8.1 **Reading Room** – GB confirmed that no action had been taken over the side gate, and no restriction placed on the Planning Permission. There was therefore no intent to do anything to remove the gate from the side passage. It was confirmed that the council had extended the date for starting work until the end of the year.

8.2 **Old Rectory** – GB updated the committee. There has been a delay as Mr Kumar now has a new contractor working with him that NCC have greater confidence in being able to deliver the required protection works on site. The Conservation officer Tom Street has met and has reached agreement with the owner to carry out the first significant works by the beginning of August. Post meeting note: Tom Street knows nothing further and has been on holiday – at the time of writing is chasing Mr Kumar.

Action: GB to chase

8.3 **Gravel Pit at Barton in Fabis** – KM advised that over 1000 objections had been registered, and that thanks had been passed back to Barton for their fantastic campaign. Over 40 were formally submitted by the CVRA on behalf of residents – this does not count those submitted direct by residents. There is to be a meeting on 5th September with Lillian Greenwood MP to discuss this matter as she has only just become fully aware of its scale and location. JW is available for 11.30-12pm only. **Action: KM** to talk to Julian Coles of Barton as he knows the subject well and would make the best representations. Graham Watson and Ed Peterson are also available to represent the village.

9 Neighbourhood Watch

The committee's thoughts remain with John S for a quick recovery from his time in hospital.

10 Social Events

10.1 **Late Summer Picnic.** Km confirmed that R;Ed had been booked to play for £300 following him visiting one of their performances. There are two members and they will both be playing acoustic guitar. Songs from the last 60 years. **Action: ALL** - Set up will be on Friday from 6pm. Sunday AM for removal of gazebos.

10.2 **Christmas Party.** KM confirmed that thanks to Clare Ashton the Village Hall was now free on Sunday for the party. Catering was discussed at length. Ed Peterson ably supported by his 'runner' Kevin McCormick have agreed to carry out an co-ordinate food purchases. **Action: EP/KM/GBI** Meeting to be held with Glenys to brief the new team on how to calculate quantities.

10.3 **Diary**

- Late Summer Picnic – Saturday 30th August from 2pm
- Christmas Tree Lighting – Sunday 7th December from 4pm (erection Saturday 6th from 9.30am)
- Christmas Party – Sunday 14th December from 12.30pm

11 AOB

11.1 **New Bench at Dovecote** – TK highlighted that the bin has been placed in the wrong place and says 'dog waste' – the committee agreed that these issues needed to be resolved. NCC have advised that it will cost £120 to move the bin as it is anchored in and all bins in NCC now say dog waste. **Action: TK** to discuss getting these issues resolved with NCC.

Commemorative Plaque was discussed. Form and text is agreed. It was agreed that TK would commission plaque fabrication and deposit would be paid by CVRA. **Action: TK and HH** to complete council funding forms to obtain council funding to support the plaque. Dates for presentation of plaque were discussed. Remembrance Sunday or Christmas Party are to be targeted due to lead in time for work on plaque.

- 11.2 Clifton Village Hall** – GB informed the committee that the final lease terms had been agreed and instruction had been given to prepare for signature. A meeting is being held with Laing o Rourke 30/7/14 to discuss possible community funding by LoR of the scheme, or a part of it. PR highlighted that the renovation work to the village hall had transformed the presentation of the building for bookings.
- 11.3 Garden Trail** – PR advised that the event had been a big success, with 54 people attending. The intention in 2015 will be to hold the event in May to allow gardens to be seen at different times. The format had been agreed to be more successful than an open garden as it allowed presenting home owners to visit other gardens during the day, rather than needing to stay at home.
- 11.4 Clifton Village Ladies Group** – HH highlighted to the committee that the Clifton Village Ladies was to be disbanded. Most committee members were not aware the group existed and it was noted that maybe some advertising, or a feature in the CVRA magazine may have helped boost awareness and support in the village. It was agreed to run a feature in the next newsletter on the group, possibly with an extract from a final speech / notes from the final meeting that is to be imminently held. **Action: HH/GB**
- 11.5 Area 8 Committee** – either KM or GB are to be nominated for acting as the CVRA representative at the Area 8 Council Committee which reviews local community matters and votes on how budgets such as local highways are spent in the Clifton Area. **Action: KM/GB** to discuss. *Post meeting note: KM has been nominated.*
- 11.6 Windows to 34 Village Road** – GBI queried whether any feedback had been offered by NCC on the replacement windows. **Action: GB** to check the situation with Chris Gibson.
- 12.0 Next Meeting** Tuesday 28th October 2014 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.