



**Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association Wednesday 10th May 2023
at 9, Leabrook Close. Clifton Village.**

The meeting was chaired by Pat Rice.

Those present:

Phil Bull (PB) Pat Rice (PR) Julie Reid (JRd) Christine Dalby (CD) Helen Huffer (HH) Ed Peterson (EP)
James Royston (JR) John Woodall (JW)

Apologies from Graeme Barker

Previous minutes

Having accepted a spelling error pointed out by JW, the minutes were deemed a true record of the meeting by JW and seconded by HH. They will be placed on the website.

2. Matters arising.

JW. Faulty bollard around the Green, now fixed although another metal bollard may need attention.

JW had a query concerning the constitution and a copy of the same was sent to him. Matter concluded.

3. Chairwoman's report

PR – not present at the last meeting and sought to thank all involved in the recent successful 'Quiz night' with 'sausage and mash'. EP and PB for the sausages and gravy and GB and family for mash. Well attended and Alan Breeton covered the questions set by EP admirably.

On the matter of the quarry at Barton in Fabis, Julian Coles, Lillian Greenwood (MP) and Sheila Eaton from Larkhill, met for a brief review at PR's home. Julian Coles commented that, with surveys being conducted, the application is still being actively chased by the new aggregate company (Land Logical Ltd) who have replaced the original applicant. The application is likely to raise its head in the summer.

PR pointed out the implications of the quarry and possible resulting poor air quality in the area. Concern is being expressed by the Larkhill Residential Village owners, now becoming active in their response against the application. The reason for their involvement being that there could be financial implications for owners of homes at Larkhill if local air quality is deemed less than satisfactory, with possible reduction in valuations for the Larkhill residences.

PB pondered the sums of money involved in the studies and investigations made by London Aggregate and therefore the commitment and determination on the part of the new aggregate company (who have taken over from London Aggregate) to chase all avenues towards their success.

PR. On the Coronation celebration, held in St Mary's church, we had 60+ adults and children. Thank you to JR and JW for their performances which involved both dressing up and acting their parts. JW, with his judicious use of a cake-slicing and non-sparkling sword and JR enjoying, as we did, the ringing of the bell with help from the Barker boys, Alexander and Benjamin, and repetition of the word 'coronation' at every opportunity.

Flowers were given to Ruth for making the Coronation cake, and amazingly, non-remained at the end, or so it appeared.

JB was thanked for his excellent DJ'ing, with background music initially for eating the big lunches and then proper lively music for the ending disco. This helped create the right atmosphere and saw folks exercise limbs and joints to the regret of some perhaps, later that evening.

Thank you to Graeme with the tables, Cath Kay and Brenda for their involvement and all helpers decorating the church Julie, Christine, and Ed.

The following day several people helped to clean the church after the event and as part of welcoming the new vicar, Esta. Claire Ashton was instrumental in gathering people for both the morning and afternoon to help with this work.

Congratulations should be passed to Andrew Rule for getting through as a Councillor again and commiserations to Roger Steel who has been a very significant help with this village over the years. We wish him well and hope he keeps in touch.

HH pointed out, the voting results reflect people's political persuasions and sadly were not voting for the person and reflecting their efforts to the community.

EP commented that with the new councillor being from the Labour contingent then perhaps the city would have a more favourable ear to her requests on behalf of the village.

PR commented that the grass forming the triangle of the Green, which we agreed to tend to with yellow rattle, has been cut. This may well have damaged our village efforts to establish the yellow rattle plant. Its role would be to weaken the grass and allow wildflowers to be introduced. Andrew Rule has offered to find funds for re-seeding if the cut has spoilt the village efforts.

PR referred to swathes of special turf with wildflowers laid by Trent University in their grounds by the village hall carpark, as an example of what we hope to achieve.

PR noted that Andrew Rule has promised that re-surfacing roadwork will be carried out, in the summer, on Village Road from the junction of Holgate and Nethergate through to the Groveside Crescent junction.

PR raised the matter of people speeding through the village with Andrew. PR asked if speed pipes to record the speed of vehicles could be laid down. This has been carried out in Burton Joyce with good effect to reduce the problem.

4. Treasurers report.

Please see the report in the final pages.

Account balance now stands at £3,124.09 and does not include the annual subscription fees which have just been collected. There was a small surplus from the 'Quiz Night'.

Accepted by PB and seconded by JR.

5. Secretary Report

EP commented that this would be his last recording of the minutes and that he had completed these for the past 11 years. He will continue as a member of the committee and reflected what a great team we have and the contribution that everyone individually makes to the success of the organisation. Graeme Barker will take over as Secretary.

6. Topics for discussion

6.1 The Dovecote.

EP reported that he had recently spoken with Toby Ebbs, heritage officer for Nottingham City.

Toby commented that after meeting at the Dovecote, in early February with the CVRA and Tim Allen from Heritage England, that the Dovecote is in reasonable condition except for the roof and upper gable ends and capping. The cost of this work at approx. £100K would include a new roof membrane, either rosemary or slate tiles, similar to properties nearby, and attending to the two lead-lined lanterns. Plus, re-pointing.

A Building Preservation trust exists in Nottingham. It is registered as the Nottingham City Heritage Preservation Trust. It may be able to raise funds based upon work on the Dovecote involving apprentices in 'skills and training'. Heritage Lottery would fund a skills and training grant where there is no end use for the building. This is the case with the Dovecote.

6.2 Barton Green Planning

PR confirmed that everyone in the village will have received the Avant Homes 'Consultation & Planning Proposal' letter from Nottingham City Council which details how to access all the public plans and documents. We are urged to review the papers and comment individually.

PB questioned the conflict of interest apparent in the city granting planning permission and having a share in the sale of the land.

7. Social Events.

Future events were briefly discussed.

PR The next event is the summer garden party. It was agreed that tickets for this event should have a start and finish at a time so that clearing away can be managed without upsetting people.

JW. 12 noon to 5 pm was suggested.

8. AOB

The Defibrillator.

PR: The Defibrillator has been delivered from Benenden, the Health insurance providers.

Esta, the new vicar, has agreed, with the Church, to allow the defibrillator cabinet to be fixed to her garage wall, in Clifton Village. This will contain the device and is connected to the electric for heating at low temperatures. This will ensure the device does not freeze and is always charged. Cost of electric at approx. £10.00 per annum. Thank you to JW who sought to 'win' the device from Benenden and succeeded on behalf of the village.

The next meeting date is: Wednesday 5th July at 8.00. Venue to be Graeme's.

CVRA Meeting 10th May 2023

Treasurer's Report

Income

Quiz Night Ticket Sales & Bar Takings	£496.50
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Payments

Payment for Spring Newsletter	£79.00
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Chq. to J. Royston – Bar stock for Quiz Night	£72.23
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Chq. to E. Peterson – Food for Quiz Night	£145.34
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Quiz Night Purchases in Cash	£20.00
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Chq. to P. Rice – Defibrillator Cabinet	£598.80
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Chq. to J. Royston – Drinks for Coronation Event	£121.65
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Money In £496.50

Money Out £1,037.02

Account Balance £3,124.09

The CVRA accounts have been Audited and are ready for the A.G.M.

Quiz Night

Ticket Sales 44 @ £10 £440.00

Bar Takings £76.50

Total £516.50

Purchases made in Cash- Graham £15.00

Ed £5.00

£20.00

Total to Bank £496.50

Drinks Licence £21.00

Purchases by Cheque £145.34

Bar Stock £72.23

Total £238.57