



**Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association
Held at 62 Village Road
on
Tuesday 8th February at 8 pm**

1 Members Present:-

Mrs G Blacknell (GBI), Mrs H Huffer (HH), Ms M MacKechnie (MM), Mr K McCormick (KM), Mrs P Moore (PM), Dr R Smith (RS), Mr J Spencer (JS), Mr J Woodall (JW), Mr G Barker (GBr)

2 Apologies: none

3 Previous Minutes

JW requested amendment to 4.1 to reflect meeting. GB to update and then a copy will be forwarded by GBr for placement on the website. *Post meeting note: JW advised that further to 4.3.3 of the previous minutes it had been confirmed that the rubble dumped at the end of Holgate had been simply for making good of the track. Matter to be closed.*

4 Matters Arising

4.1 David Jones Memorial. JW advised that the church were now completing a 'faculty' (see <http://www.buildingconservation.com/articles/ecclesiasticallaw/ecclesiasticallaw.htm> for details of this). No timescale was put on this process. It was agreed that this item would be omitted from regular CVRA minutes and that JW would update as and when any progress was made.

4.2 Treasurers Report.

4.2.1 HH tabled the accounts report. HH advised that some £135 had been collected from the Village Christmas Card. Discussion was had on the proceeds and it was agreed by a majority vote that the proceeds from the 2010 Christmas Card would be donated to the Village Hall Trust. HH to draw up cheque for payment. KM proposed that the CVRA review where the money be donated to in future years based upon where the need is deemed greatest within the Clifton village community. The proposal was seconded by JW and agreed unanimously by the committee.

4.2.2 HH advised that a profit of some £87.43 had been realised from the Christmas party, following deductions for expenses. Payments of £102.79 for the Christmas tree and £86.05 for newsletter printing had been made in the period.

4.2.3 HH advised that the new account signatories had been confirmed by the bank.

Bank balance: Current Account £880.96

Deposit Account £1087.75

4.3 Planning Matters

4.3.1 **The Old Rectory.** Marketing boards had been noted on the site by committee members and KM advised that he had spoken to Coun. Ian Malcolm regarding this. IM had advised that marketing

of the site was required by Mr Kumar to demonstrate lack of residual value in the site so that a further enabling works submittal could be made. GBr advised that this process could take between 6 months and 2 years, dependent upon what the local authority require to demonstrate proof of marketing. GBr to investigate how the site is being marketed.

- 4.3.2 **Reading Room:** The committee expressed frustration that there still seemed to be little progress being made with the reading room. KM advised that there was now a new contact at the council dealing with the building. KM is to write to the council to try and progress matters with the new council representative.
- 4.3.3 **Other Village Planning Matters:** JW reported to the committee that no applications of note had been made in the village during the last reporting period. An application for solar panels on the George Elliot building on Clifton Campus had been made. RS / GB noted that this building was set well back within campus and would not impact the village.
- 4.4 **Newsletter.** GBr tabled the draft village newsletter for comment and advised that it was targeted to issue this by the end of the month. The bin collection page is to be enlarged for legibility, and Gbr noted that he was awaiting input on church matters to be inserted prior to completion. A final draft will be circulated by email prior to issue for a final check (GBr).
- 4.5 **CVRA Membership.** The committee agreed that the membership fee was to remain as previous years at £1. GBr to circulate patch lists for collection at the beginning of March for year commencing 1st April 2011.
- 4.6 **Neighbourhood Watch** JS advised that the latest figures are in the newsletter and showed that crime was down in the area over winter. JS noted that local crime figures are now available on the national website www.police.uk.
- 4.7 **Website and Notice Board** GBr is to forward the last meeting minutes to Jonathon Blacknell for inclusion on the website. KM and GBr committed to tidying up, re-decorating and securing the village notice board over the coming months. GBr requested photos of the hunt and other Christmas events for the website.
- 4.7 **Social Events**
- 4.7.1 **Christmas Party and Tree.** All parties agreed that the Christmas events had been a success and a general note of thanks was offered to all who had assisted with this.
- 4.7.2 **Fish and Chip Supper.** The date was confirmed as the 14th May.
- 4.7.3 **Summer Party.** JW requested that the published date be re-scheduled and a revised date of 24th July was agreed by the committee. GBr to reflect in village correspondence.
- 4.7.4 **Other events.** The committee were advised that Mike and Clare Ashton intended to hold a party to celebrate the Royal Wedding on the 29th April, with all proceeds of this going to the Village Hall Fund. A Jubilee Street Party was suggested for 2012. *Post meeting note:- GBr has checked and the proposed date for this is the weekend of the 2nd – 5th June.*
(<http://www.royal.gov.uk/LatestNewsandDiary/Pressreleases/2010/TheQueensDiamondJubilee2012.aspx>)

4.7.5 **Diary**

- Fish/Pies and Chips disco Saturday 14th May.
- AGM Thursday 19th May.
- Summer Ploughman's Sunday 24th July.
- Late Summer Picnic Saturday 3rd September

5 **AOB**

- 5.1 KM advised that he had received a request for a donation to be made to Simon Massarella's daughter to assist her in funding a charity visit to Ghana. MM supported this and proposed that a £50 donation be made. GBI seconded this and it was agreed by a majority vote. HH to organise a cheque for this. In order to reciprocate this donation it was suggested that a short article be requested for the next village newsletter. GBr to discuss this with Simon Massarella.
- 5.2 With university term starting once more the issue of student parking has arisen once more. RS and GBr agreed to make approaches to Nottingham Trent University on who is best to address the village's complaints to.
- 5.3 It was noted by KM that the village green had been damaged by users of the hall, but after investigation there is little the hall can do to prevent users from parking here due to it being council run land. KM has discussed making hirers aware of not parking on the green in wet weather.
- 5.4 A suggestion had been received by the committee for the planting of the tree on the village green to commemorate the Jubilee. The committee agreed that this was not something that they wanted pursue to mark the event.
- 5.5 It was noted that detailed consultation is ongoing for the proposed wind turbines at the nearby University of Nottingham site north of the river. It was felt by the meeting that this was not a matter that required a specific response from the CVRA.
- 5.6 KM advised that he had received a letter from Betty Cooke confirming that the new Chairman of Gervase Gardens Residents Association is Raymond Whitehouse of 5 Gervase Gardens.
- 5.7 GBr raised the issue of printing costs and time for the CVRA Newsletters as his office have agreed to the printing of this at cost. The prints will be of comparative cost but better quality and much faster to produce. It was agreed that this was a reasonable suggestion and would be tried for the next newsletter.

6. **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 4th May at 20.00 – The Paddocks, 4, Farriers Green.