



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at 10 Nethergate  
On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 8 pm**

**1 Members Present:-**

Mr G Barker (GB), 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: Mr Phil Bull, Mrs G Blacknell**

**3 Previous Minutes**

JW noted that the entry made under 8.4 regarding the side gate was ambiguous. GB to correct. GB also to enquire with the council as to whether this is to be actioned. The minutes were proposed for issue by JW and seconded by EP. The minutes are to be placed on the CVRA website.

**4 Matters Arising: None**

**5 Chairman's Report**

**5.1 AGM Review** – The AGM was well attended, with numbers being boosted by the concerns over the gravel pit. KM said it was great to have found a solution to being able to accept Phil Bull onto the committee as a new member, whilst still being able to rely on the continued hard work of Simon Massarella on behalf of the village. General feedback was that Councillor Malcolm had not really added much to the proceedings as little positive progress was offered on any of the concerns raised. KM apologised to all for being caught off guard by the presence and input of Pamela Gupta from the hall, but advised the committee that he had since drafted a letter to Pamela, (following long discussion after the meeting) that we would circulate to the committee for their information. KM has advised Pamela that the CVRA is there to uphold the principles of the conservation area, and that it was for this reason that a written response had been made to the council. GB to ad ‘volunteers’ who came forward to the general CVRA contact database.

**5.2 Fish and Chip Supper** – The numbers had been slightly disappointing but probably predictable for a Bank Holiday but the event had been enthusiastically received nonetheless, and it was agreed would be on the calendar for 2015. It was noted that having slightly fewer people did make eating far more comfortable.

**5.3 Council Meeting** – KM noted that the CVRA had attended a generally positive meeting with Councillor Chris Gibson, Tom Street (Conservation) and Prairie Bryant of the councillor. The main points were:

- The Village Conservation Area guide is out of date and the council are going to look at whether it should be renewed and brought up to date.
- The Council has now started proceeding against Mr Kumar in regard to the Old Rectory. Legal documents to release the covenants are being progressed as Mr Kumar cannot legally build without this (has been unactioned for 2 ½ years of planning permission). Urgent Works notice being progressed. KM to communicate these points to Maurice Bonney as the most affected adjacent resident.
- Councillor Gibson is going to see whether the windows to Village Rd on Council property can be more discretely replaced with timber replicas rather than uPVC.
- The Reading Room has received planning and works should progress from here.
- GB to forward Conservation Area guide to committee for reference.



contact alternative performers. Feedback to KM for discussion.

### 10.3 **Diary**

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

## 11 **AOB**

**11.1 Gravel Pit Proposals** – GB advised that the consultation ends on 12<sup>th</sup> July. After long discussion it was agreed that a pack of information would be distributed when members sell tickets for the Summer Garden Party. **GB to organise.** This would include forms and weblink for people to fill out on line.

**11.2 Clifton Village Hall** – GB informed the committee that planning had been granted for the scheme and that final negotiations were now taking place on the NTU lease. Tender drawings for the car-park are in preparation to allow works to be ready to start ASAP. **Simon Massarella** has suggested contacting Laing O Rourke re. Possible community funding. **GB** to chase Vinci for similar (tram contractor). Both are to be pursued.

**11.3 Replacement Benches to Village Green** – JW advised the committee that Paul Carrol had been in touch with Laing O Rourke and they had confirmed that were prepared to contribute to renovation of the benches on the green as a ‘community project’ in lieu of the A453 disruption. This would take the form of a new concrete base. The committee agreed that Paul was to be congratulated for this initiative. Mick Ackroyd had offered to renovate the bench that was broken. The proposal is then to procure a memorial plaque to be sited on this for the 1<sup>st</sup> WW centenary.

**11.4 Offer of Catering** – EP advised that Paul Carrol of Village Road had offered to organise a Hog Roast on behalf of the village. This was positively supported by the committee and it was agreed to fit this into the 2015 summer calendar as an additional event if this is possible. To be arranged nearer to the time. **Action: EP** to convey CVRA thanks and positive feedback.

**12.0 Next Meeting**                      Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.