



Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at 9, Leabrook Close Clifton Village on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 8 pm

1. Glenys Blackburn(GB) Helen Huffer(HH) Kath Kay(KK Ed Peterson(EP) Pat Rice(PR)  
James Royston(JR) John Woodall(JW)

2. Apologies from Phil Bull (PB)

3. Previous Minutes: Minutes were proposed by JW, seconded by GB and approved by the committee as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

On the matter of 'village parking' JW confirmed that Clare Ashton had a meeting with the main contractor working on the Old Rectory site. It was agreed that some of the contractor's employees should be allowed to park behind the Village Hall. This was well received by the contractors to the extent they have offered to repair the drive into the Car Park, which has suffered significant settlement.

5. Chairwoman's Report

PR welcomed the two prospective committee members, being Sam Ward and Julie Reid.

PR reflected on December being a busy month with the tree to erect, Carol singing and the Christmas party to organise. PR mentioned the fact that we were offered a Christmas tree by Jill and Marshall from Farriers Green, with significant saving to the CVRA. EP arranged the tree felling and transport over to Cross Hill. A good number of bodies came along to help erect the tree on the 7<sup>th</sup>, being the usual helpers and PR wished to thank all involved.

There was a very good turn out the following day, for the tree lighting and Carol singing. Again, PR thanked the regular team of helpers for the smooth running of the event.

Once again thank you to Keith Youlden for kindly allowing us to use the electrics for the tree lights from his home, monitored by Roy from across the road.

PR felt, with others, that the height of the tree was ideal, and this should be noted for any future ordering of a tree. The matter of future use of the electric power from Keith should be discussed later this year.

The 2019 Christmas party was deemed to be a success. Reducing the numbers of tickets for sale made for a better experience for those able to attend, meaning that people had more space to move around. The food was excellent, as always, and the following entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Glenys was highly relieved to hear that finally someone was happy to take on her catering role. Karen Garnon has accumulated a team willing to help and that, together with the list of foods and quantities that Glenys has passed on, has given them the confidence to take over.

For this summer's garden party Graeme Watson has offered his services once more. PR will get in touch with him and Karen once a date has been settled.

PR expressed her many, many, thanks once again to Glenys and Kath and their team for all their hard work over the many years that they have held the reins, in the catering sense - a hard act to follow! These thanks were endorsed by the whole committee.

## 6. Treasurers report

HH raised the matter of the criteria for obtaining a drinks licence for our events. It was acknowledged that if the cost of the drink is in the ticket and no exchange of money for drink takes place then this means that a licence is not required for that particular event. This matter was raised in the context of the coming summer party when there could be a 'Pimm's tent', for example. Otherwise each individual will bring their own alcoholic drinks.

HH confirmed the following, concerning the Christmas Party.

Money received from Christmas Party	£562.11
Expenses	<u>£421.46</u>
<b>Excess</b>	<b>£140.65</b>

For the record, concerning numbers present.

The funds received for the Christmas Party included:

Adults 77 @ £6.00	462.00
Children 4no. @ £3.00	12.00
Donations from others	<u>88.11</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£562.11</b>

The CVRA Account Balance now stands at £3,741.60

The proposal for acceptance of the Treasurers report was made by JW and seconded by KK.

## 7. Secretaries Report

EP mentioned the contribution from his 'help' with the Christmas Tree. Pete (the gardener) had used his vehicle to collect a wood pallet that the tree was to be carried on and also provided his chainsaw for the event and his physical help. EP suggested a contribution of £20.00, as payment for his involvement. The Committee agreed and acknowledged the overall saving to the CVRA funds.

## **8. Planning Matters**

### **8.1 The Old Rectory**

The main contractor is struggling with a very tight site and is glad to have the space for employee vehicles by using a few spaces in the Village Hall Car Park.

Mud taken onto the village road from the site appears to be conscientiously cleaned.

A problem with Bats coming out of hibernation and re-roosting in a part of the old house has meant that this part has been closed off from any work. It will probably be March/April before they can be moved back to their new accommodation.

### **8.2 Hawksley Gardens and development of the University Land**

PR confirmed that meetings with Andrew Rule and Roger Steel have served to emphasise that the site will most probably go ahead, and it is a matter of making every effort to mitigate the impact.

EP had a brief discussion with Graeme Barker who has also confirmed his opinion that the site will go ahead.

Highways England have ruled out any possible access via the Mill Hill roundabout onto the site and therefore it is a matter of discussion through Highways England as to how the traffic lights at the Crusader roundabout will be altered to allow for increased traffic.

Highways England have said that they will further investigate the matter of car-flow and time of delay at the lights on Hawksley Gardens.

The 6 counties document (The 6 C's) is no longer used by Nottingham City Council and Nottingham Councils own planning rules are now accepted as the basis for interpretation and operation of planning processes. This means that the addition of an extra entrance/exit, which may have been necessary under the old 6 Counties rules, will not be required under the now-accepted Nottingham City guidance.

It is proposed that the bridleway will be covered with a raised paviour-blocks-area which will allow access by both horses and cars approaching from different directions. It will be interesting to see how realistic this approach will be in practice.

Charles Hunt and his colleague Lance, from Barton Green, are heading the efforts to do what they can to reduce the impact of the proposed housing on the existing estate. They are meeting separately to gather support from the area and are including PR in ongoing meetings, when felt worthwhile.

The last meeting took place at the Clifton Village Hall during one of Andrew Rule's monthly evening surgeries. Leading the meeting was PR. EP was also present.

### **8.3 Barton in Fabis - The Gravel Works**

Julian Coles has previously reported to PR that nothing will happen until August this year.

### **8.4. University Lighting**

KK is directly affected by the University Sports grounds lighting. KK commented that the NTU (Nottingham Trent University) spent £2,000 with having a tree planted in the summer 2019 and owing to dry weather, and the tree not being looked after by being watered, it died. It has not been replaced. A barrier has been erected to stop the strobing effect of the lights through the trees.

120 signatures have been obtained to complain about the lighting and passed to the Nottingham Council. The City Council had been approached by NTU to extend the lighting from 9.00 pm to 10.00 pm. The 120 signatures represented a petition to not allow the extension of lighting hours.

The lighting has been used up until 10.20 pm in the past. Since the beginning of this year the University Sports area has stopped using its facilities after 9.00 pm. This was the original agreement, made by NTU to Nottingham City Council for the lights to be allowed at all.

### **8.5 Parking to Holgate**

JW commented that there is significant parking by contractors working on the University site and perhaps also from the Old rectory site, although room is available at the Village Hall.

JW suggested parking permits as a solution which was supported by KK.

It is known that Dr. Nigel Cartwright has made several petitions to Dr Peck at the NTU and also to Lilian Greenwood. Our two councillors, Andrew and Nigel, both confirm that the Nottingham City will only act when funds are available, and this will certainly not be the case in this financial year.

It is accepted by the CVRA that parking restrictions are needed and that when considering that the Church is used in a limited way for weddings and funerals special arrangements could be made to satisfy that small demand/requirement. Parking permits as mentioned may be a solution. JW, GB and KK reinforced the notion that permits held by residents to pass to parking-visitors would be solution.

PR raised the idea that Nigel Cartwright could be on the committee. It was agreed amongst everyone that although in principle this is a possibility it would be better that a specific group meet to discuss and take forward the single issue of parking. Nigel Cartwright could then be included in that group.

## 9. Neighbourhood Watch

JR commented that his car was accessed (not broken into) and a small item stolen. JR wondered if CTV footage might be available from other properties.

JR mentioned the 'Nextdoor' hub that is used to gather like-minded people around a central hub where neighbours share helpful information.

HH asked how the cameras worked on Gervais Gardens. Sam Ward commented that the camera was useful and for example when fire at the Rectory happened, individuals were recorded coming off the site. Police, apparently, commented that they knew them.

Sam mentioned that a limited number of cameras are available through the Council. In the case of the Gervais camera there is specific dispensation for its use on terms set by the Leasehold of the Gervais collective.

HH would be interested to know if a camera at the Fisherman's car-park would be useful, if only for entertainment to observe Pot-smokers.

## Social Events

The Fish & Chip supper will not be held this year and is to be replaced with VE day celebrations.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday.

VE Day country – wide celebrations will be heralded at:

2.55 pm with last post followed by Reveille.

3.00 pm Pipers playing (Battles O'er`).

JW commented he would find a Bugler. There will be a cost. (Since the meeting JW has found a Bugler)

JR observed that the Bar would not be a problem and could enhance this with a Pimm's Bar. Mrs Julie Reid was warmed by the idea of a drink and spoke of food items to be sold with free glasses of Pimm's. JR pondered the concept and concluded that bringing one's own food may be preferable. In all, there was hearty discussion with thoughts of happy, blissfully warm summer days and Pimm's - and a Bank Holiday to boot.

The upshot was that KK suggested a sub-committee to develop ideas and settle such needs as tables from the Village Hall.

**The committee would meet on March 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.**

It would consist of a merry four - GB , JR, PB and PR

The Summer Garden Party was fixed for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July with JW willingly offering his garden and expansive orchard. Graham will be available to help with catering.

### **Quiz and Curry Night. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

EP confirmed he was happy to arrange this and will no doubt call upon support, particularly for tasting curry recipes.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Village Sign.**

The Village sign project is being looked after by PB. A previous email with PB suggested he was taking various photos to summarise iconic items in the village for use within the sign.

There still appears to be some uncertainty as to what form of sign the Village is asking for. Should this be enamelled, or a metal silhouette was still being raised as question.

#### **The Dovecote**

PR has been contacted by Chris Gibson, who was a Nottingham City Councillor. He is now involved in a historic building trust. Chris has described to PR that this Charity would be interested to take on the Clifton Village Dovecote.

This is a very timely intervention and EP showed the various photos he had taken of the Dovecote at Wollaton. These show how that Dovecote is used for educational purposes and also made available for visitors by a local couple who are 'guardians' and open up the Dovecote whenever people are interested to visit.

This is excellent news and we await developments with keen interest.

### **Events 2020**

Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub Committee meeting for VE Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April CVRA Meeting 8.00 pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May VE Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May AGM. 8.00 pm

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July Summer Garden Party

Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> Quiz and Curry night



