



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at The Paddocks, 4 Farriers Green
on
Tuesday 12th October 2010 at 8 pm**

1 Members Present:-

Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Ms M MacKechnie, Mr K McCormick (KM), Mr J Spencer (JS), Mr J Woodall (JW), Mr G Barker (GBr).

2 Apologies:, Mrs P Moore , Dr R Smith

3 Previous Minutes

Two amendments were requested and agreed by the committee. These were 4.3.3 regarding access to Nethergate and 4.8.1 regarding the robustness of awnings at village events. The minutes of the 10th August were then accepted and approved as a true record. A copy will be forwarded by GBr for placement on the website.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 David Jones Memorial. Despite pursuing the matter once more JW advised that there was still no sign of progress from the Church representatives. The Committee expressed regret that there seemed to be no desire to pursue this matter from the church. It was agreed that the CVRA would request a definitive stance from the church as to whether they support the proposal and if so, what actions and timescales for them can be put in place to progress it. The committee agreed that if the church cannot offer the proposal their support then the memorial would have to be regretfully dropped.

4.2 Treasurers Report. HH tabled the account report. HH advised that some £229 had been collected from the Late Summer Picnic, and that following payments being made to the performers some £70 had been banked.

Bank balance: Current Account £823.37

Deposit Account £1087.75

4.3 Planning Matters

4.3.1 - The Old Rectory. No further progress, either in terms of planning submittals or work on the site was noted by members. It was agreed that if no further progress was seen prior to the next meeting that enquires would be made by the committee as to when the scheme would be moving forward on site.

4.3.2 – Reading Room: It was noted by members that the gate and signage had yet to be removed from the building. KM is to make enquires with Councillor Ian Malcolm on when this is likely to happen. KM noted that the offer of renovation works from a village member still stood and that progress on the Reading Room should continue to be pushed

so that there would be opportunity for this offer could be taken up.

4.3.3 – Other Village Planning Matters: JW reported to the committee that no applications of note had been made during the last reporting period. JW did however note that large quantities of builders rubble and other rubbish appeared to have been fly tipped at the bottom end of Holgate where it adjoins the River. This matter was raised with NCC who had cleared a different tip from the nearby Car Park site. JW had however been advised in future to contact Lee Schofield of the Notts Wildlife Trust (Lschofield@nottswt.co.uk) if further problems were discovered. Since enquiring JW noted that the rubble had now compacted down locally to make good the track. Concern was expressed that this could be the start of an upgrade to the route to the riverside and it was agreed that members would keep a watchful eye on whether any further works occur.

4.4 Newsletter. GBr tabled the draft village newsletter for comment. Dates for events for 2011 were discussed and agreed as follows. GBr will circulate copies with patch issue lists once the remaining content has been submitted and formatted for issue.

- Fish/Pies and Chips disco Saturday 14th May.
- AGM Thursday 19th May.
- Summer Ploughman's Sunday 17th July.
- Late Summer Picnic Saturday 3rd September

4.5 CVRA Membership. HH raised a couple of anomalies on the Membership list for Groveside. GBr is to update these. GBr advised that the proposed costs and membership collection dates had been copied through on the Newsletter from 2009.

4.5 Neighbourhood Watch. JS advised that the issue of student parking in the village was being as actively addressed by the police as they were legally allowed to do so. Over 50 fixed penalty tickets had been issued for obstruction and blocking of driveways. It was observed by committee members that the relatively blind corner past the Rectory combined with the long line of parking made it difficult to safely negotiate this area. JS noted that this was included on the list of what the local Constabulary considered when assessing whether a vehicle is causing an obstruction.

JS highlighted that there had been a large increase in Burglaries in the Clifton area of the last reporting period and that people ought to be aware of this to ensure they were being vigilant in

JS noted that the recent 'Meet the Police' session that had taken place along Groveside had not been particularly well attended.

4.7 Website and Notice Board GBr is to forward the last meeting minutes to Jonathon Blacknell for inclusion on the website. New sheets will be lodged on the notice boards to advertise dates for net years events and details of the Christmas Programme.

4.8 Social Events

4.8.1 Late Summer Picnic. All parties agree that the event had been a great success

and should be included on the event schedule for 2011. KM is to write and express his thanks to Diva and Morris Bonney for their kind invitation to use their garden. There was agreement from the committee that a gift should be included with this.

A general query was raised by GBI on ticket pricing for children. After some discussion it was agreed that children's ticket prices should be 'flexibly' applied to people between the ages of about 3-12. Below this would be free and above 12 an 'adult' ticket price should apply.

A suggestion was made for a 'best dressed table' award for 2011 to help communicate that people didn't have to use blankets for the event.

KM proposed that if repeated the magicians time could be extended to run through the music as there had been little time to for him to get round everybody at the event.

HH noted that the CVRA should include insurance for this event in 2011.

4.8.3 Christmas Events Dates were confirmed as Christmas Tree – 5th December (erection Saturday 4th), and Christmas Party Sunday 12th December.

For the Christmas Tree lighting and carols:-

- KM to instigate tree purchase.
- JW to speak to Mick regarding electricity supply.
- KM to request use of scaffold from Roy Nettleship for erection.
- Roy Smith / HH / KM / Jonathon Blacknell / GB (if not in delivery suite) to assist with tree erection on the morning of the 4th.
- GBI noted that the tree lights were not working – Jonathon looking at this.
- GB to enquire as to whether Mavis is providing the mulled wine and who provides the mince pies for the event.

Christmas Party:-

- HH to check on insurance for the event. GB to assist in future for 2011 events
- It was noted that John Hooley and Francis had set out the mulled wine in previous years. KM to enquire as to whether they are willing to provide this for 2010.

5 AOB

5.1 KM noted that the ongoing renovation works at Yew Tree Grange, which have left the building empty are encouraging gangs of youths to loiter around the building and cause vandalism. KM had raised this matter with the owner. KM advised that the police had told him to call 999 if such acts were witnessed again.

5.2 HH re-tabled the tabled bank forms for completion by GBr and KM. Previous ones had been rejected due to incorrect records being kept by the bank. Concern was expressed by all parties that cheques had been accepted for several years even though the bank records did not match.

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday February 8th at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.