



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green  
On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 8 pm**

**1 Members Present:-**

Mr G Barker (GB), Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr Terry Kay (TK), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mr S Massarella (SM), Mrs P Rice (PR), Mr J Woodall (JW)

**2 Apologies: Mr J Spencer, Mr S Massarella**

**3 Previous Minutes**

No comments made. The minutes were proposed for issue by GBI and seconded by HH.

**4 Matters Arising: None were raised from the previous minutes.**

**5 Chairman's Report**

- 5.1 Parking Restrictions** – KM observed that the parking restrictions had been positively received by the villagers he had spoken to. PR did note that some students have been able to park on Parklands Close by avoiding the listed hours. This will continue to be monitored. KM has written to Martin Bee to thank him for his hard work and to continue dialogue on funding of permits.
- 5.2 Village Green** – KM advised that Councillor Alex Norris could no longer attend the AGM to discuss the councils proposals as he is double booked. KM in dialogue on organising a suitable alternative date. **Action: GB:** Flyer to be issued to village to communicate this. KM noted that the council had 'gone cold' on these proposals, noting that there were no identifiable costs that could be set out to justify capital spending. GB/SM noted this was a big change in position from the council meeting in 2012. KM to pursue with Alex Norris.
- 5.3 Police Vehicle Inspections on the Village Green.** Several villagers have complained about police parking on the green to inspect cars being pulled off the A453, with instances of HGV's being turned on the grass due to lack of space, causing damage to the ground. **Action: KM** to raise with the police commissioner.
- 5.4 Relocation of Clifton Police Station.** KM advised that he had received no response to his letter to the Police Commissioner on this and would chase this up.
- 5.5 Tree works to Clifton Grove – meeting feedback.** KM noted that the meeting had been a very useful session, with a wide range of views being expressed by c. 50 attendees. TK noted that a letter had since been from the Wildlife Trust offering to organise a walk around the sites affected on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, setting off from Holgate Car-park at 18:30. **Action: GB** - CVRA to publicise to all in flyer. Roy Nettle-ship is to chair the village group to liaise with the Wildlife Trust on this. A suggested committee meeting date of the 20<sup>th</sup> May has been identified for their first meeting.

**6 Treasurers Report**

HH tabled the village accounts.

HH advised that the only payment in the last reporting period was for the payment of £105.00 for the village Christmas tree. Licences have been applied for to cover the Fish and Chip supper and Summer Garden Party. Insurance renewals have been received for the Summer Garden Party and the Late Summer Pincic. The books have been submitted to the auditor. HH is to forward the results to GB for inclusion in AGM information pack.

Bank balance: Current Account £784.29

Deposit Account £1090.39

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

## 7 Secretaries Report

7.1 **AGM** – Despite the council not being able to attend it was agreed that the time would remain as 7.30pm.

7.2 **Notices**– Previous minutes have been issued for publication on website. GB highlighted that the advertisers are due for renewal **Action: ALL** - It would be good to find some new ones to sponsor the publication.

7.3 **CVRA Membership** – Membership packs were handed out for return before the 28<sup>th</sup> April.

## 8 Village Planning Matters:

8.1 **34 Village Road.** It was noted that there were rumours that a retrospective planning application had been lodged to leave the door as it is. KM to discuss with Ian Malcolm. *Post meeting note: During GB discussion with Ian Malcolm he advised that a submission against the planning condition had been made for a replacement door, but this had been rejected by the case officer. He understands that a further proposal is awaited so hopes this situation will be resolved and new door put in soon.*

8.2 **NTU Sports Field.** TK advised dialogue continues with Ann Scotney of NTU, and that the University have confirmed that tree removals have now been actioned and soil movements are to start by summer. Pre-start planning conditions still to be submitted include the habitat creation, acoustic fencing and mitigation planting and that NTU are being accommodating on these at this time.

8.3 **Reading Room.** Following discussion GB is to raise an enquiry with the Estates Department to ensure the sale of the Reading Room includes clauses to protect the notice board and ensures works commence within set date to avoid the situation found at the Rectory.

## 9 Neighbourhood Watch

PR highlighted that late night occupation of the bench on the Green was causing disturbance to the local residents, and enquired as to whether it could be moved by the council to mitigate this. The general consensus was that this was unlikely but JS is to raise this issue with the local police.

GB noted that motorbikes have again been observed riding along the Nethergate bridlepath. Residents are to ring the police if this is seen again.

GBI / PR noted that Cars have been scratched when parked at the village hall. A note will be included in the flyer to raise awareness of this with residents as bookings and therefore income for this community resource are being affected.

## 10 Social Events

10.1 **Fish and Chip Supper.** KM advised that Fish and Chip supply had been agreed at £2.50 per head. GB has checked and there is no afternoon booking so the room will be set out at 2.30-3pm for the evening. GB has confirmed bar stock to KM. It was agreed that the room would be put right early on Sunday morning. **Action:** Help would be useful for this.

10.2 **Summer Garden Party.** JW has confirmed that the marquee is booked.

10.3 **Late Summer Picnic.** GBI advised that she has spoken to Maurice and Diva and the 31<sup>st</sup> August is the preferred date. This was agreed by the committee. **Action: GB** to check and book hall with Barry.

## Diary

