



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at 10 Nethergate
On Wednesday 4th February 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),

2 Apologies: Mr J Woodall (JW)

3 Previous Minutes

No comments. The minutes were proposed for issue by PR and seconded by GBI. The minutes are to be placed on the CVRA website.

4 Matters Arising: GB gave an update on the potential bollards to protect the village green from travellers. NCC have authorised funding for obtaining legal counsel to check status of works to green and GB will liaise with Chris Gibson and Prairie Bryant for the results of this to keep things moving.

5 Chairman's Report

5.1 Christmas Events. KM thanked Ed for all his hard work in managing the catering for the Christmas Party. Ed in turn thanked Glenys for all her support and guidance on how to go about this. It was agreed that the event and catering were a great success with a good turn-out, but not so packed as to be uncomfortable. Comment was passed that people did start to pack up early and leave but this effort make the end of the day easier for the committee members who were helping out. The Christmas Tree lighting was well attended once again and thanks were expressed to a somewhat depleted but efficient tree erection team.

5.2 Burns Night – as part of the general event discussions PR suggested that a Burns Night event could be run in 2016. To be kept on the agenda for new events for discussion later in the year.

5.3 Old Rectory – All agreed that it was good to see proper action being taken on the Old Rectory, with works to replace the roof ongoing. GB advised that the village petition had been welcomed by the council and had helped to encourage the owner to take action. Over and above the positive letter of response from NCC to the petition the CVRA had been informed that Mr Kumar should also be carrying out the required works to the garden to clear vegetation close to the house and secure window openings. This is NOT enactment of his planning permission but this could be expected to take place in the form of new foundation for one of the three new properties in the grounds before the planning expiry date in May. This will then secure the right to build out this permission in perpetuity. The CVRA are to continue regular communication with NCC on progress and keep the pressure on the owner to replace the render if this can be secured.

5.4 Clifton Hall Drive – The committee were advised that the management group on Clifton Hall Drive had transferred a strip of land to Clifton Hall which was part of the disputed area where trees had been planted without planning permission.

6 Treasurers Report

HH tabled the Treasurers Report and accounts summary sheet.

HH advised that 90 tickets had been sold for the Christmas party with ticket sales amounting to £528.00. A further £46.00 was taken on the day. Food and Drinks bills amounted to £427.56 leaving a profit of £146.44 to be banked. It was noted that this was a good balance to pay for the Village Christmas Tree which had cost £120.00. £45.00 has been received for newsletter adverts and the Christmas Card dona-

tions amounted to £185.00. It was agreed by the committee that this should be gifted to the Village Hall trust to support the Car Park Fund.

Three new members had joined raising a further £3.

Bank balance: Current Account £645.52 Deposit Account £1841.27
Accounts proposed by EP, seconded PR, approved by the committee.

7 Secretaries Report

- 7.1 Membership** – Following receipt of the latest members at the meeting GB confirmed the total membership as 288.
- 7.2 Newsletter** – GB advised that the next newsletter will be geared up for publication for the end of February. A feature has been secured from Clifton Village Cricket Club in the form of a history of the club. **Action:** All committee members are to forward relevant information for inclusion by the end of the month.
- 7.3 Facebook** – Facebook details had been distributed to the committee prior to the meeting and all agreed that this was a great addition to the CVRA communications within the village and would be excellent for giving quick updates to people. PB agreed to continue leading on hosting this and it was agreed that a short ‘learning session’ be set up for the next meeting so everyone could understand the basic operation and how to contribute. Photos and content can be emailed to PB for uploading. A link will be placed on Facebook to the village website and vice versa.
- 7.4 Website** – GB agreed to set up a Dropbox for the larger CVRA files and invite all CVRA committee members to this so that larger documents such as photos from events could be uploaded and everyone would be able to share and download them. GB is to make contact Carol Batters of Groveside to discuss the website and what they are prepared to contribute in time and ideas. This should include up to date events. **GB to action.**
- 7.5 Noticeboard** – It was agreed that a banner would be placed in the Noticeboard to advertise the link to Facebook and the village website. **GB to action.**

8 Village Planning Matters:

- 8.1 Reading Room** – The recent activity was warmly welcomed by the committee. GB to keep in communication with Tom Street over the lack of submission of large scale details that are required and would allow the council to insist on conservation style details and rainwater goods.
- 8.2 Sale of Lands opposite Village Green** – GB highlighted that thanks to the keen eye of Roy Nettleship it has become clear that NCC are in the process of selling off open space in front of the Tesco garage opposite the green. Although little is known the suspicion is that this only has value if the council are willing to support development work – which could only really be some form of retail similar to Mcdonalds. **Action - GB** to try and find out what the story is from the agents and feed back to the committee so that appropriate canvassing / action can be taken.
- 8.3 Access to Village Bus Stop due to A453 work** – Concern has been raised regarding the route from the westbound bus stop into the village as it will involve quite a detour west and then across multiple crossing points at the new roundabout. The concern is that people will take a short cut across the road to reach the far closer village footpath. GB to obtain a drawing of the finished roundabout so that this can be understood. The resolution being to raise this with the council and highways agency as a major safety concern if the layout looks like this will happen.
- 8.4 Barton in Fabis Gravel Pit** – GB outlined how he had received information from Julian Coles of Barton regarding the Gravel pit and that further technical detail had been submitted in December to support Barton’s bid. Of great concern this new submission includes 10 hectares of land in the city boundary, closer to the village. GB has urgently raised this issue with Councillor Chris Gibson as we understand that NCC may have little control over such a proposal without a plan policy in place.

9 Neighbourhood Watch

TK advised the committee that John Spencer is looking to stand down from his position as neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. KM is to discuss this important village position with John and sound out a possible replacement to ensure good links with the police are maintained.

10 Social Events

10.1 **Lecture Series – The following was agreed:**

- Tickets to be sold at £2.50. A free drink would be included.
- CVRA are willing to sell books for George Green lecture if Fran is willing to sell them. Eileen to discuss with Fran.
- Two dates are fixed as 23rd March and 20th April. GB to enquire as to whether a third can be added in May for Jill Barker to re-run her inaugural professorial lecture.
- Pat Rice confirmed that she has a screen that could be used, but it was agreed by all to ask speakers to provide their own projector in the first instance to avoid ‘technical’ problems
- GB will print tickets and flyers for distribution.
- TK will investigate an additional lecture regarding Wilford that has been positively received.

10.2 Wine and Cheese Evening - after long discussion it was resolved that EP would speak to Binn Ends about supplying wine with extra to sell for the evening. If possible this would include a short presentation of each wine with tasting notes. *Post meeting note: EP has checked and Binn Ends can supply wine and tasting notes but Mr Binns is away on holiday so cannot attend himself.*

10.3 **Diary**

- Wine and Cheese Evening – 14th March– 8pm
- George Green Lecture – 23 March 7.30pm
- The Woolley Diaries – Lecture – 20th April 7.30pm
- CVRA AGM – Thursday 14th May – 7.30pm
- Fish and Chip Supper – 30th May – 7.30pm
- Summer Garden Party – 19th July – 12.30pm. Graeme Watson is to lead on the catering. Posters were circulated.
- KM to discuss Late Summer Picnic with Maurice and Diva. It was agreed that live entertainment was still wanted but that some background music would help between sets.

11 AOB

11.1 WW1 Memorial and Dedication Service. TK advised that due to support from local business all catering for the Memorial had been funded. It was proposed that the agreed funding be re-directed to pay the British Legion for the wreath they had provided for the village. It was unanimously agreed by the committee that £25 would be paid to the British Legion for this.

11.2 Clifton Village Hall – GB informed the committee that tender documents had been issued and that the programme was for a contractor to be on site in May / June 2015.

12.0 Next Meeting Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.