



**Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association Wednesday 5th July 2023
at 9, Leabrook Close. Clifton Village.**

The meeting was chaired by Pat Rice.

Those present:

Phil Bull (PB) Pat Rice (PR) Christine Dalby (CD) Helen Huffer (HH) Ed Peterson (EP) James Royston (JR) John Woodall (JW) Graeme Barker (GB)

Apologies from Julie Reid

Previous minutes

No comments were made on the minutes. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting by JR and seconded by JW. They will be placed on the website.

2. Matters arising

The state of the village green was discussed at length, with the general maintenance regime and complaints raised to the Chairwoman and other committee members. PR noted that the council had confirmed that the long grass cuttings would be collected.

JR proposed that it may help if the CVRA and wider village put pressure on local ward councillors to resolve this issue. PR advised that the member with responsibility for open space is Corral Jenkins (corall.jenkins@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

PB suggested that it would be useful to understand the costs for maintaining the nearby Gervase Gardens as this is privately managed by the tenant management group, and is in far better condition than the green. PB is to investigate this with the group.

3. Chairwoman's report

See attached report from Pat Rice.

Concern was expressed by the committee regarding the lack of attendance at the recent AGM by the police. It was noted that personnel have recently changed once again and details would need to be updated for the next newsletter.

4. Treasurers report.

Please see the report in the appendix.

With the membership fees now collected at the higher rate, the account balance now stands at £3,877.37.

The Coronation event raised a small surplus of around £300.00. The auditor Helen Lander has now been paid in the sum of £50 for auditing last years accounts.

HH noted that the Drinks Licences can no longer be paid by cheque but has found a means to address this through a direct payment.

Accepted by JW and seconded by EP.

5. Secretary Report

The frequency of newsletter issues was discussed. It was agreed that as we have sourced a more cost effective printer in Ruddington, and have greater income from the membership, we would have two issues per year, spring and autumn. GB advised that flyers at A5 folded can be run off for a nominal charge on ink between these to keep people informed and we now have extensive email lists for each areas as well.

GB noted that advertising used to be offered in the magazine – typically to gardening companies or those using the hall for paid events such as pilates. GB will talk to Clare about whether any users would be interested in advertising. A half page (A6) was previously priced at £10, or £25 for a whole year (3 copies).

6. Topics for discussion

6.1 The Dovecote

EP reported that discussions were ongoing with the council about possible funding routes and that Toby Ebbs is expecting an answer on this in September.

6.2 Barton Green Planning Application

PR advised that the application is still lodged in the system with no determination or committee date set, but would continue to watch for this on the monthly planning meeting cycle.

7. Social Events.

7.1 - Summer Garden Party – The hall is available in case of a wet day (post meeting note – and was used!). Catering is all in hand. It was agreed to meet at 9am on Saturday morning to erect gazebos and prepare. It was noted that the tickets encourage people to bring their own glasses, and although a hangover from covid year events, was agreed to be kept for guidance as it would reduce washing up. GB to prepare strawberries / cucumber etc for Pimms. JR has sufficient stocks for the event.

7.2 – Autumn Event – Wine Tasting – 28th October 7.30pm for an 8pm start. EP confirmed that he had preparations for the Wine tasting evening on the 28th October well in hand. Offers were made to prepare cheese platters etc - to be discussed at the next meeting. Tickets were agreed at £10.

7.3 – Remembrance Day – 11th November CD to arrange piper for the event and commission a wreath. GB to talk to church about attending the event and the piper using the hall to practice.

7.4 – *Christmas* – too far off to discuss in detail! It was however agreed that HH would explore the cost of the tree with a reduced 14' being agreed as a better option given that supplied last year. GB to discuss the possibility of battery powered lights with Jonathon Blacknell.

8. AOB

House on Milldale – concerns were raised regarding the state of a property on Milldale. It was agreed that there was little the CVRA could action her and PR advised that the council are aware of the issue and were taking steps to resolve it.

The Defibrillator – installation is due to go ahead in the next few weeks, but is being held up by the need for the church to remove a large bush in front of the garage. Members explored whether this could be undertaken by the village, but as a church property it was agreed it would be best left to them to address.

Speeding motorbikes on A453 – EP raised the significant problem of speeding motorbikes on the A453, both up to mill hill, but also past the village. EP is to follow this up with PR (post meeting note – still going on this last weekend!)

The next meeting date is: Wednesday 13th September. Venue to be 10 Nethergate at 8pm

Appendix – Chairwoman’s Report and Financial Report

CVRA Meeting 5th July 2023

Treasurer’s Report

Income

Coronation Lunch Ticket Sales	£395.00
Membership 2023/24	£547.50

Payments

Coronation Purchases (paid in cash)	£49.22
Chq. to Events Insurance for Garden Party	£69.00
Chq. to H. Huffer – payment for N.C.C. Drinks Licence	£21.00
Chq. to H. Lander – Auditor Thank you	£ 50.00

Money In £942.50

Money Out 189.22

Account Balance £3,877.37

The correction of £70.00 back into the account has been made by the Bank.

Chairwoman's report July. 5th 2023

Since our last committee there has only been one event to report back on and that was the CVRA, AGM. Approximately 30 members attended the evening including our two newly appointed councillors. Andrew Rule was of course familiar to the village residents but our newer councillor Hayley Spain was invited to introduce herself. Although a labour member she and Andrew reported that they felt able to work together for the benefit of their ward, particularly as Andrew was now standing as an independent. Both were invited to come along to our future village events. Andrew did join the village garden trail recently before leaving to go onto another meeting. He will be starting his surgeries in the village hall once more on the first Monday evening of each month.

Our usual report back from our local police was not forthcoming at the AGM this time, as all staff were on duty. Fortunately, it is now possible to check crime statistics for our locality on line, which enabled me to give a report of sorts which showed a small number of crimes in the village. However most recently there have been several incidents of petty thefts during the daytime which of course are quite distressing for resident affected. I always encourage police contact when these happen as it gives the police a better picture of what is happening even if they are not able to solve the crimes. Most recently one of our newer resident experienced thefts from their vehicle. It is worth reiterating to our residents to always lock vehicles and to never leave valuables in the car.

As mentioned on the 24th of July the garden group held their annual garden trail once again for the first time since Covid. Approximately 40 people came along on a warm sunny afternoon to enjoy 11 gardens all of which do our village proud. Once costs for wine have been deducted the resultant profits will go towards garden group costs which increase with each speaker who is booked for the talks across the winter months.

Our next village event is of course the annual summer garden party at John and Dorothy's. Glenys and Kath Spencer kindly offered to organise the food for the event once again and have already lined up willing helpers to prepare certain foods for the day. We all look forward to having a lovely afternoon with village friends and hopefully with some newer residents to the village.

Some of our residents have been in touch with me over the state of the village having not had any areas mowed for some time. Having passed comments on to our councillors and neighbourhood officer it was good to see that days later grass cutters were busy around the village and in the churchyard. (Coincidence I am sure!) The job is not completed as only 4 men are employed to look after all areas of the greater Clifton area, which we all agree is 4 too few. They will be back to clear the cut grass and strim around the bollards. Meanwhile, cleared areas on the village green have exposed a space close to the alms-houses that would allow travellers to gain entrance to that section of the green. I have made councillors and neighbourhood officer aware. Hopefully the gap can be closed before it is too late!

P. Rice, 2nd July 2023