



**Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association Wednesday 13th September 2023
at 10 Nethergate Clifton Village**

Those present

The meeting was chaired by Pat Rice.

Phil Bull (PB) Pat Rice (PR) Christine Dalby (CD) Helen Huffer (HH) Ed Peterson (EP) John Woodall (JW) Julie Reid (JRd) Graeme Barker (GB)

Apologies from James Royston

Actions

1 Previous minutes

Minor grammatical comments made on the minutes. No other comments. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting by JR and seconded by JW.

GB to place on website

2 Matters arising

2.1 *Village Green Maintenance Costs.* PB and EP had obtained costs for maintenance of the nearby Gervase Gardens and local gardener. Gervase pay £400 per month for grass cutting and maintenance for Gervase. EP had received a quote of £140 to cut around the bollards with a strimmer. It was agreed these would be placed on record but no further action taken at this time. See section 8 for further on the Village Green.

note

2.2 *Police Contact Details.* PR confirmed that these were still correct from the last newsletter, with David Faulconbridge and John Cooper as additional contacts, as well as PC Jane Gibson who is new to the area. The full team is confirmed as : PCSO – Martin Fisher and Melissa Starmer, PC David Faulconbridge, Jane Gibson, Jon Cooper and Kane Dunker. Steve Dalby is the sectional lead. PR advised that Clifton Village is 'City South' , a large area including The Meadows and St Anns as well as Clifton.

GB to check noticeboard

2.3 *Advertisements in the Newsletter.* GB advised that no takers had come forward from current user groups.

All to direct those wanting adverts to GB for Newsletter

3 Chairwoman's report - See attached report in Appendix.

Additional Notes – Garden Party was moved to the hall due to weather. No adverse comments were raised about this, with the event generally being a success. The committee expressed thanks to the wider catering team led by

Kath and Glenys, with help from many other villagers including Helen Huffer in preparing for the day. Road Re-surfacing – the committee understand that Village Road is being re-surfaced early in October.

4 Treasurers Report - See attached report in Appendix.

note

The Summer Garden Party achieved £750 in ticket sales and a further £147.55 in bar takings. Expenses amounted to £413.66 on food, £89 on events insurance and drinks licence and £223.16 on bar stock. An event surplus of £171.73.

During this reporting period Money in = £450.41 and money out £790.66 with the account balance standing at £3537.12

The report was approved by JW and seconded by JR

5 Secretary Report

It was agreed that a newsletter would be prepared and printed for the end of September. Members with content to include are to forward this to GB for inclusion. **GB** – to chase content from Clare Ashton including Church dates for Christmas. **PR** to prepare Chairwoman’s notes. **ALL** – to produce village notes on issues such as Dovecote, Village Green, Road Re-surfacing, Defibrillator. Forward photos of Open Gardens and Summer Garden party for inclusion. To be printed in Ruddington.

GB to produce newsletter for issue by end of September
ALL - send content to GB by 22/09/23

6 Topics for Discussion

6.1 *The Dovecote* – EP noted that no response had been received Toby Ebbs on the potential funding streams that were being explored.

EP to chase response by end of month

6.2 *The Village Green* – This significant issue was discussed at length. PB and JR have met with the local team and Corall Jenkins (councillor) to discuss the issues with the council.

Key points and actions arising have been grouped for clarity:

- 1) Village Green – It is understood that the council need to install a drop bollard to get the larger grass cutting machine (Goliath) in. It was agreed to wait and see whether this happens, although it is unlikely to be resolved until the next cutting season. JRd / PB / PR to continue to consult with council on timing for this to happen.
- 2) Triangle on Village Green – this has not been cut but it was confirmed that a working group would be required from the village to rake clear grass cuttings to ensure that the existing grass doesn’t benefit from the additional nutrients. JR/ PB to confirm dates for this so this can be organised
- 3) Area adjacent to Reading Room – EP, JRd and PR agreed to tidy this areas on Saturday 15/09/23 (AM) to tidy up the area of soft ground behind the footpath adjacent to the NTU entrance.
- 4) General village paths and verges in public domain. The council had acknowledged that these were not in a fit state with Corral’s response being described by PB and JRd as ‘shocked’. Although it should be acknowledged that some areas identified had been cleared and that

JRd / PB / PR

Note for all

EP / PR

JRd / PB / PR

additional weed spraying had taken place since Corall's visit, pressure is to continue to be placed on council team to address these spaces and monitored.

- 5) General Working Group – A group to be organised to subsequently clear weeds in that and other common areas such as edge of footpaths and pavements, similar to how the litter pick system works. EP/PB to draft an appeal for the newsletter setting out the need for a working party to help maintain key village spaces.

EP/PB

- 6.3 *The Village Hall* - GB advised the group that the programmed building project had been halted until 2024 due to the preferred builder coming in over £25,000 over budget prior to contract. The Village Hall Trust had agreed to defer the project for a competitive tender process in the spring of 2024. The Planning Permission will also be renewed as this will now expire prior to project start on site.

GB to renew planning

The Hall has also lodged a subsidence claim with their insurers due the right hand gable moving. This claim is active with the insurance company and being investigated.

- 6.4 *Barton Green Planning Permission* – PR and GB agreed that there had been no further update from the Council on the Planning Application, and they would continue to watch for when this goes to Planning Committee for determination. It was noted by members that a large sign from the developer had been erected adjacent to the site advertising the ‘coming development.’

PR and GB to continue to monitor planning committee

7 Social Events

- 7.1 *Wine Tasting – 28th October 2023* - 7.30pm for an 8pm start. EP confirmed that he had preparations for the Wine tasting evening on the 28th October well in hand. Wine has been purchased and it was agreed that bottles would be divided between 12 for each tasting, 6 tastings in total. GB agreed to provide cheese platters etc – to be guided by the event sommelier with Stilton, Brie, Cheddar being requested by members. Tickets were agreed at £10 with a target sale of 50-60. GB to prepare tickets for the end of the month.

GB to issue tickets by 30/9/23

Post Meeting Note – it has been highlighted that the event clashes with a Concert at the Church – to be discussed urgently

- 7.2 *Remembrance Day – 11th November – 11am*. CD advised that she had been unable to make contact with the pipe, but will continue to pursue this. A fallback of recorded music was discussed. JR offered to liaise with Clare Ashton about a member of the clergy to host the event.

CD to chase piper for the event and wreath.
JRd to talk to Clare about Church

- 7.3 *Christmas tree and carols – 3rd December* – HH to confirm cost from Mr Christmas Tree for 13-14' tree. JR to do similar from Bardills to obtain best value for the village. GB to talk to Jonathon about cost of providing batteries for lights to avoid hard wiring to adjacent property.

HH, GB and JR

Jill Barker has agreed to provide music, with input from Roy and Ruth, Maggie Royston and Clare Ashton to be checked by JRd

JRd

7.4 *Christmas Party – 10th December – 12.30pm* – The current plan is for the 2022 catering team to continue this year. JRd and PR to check and confirm with the wider group. Ticket prices were confirmed as £10 for adults and £5 for children. **JRd**

8 AOB

8.1 *The Defibrillator* – The committee thanked PB and JB for the installation of the unit, which is confirmed as operational. PB to keep instructions and packaging and agreed to carry out regular visual checks of battery. The electrical connection is complete and is for background frost protection only, and does not charge the battery. It was agreed that training would be provided. PR and JRd to pursue lines of enquiry to source the best training provider to attend at a village hall session ASAP. The installation is to be publicised in the Newsletter (GB assisted by others). **JRd, PR, GB**

8.2 *Speeding motorbikes on A453* – It was agreed this is a significant issue. Actions agreed were that residents would be encouraged to report all incidents to the police reporting system and 101 to ensure that the pattern of events becomes more evident to the police for targeted action. **PR, EP, GB**
<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/area/your-area/nottinghamshire/city-south/clifton/stations-contact-points-and-offices/our-priorities>. PR and EP to contact Barton Green Residents to see what support for action could be raised. GB to publicise the need to take action on reporting in newsletter.

The next meeting date is 1st November 2023. Venue to be 10 Nethergate at 8pm

Appendix – Chairwoman’s Report and Treasurer Report

Chairwoman’s report Sept. 13th 2023

Since our last meeting on 5th July there have only been two events to report on.

The first of those was the summer garden party. Sadly, due to poor weather conditions this had to be held in the village hall which was a rare situation for this event. This had the advantage of not having to worry about erecting gazebos and transporting tables but could have spoiled the benefits of being outside with space to move around and chat. In actual fact the indoor event proved to be a pleasant affair, just a bit different. We were lucky to have Glenys, and Kath leading the catering once again with their team of helpers so a huge vote of thanks to them for a great spread once again. We were pleased to welcome our new councillor Hayley Spain to the event who came along with Lilian Greenwood our MP. Of course, at the end of the event clearing away was also a simpler affair thanks to everyone who stayed to help.

The other notable event was in August. On July 20th I had read an article regarding green flag awards where our council were heralding the marvellous parks in the city that had green flag awards for their excellence. We have all been bemoaning the fact of how poor the green areas of the village were looking along with the roads and pavements. I was so annoyed that I decided to write to Corall Jenkins, who had been a local Clifton councillor several years ago, pointing out the huge difference in our area to those given awards, asking why ours was so neglected by comparison. Corall is now the Executive Member for Energy, Environment, Waste Services and Parks to give her her full title. To her credit she agreed to a meeting in the village as she had also received other letters from residents; Mick Huffer and Ed to name a few. The meeting was arranged for Friday 4th August, so a speedy response on her part. I was on holiday but Mick, Phil, Julie and Patrick were available to meet her instead. She apparently came along with two others. Obviously, I can’t report on an event that I didn’t attend, I pass that on to those who did.

Results so far – the grass has been cut but still leaves the greens looking a mess and the nearby footpaths covered in grass clippings. The areas are a complete contrast to the areas kindly cut by Michael Atherton. The triangle hasn’t been cut yet. Just this week two potholes have been filled in, not a great result to date!! Other potholes remain in the nearby area. Apparently, they don’t fit the criteria for being filled in! Residents who have had to have tyres repaired would beg to differ. Hopefully given time this issue will improve.

Our contacts in addition to Corall include Leon Lewis who deals with green cutting etc and has apparently replaced Paul Brown, although I was introduced to a Paul Nightingale as his replacement at an earlier meeting WITH Andrew Rule. We were also given another name to contact re potholes, Tony Bamford but he passed our query onto someone else saying he didn’t deal with highways. So, are we getting there? Not yet!

P. Rice 13th Sept. 2023

Summer Garden Party 2023

Ticket Money £750.00

Food Costs (paid in cash) - £413.66

£336.34

Coronation Receipts payed in cash - £58.48

£227.86

Bar Takings £147.55

Total Banked £425.41

Event Insurance £69.00

Drinks Licence £21.00

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Treasurer's Report

Income

Summer Garden Party & Bar Takings	£425.41
Donation for Wild Seed Planting	£25.00

Payments

Chq. to J.Royston – Bar Stock & Food for G/Party	£223.16
Chq. H.Huffer – Electrical Payment for Defib connection	£264.00
Chq. to E.Peterson – Wine for Cheese & Wine Evening	£92.00
Chq. to H.Huffer – Replacement Pads for Defib	£126.00
Chq. to E.Peterson – Wine for Cheese & Wine Evening	£85.50

Money In £450.41

Money Out £790.66

Account Balance £3,537.12