



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association  
Held at The Paddocks, 4 Farriers Green  
on  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 8 pm**

**1 Members Present:-**

Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mrs P Moore (PM), Mr J Woodall, Dr R Smith (RS), Mr G Barker (GBr).

**2 Apologies: Mr J Spencer, Ms M M acKechnie**

**3 Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> April were accepted and approved as a true record.

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 David Jones Memorial.** JW reported that this matter continued to move slowly and there was no progress to report since the last meeting. JW to continue dialogue with church but it was observed that the application was held up in the church administrative process.

**4.2 Treasurers Report**

HH tabled the account report. HH confirmed that the profits from the Fish and Chip supper had now been banked and amounted to some £271.48. KM highlighted that some refreshments purchased for the event were still in hand and estimated these amount to a further £70. HH confirmed that the auditors voucher had been handed over, but that Lillian Young's honorarium had yet to be handed over due to holidays. Income from Membership subscription for 2010-2011 was some £254.00.

Bank balance: Current Account £645.88

Deposit Account £1087.75

**4.3 Planning Matters**

**4.3.1 The Old Rectory.** KM briefed the committee on the current planning application for 4 new dwellings in the grounds of the Grade 2 Listed Rectory building. Following resolution at the AGM to object to the application, a meeting had been convened with a representative of the Gervase Garden Residents, KM and GBr to review the current application. The over-riding concern of the committee was to ensure that renovation of the Rectory building be prioritised, and that any 'enabling development' be strictly limited, if at all proved to be required. KM advised that an objection had been drafted to this effect and had been supported by nearly 200 signatures within the village. KM submitted this objection to NCC on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. A copy of the full objection had been placed on the CVRA website.

KM handed a copy of the petition signatures to GBr for file. KM had been in contact with Councillor Ian Malcolm who expressed concerns that an objection had been raised. GBr to contact the case officer and KM keep in contact with IM to track any further progress of this application.

**4.3.2 – Reading Room:** KM has contacted Ian Malcolm to advise him that an offer is in hand to make good the roof and fascias to prevent further deterioration. IM advised that is NCC's intention to serve notice to vacate the property, but that they would prefer to have the building occupied until such time as a new use for the space is found. JW noted that a possible use previously put forward was a post-graduate flat but much work and a willing owner would have to be obtained. IM has advised that if the keys are not put in hand then the council have resolved to change the locks to secure the property. Members of the committee observed that the Reading Room and its surroundings were the source of a noisy party on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> June and that it would be good to see the building secured.

**4.3.3 – Gateway project:** KM noted that as the A453 widening had been shelved and the tram route was in doubt, that the possible loss of open land beyond Clifton to new development had receded. It was however resolved to keep monitoring the situation as the application remains undetermined. GBr highlighted that National Planning policy had been changed by the incoming government and had removed the housing demand targets which were the justification for the Gateway Scheme.

**4.3.4 – Other Village Planning Matters:** JW reported to the committee that no applications of note had been made during the last reporting period. Two tree works notices had been lodged.

**4.4 Newsletter.** The committee noted that the next village Newsletter would be due for issue in October.

**4.4 CVRA Membership.** GBr tabled the village membership list and confirmed that there were 254 members registered for 2010-2011. HH requested two further membership cards for Parklands to bring the total to 256. Names and details to be confirmed to GBr at the next meeting to keep the records up to date.

**4.6 Website.** Compliments were given by the committee on the continuing improvements to the CVRA Website. KM highlighted that the video of Christmas Hunt was now available on the site. Following discussion it was agreed that minutes of committee meetings, once approved, would be added to the site if possible. GBr is to liaise with John Blacknell on how best to achieve this.

#### **4.7 Social Events**

**4.7.1 Fish or Pie & Chips Disco.** JW noted that it was unfortunate that he could not attend, as all feedback he had received was that it had been a resounding success. It was agreed by all members of the committee that such an evening should be included in next year's events.

**4.7.2 Summer Party.** GBr handed out the “patch” list and tickets for the Summer Party. RS kindly offered to take on board John Spencer’s area. HH confirmed that insurance had been organised. GBI advised that organisation was progressing for catering and equipment and that a helpers meeting had been set up, but that she was concerned about procurement of drinks for the day. KM volunteered to organise this and taking on board committee concerns assured members that he would ensure there is “no shortfall” in this regard. No other requests were tabled. It was agreed that monies from ticket sales should be directed to HH for collation. GBI is to be advised directly of number for the event by the Tuesday before so that event catering can be managed.

**4.7.3 September Event.** The date for the September event was confirmed as the 11<sup>th</sup> September. *Post meeting note – this has now been changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> September.* The event is to be a ‘Late Summer Picnic’, and is to be held at the Old Rectory Coach House. GBI suggested that the event should commence at 2pm due to the relatively late season, and following discussion this start time was agreed by the committee. Ticket prices were agreed at £2.50 for adults and £1 for children. The event will be a ‘bring your own’ picnic with entertainment provided. Tables will be supplied from the village hall. KM suggested a close up magician and will investigate costs for this. Tim Rogers was suggested for musical entertainment, costing £100 for 1 hours live music. KM is to check and confirm whether this hour could be split into two music sets. GBI suggested that it may be possible for John Blacknell to set up a PA system for background music between.

#### **4. AOB**

##### **5.1 AGM Review**

KM noted that it had been a lively and successful evening. It was noted with regret by members that Dianne Rolley, Anu Soni, Lillian Young and John Hooley had left the committee.

##### **5.2 Committee Support Roles**

KM requested that a formal committee support structure be put in place to ensure assistance was at hand when short term issues such as the recent Planning Objection petition needed to be put in hand. KM expressed his gratitude that Geoff Matthews, Glenys Blacknell, Sandy McCormick and others had stepped in at short notice to assist with the petition. Committee members agreed that the most straightforward split would be to allocate areas as currently happens for event ticketing and membership. GBr to draft area lists for review at the next meeting.

**5.3** HH queried whether there were any ‘welcome cards’ for new village members, and requested one for her area. *Post meeting note: GBr has checked and welcome cards are available for all who need them. Please request from GBr when required.*

#### **8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.