



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green
On Wednesday 4th May at 8 pm**

1 Members Present:-

Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mrs P Moore (PM), Dr R Smith (RS), Mr J Woodall (JW), Mr G Barker (GB)

2 Apologies: Ms M MacKechnie, Mr J Spencer

3 Previous Minutes

No comments received. Minutes proposed for issue by JW, seconded by RS. **Action: GB** to forward a copy to GB for placement on the website.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Treasurers Report.

HH tabled the accounts report. HH advised that a further £25 had been received for the Christmas Card and that a payment of £135.00 had been made to the Clifton Village Hall Trust for the total amount raised in this regard.

Licencing for events had been completed with Nottingham City Council costing £42.00. A cheque for £50.00 had been handed to Rebecca Massarella for 'Project Ghana'. **Action: HH** is to complete the event insurance for the Summer Garden Party and Late Summer Picnic.

Bank balance: Current Account £678.96

Deposit Account £1088.63

The Treasurers Report was proposed by JW and seconded by KM.

A payment of £80.00 was made to GB for Newsletter printing costs.

4.2 Planning Matters

4.2.1 The Old Rectory. Concern was expressed by the committee that following the winter the rectory no longer appeared to be watertight. It was also highlighted that there had been a number of break ins at the property by local children. **Action: GB** to check with English Heritage and Listed Building Officer to see if any enforcement action can be taken to secure and protect the property. *Post meeting note: yes – and Peter Smith (NCC – Listed Building Officer) has visited and property has been made secure.*

4.2.2 Reading Room: KM advised that he had accepted an offer from Ed Peterson of the village to carry out essential maintenance works to the exterior of the Reading Room to prevent further damage inside. Both KM and Ed had been in contact with the Local Authority but NCC have not to date made it clear who is responsible within the council for the property. **Action: KM** is raise

this issued with Councillor Ian Malcolm.

- 4.2.3 **Other Village Planning Matters:** JW reported to the committee that the only application of note over the last period within the village was a Retrospective application for retention of stables at Home Farm. No comments were raised on this.
- 4.2.4 It was noted that there is likely to be an application lodged in the near future for redevelopment of the Old Man of Trent. Current options include a restaurant, shops, or a possible Macdonalds. Members observed that this was outside of the village boundaries but it was highlighted that such a facility could encourage littering from takeaways being taken onto the green and down to the river. **Action: all members** to look out for any application in this area.
- 4.2.5 RS highlighted that the consultation was ongoing for the Wind Turbines and that feedback from attendance at a recent meeting was that this was highly likely to proceed to planning. It was agreed by a majority of members that this did not directly affect the village and that any objection or representations would be best left to individuals.
- 4.3 **Newsletter.** GB proposed that the next newsletter would be prepared for issue by the beginning of July to ensure publicity of the Summer Garden party. **Action: All members** to prepare articles for insertion by the next meeting.
- 4.3.1 KM highlighted what a success the Ashtons Royal Wedding event had been, and thought that it would be good to include a feature on this. **Action: GB** to raise with Mike and Clare to see whether they would be prepared to write a piece for inclusion.
- 4.3.2 KM also suggested that it would be good to include something on the Easter programme at St Marys. **Action: GB** to raise this with Mike and Clare.
- 4.3.3 KM confirmed that he had £30 for adverts for the newsletter. **Action: KM** to pass money to HH and details to GB for inclusion in the newsletter.
- 4.4 **CVRA Membership.** GB reported that all members had returned lists and money with the exception of Margaret. GB confirmed at this stage that overall numbers are very similar to last year (c. 255 members). **Action: GB** to collate list for AGM and pass monies to HH.
- 4.5 **Neighbourhood Watch** A number of members raised the issue of increasingly frequent break-ins by youths at the Old Rectory. **Action: All members** to be vigilant in keeping an eye on activity around the property.
- 4.5.1 Large gangs of youths have been seen roaming through the village on the way to the river. *Post meeting note: This was confirmed by Darren White at the AGM as being the groups of youths meeting to fight with their 'rivals' in Beeston Rylands at the weir.* **Action: All members** to report any such activity to the police as soon as it is seen.
- 4.5.2 Hawkers have recently been seen in the village. **Action: All members** to report such visits directly to the police as they are aware of this problem and want to catch those responsible as it often is accompanied by burglary, either at the same time or later.
- 4.6 **Website and Notice Board** **Action: GB** is to forward the last meeting minutes to Jonathon Blacknell for inclusion on the website. **Action: KM and GB** committed to tidying up, re-

decorating and securing the village notice board over the coming months.

4.7 Social Events

- 4.7.1 **Fish and Chip Supper.** Lists and numbers were confirmed by all members present. The latest estimate was that around 70 people had bought tickets. **Action: All** – final returns to GB by the end of the week. It was confirmed that the ticket price includes a complimentary drink. **Action: KM** to purchase further red wine to ensure sufficient ‘stock’ for event. **Action: GB** to check bar list for latest price of wine per bottle. This is thought to be £6. *Post meeting note: this is correct.* **Action: GB** following the recent theft from the Village Hall GB agreed to store any residual stock from the event. KM requested assistance to setting up room. **Action: GB** agreed to assist. **Action: GBI** to check whether glasses are sufficient for use. **Action: GB** to give KM cash from ticket sales on Fish and Chips to allow food to be paid for on the night.
- 4.7.2 **Village Summer Garden Party.** Date confirmed as the 24th July was agreed by the committee. **Action: GB** to reflect in village correspondence. **Action: GB** - Ticket prices were agreed at £5 for adults and £3 for children. First drink will be complimentary on presentation of ticket. Time as last year.
- 4.7.3 **Late Summer Picnic. Action: GB** - Date now confirmed as the 10th September. Following discussion it was agreed that the entertainment would be kept the same for this year, but following a proposal from KM variety would be introduced in 2012 to maintain interest.
- 4.7.4 **Other events.** A Jubilee Street Party has been suggested for 2012. Date for the diary 2nd – 5th June. (<http://www.royal.gov.uk/LatestNewsandDiary/Pressreleases/2010/TheQueensDiamondJubilee2012.aspx>)
- 4.7.5 **Diary**
- Village Summer Garden Party Sunday 24th July.
 - Late Summer Picnic Saturday 10th September
 - Christmas Tree and Carols Sunday 4th December
 - Christmas Party Sunday 11th December

5 AOB

- 5.1 University Parking continues to be a problem along Village Road. **Action: GB** to liaise with RS to write to NTU to request that they address this.
- 5.2 There is a possibility that the parking to the Village Hall may be solved by proposals for a new car park. More details on this will be given at the Village Hall Trust AGM.
- 5.3 Following the theft of CVRA beverages from the Village Hall it was agreed that a stock count would be kept following each event. This would also allow such assets to be tracked in the CVRA accounts. **Action: GB/KM** to count and advise HH of value for accounting.
- 5.4 KM confirmed that a marquee had been purchased on behalf of the CVRA for £179.00. It was agreed that at this stage this would be kept CVRA and associated official event use only.
6. **Next Meeting** Tuesday 21st June at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.