



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green
On Wednesday 5th October at 8 pm**

1 Members Present:-

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

2 Apologies: None

3 Previous Minutes

No comments. Minutes proposed for issue by JW, seconded by JS.

Action: GB to copy to Jonathon Blacknell for placement on the website.

4 Matters Arising: none highlighted.

5 Treasurers Report

HH tabled the accounts report. A profit of £49.00 was reported from the Late Summer Picnic. All agreed that this was a positive result for this event. 86 tickets were sold, and although the event was lively GBI did observe that many people who had bought tickets were not there. £259.00 were collected in ticket sales, with £210.00 being paid out in entertainment fees to Stevo Magic and Jeff Briggs. All agreed the entertainment had been successful with the suggested improvement for longer performance slots an improvement on the previous year

Bank balance: Current Account £555.51

Deposit Account £1088.63

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

6 Chairman's Report

The Chairman expressed his thanks to all concerned for their fine efforts in making the Summer Garden Party a great success. KM especially thanked Glenys and her team for the continued high standard of food enjoyed by all. KM noted that there was a high attendance and that many people had turned up on the day. GBI assured all that this is not usually a problem as there are people who buy tickets and don't come, and also a certain 'allowance' is made in numbers to cater for this. KM highlighted however, that whilst there are usually plenty of volunteers for event preparation, that the burden of removing the marquees, furniture and other items usually falls on the shoulders of far too few people. KM appealed to the committee and via them to the village as a whole for assistance in this regard for all future events. GB suggested that identifying who was available to help as each event arises at the CVRA meetings would hopefully prevent this from happening.

6.1 The Old Rectory KM has written to NCC regarding the financial covenants on the Old Rectory. The NCC response acknowledges that these exist but notes that they could be lifted if a request is made. No such request has been made at this time. A separate response from Pete Smith (NCC

Heritage officer) advises that the period for assessing the value of the site by marketing is nearing completion and that a further enablement application is 'hopefully' expected soon. As a point of correction the CVRA would like to confirm that Mr Kumar is not responsible for the recent redevelopment of the Play house in Derby.

Action GB/KM: It was agreed that the CVRA would wait for short period to see if a planning application is lodged before writing once again to Pete Smith to enquire on progress,

- 6.2 Reading Room:** KM advised that Ed Peterson has been to the council but that progress continued to be slow. Km has spoken to Ian Malcolm and highlighted the increasingly derelict state of the building. KM has been advised that Nick Quincy of the council now has ownership of the legal issues relating to the building. One major issue has been a lack of legal title for the building. Committee members observed that the gate did not used to be on the street frontage, but was recessed to allow access to both properties. **Action: KM** to write to Nick Quincy about the removal of the illegal gate from Village Road, and the locks to this being changed.

7 Secretaries Report

- 7.1 Newsletter** – GB advised that the next Newsletter would be issued in at the beginning of October. All articles for inclusion are to be submitted for editing by 15th September. SM confirmed that his daughter is happy to provide an article for the newsletter. GB noted that this would be warmly welcomed for the next issue. JW suggested that the Slimming Club may wish to advertise in the Newsletter. **Action: KM** is to make enquires on this. PR noted that she was setting up a Village Gardening Club and that articles may come forward for inclusion in the future.
- 7.2 CVRA Membership** – GB confirmed following receipt of further membership fees at the meeting that the membership now stands at 262. GB highlighted that the ticket lists for the Late Summer Picnic still show a number of people who have not renewed from 2010 and should be asked when visited to keep membership numbers up.
- 7.3 Website and Notice Board.** GB confirmed minutes and newsletters were being sent to Jonathon who was kindly adding them to the site. GB/KM apologised for the lack of activity renovating the notice board. **Actions: GB** to purchase new cork backing for the board and look into changing of the locks. **SM** offered to paint the board, an offer which was gratefully accepted.
- 8.0 Other Village Planning Matters:** The only application of note was the Old Man of Trent. Following discussion the committee resolved to write and formally object to the application on grounds of 24 hour operation, anti social gathering and potential littering of the village green and surroundings. **Action: GB** to draft letter for KM to sign for submission.
- 9.0 Neighbourhood Watch** JS unfortunately had to report that a local teenager had been attacked on the Village green when returning from the local bus stop late on a Saturday evening. Darren White had also highlighted that six youths had been seen loitering in the area. All residents are to be mindful of this when returning to the village late at night and report any suspicious activity to Darren and his team.

It was also reported that lead had been stolen from St Marys Church, and further attempt had been made to steal lead from the Old Rectory. Darren White had reported that investigations

were progressing positively on catching the culprits but that all villagers should be vigilant and look out for transit vans and other such vehicles entering and leaving the village late at night.

Finally JS welcomed Sally Joss onto the NW team of the Village Neighbourhood Watch Group. The Chairman thanked JS for his continued liaison with the local police and Neighbourhood Watch group.

10.0 Social Events

KM repeated his concern that support for the organisation of events was variable, with certain areas, such as dismantling of event tents and tables too often falling on too few people (the organisation not the tents). It was agreed that people would make themselves available prior to an event so that everyone knows whether further help is needed.

10.1.1 Village Summer Garden Party. See notes in section 6 – already discussed.

10.1.2 Late Summer Picnic. Action Points:

- **Action: Erection of tents and tables.** Friday 9th September, 6pm. **SM, PR, KM, GB and HH.**
- **Action: SM** to source small gazebo for providing cover for the singer.
- **Action: Removal of tables and gazebos.** Sunday 11th September, 11.30am. **KM, HH** and **Mike Huffer and JB** available to assist. **GB** to ask Roy Smith whether he can assist.
- **Action: Transport from Village Hall – JS** to ask Andrew whether his van is available for transporting tables to and from Village Hall for Friday evening and Sunday.
- **Action: Bar – GB** to transport bar to venue on Saturday morning and organise float and price lists.

10.1.3 Christmas Events. Action: SM confirmed he would be arranging for the Christmas Tree. As with previous years this is to be temporary visitor as the suggestion of a permanent specimen was rejected by the committee. It was agreed that further arrangements will be made at the next meeting.

10.1.4 Jubilee Street Party. Weekend of 2nd – 5th June. No further action at this time.

10.1.5 May Day Event. JW advised that Diane Rolley had expressed further interest in providing dancers and May Pole for a May Day celebration. The committee expressed guarded support for this on the proviso that it should be a far leaner and more simply organised event than in previous years. It was agreed there would be no barbeque, and that stalls etc. would be limited to selling pitches to local people, charities and businesses, and offering tea/coffee and cakes from the Village Hall. The reinstatement of the event in this format was proposed by JW and seconded by HH, and passed by majority by the committee. It was agreed that full support and commitment from Diane Rolley, was essential if the project was to succeed. **JW: Action** – to communicate this agreement to Diane so that organisation can commence.

10.1.6 Feedback from Newsletter Vote on CVRA events. GB reported that the level of feedback was very sparse, and there was insufficient support shown for any new events to be confidently added to the calendar. PR suggested that a better response may be forthcoming by asking at doorsteps

