



**Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association Thursday 20th February 2025
at 10 Nethergate Clifton Village**

Those present

John Woodall (JW) James Royston (JR), Julie Reid (PRd), Ed Peterson (EP), Pat Rice (PR), Christine Dalby (CD) and Graeme Barker (GB)

Apologies – Phil Bull (PB), Helen Huffer (HH)

Actions

1 Previous minutes

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting by JRd and seconded by JW. The minutes have been forwarded to JB and published on the village websites

2 Matters arising

2.1 *Bollard on footpath adjacent to Village Hall.* It was agreed that this would be raised with Andrew Rule and Claire McCurdy as no action has been observed and it needs to be raised once again.

PR (Claire McCurdy)

GB (Andrew Rule)

2.2 *Landslide to base of Clifton Hall.* Committee members note that a caravan had been seen at the base of the cliff, with the occupant claiming ownership over the cliff and seeking to build a platform for occupation. GB to raise ownership and liability with Andrew Rule for the landslip and ongoing maintenance

GB (Andrew Rule)

3 Chairpersons Report

Chairs report was presented by PR. *See scanned copy in appendix for full report. Notes below are points of discussion and action arising from the report.*

Note

John Spencer: It was noted that John Spencer's funeral would be held on 10th March at Wilford Hill.

Condolences for John Spencer and Geoff Matthews: It was agreed that this would be expressed in the next CVRA Newsletter.

Action: GB

Christmas Party: The need for a bar licence was raised given the small income generated from bar sales as most people drink the mulled wine which is on offer. It was agreed that a Bar Licence would continue to be purchased to allow flexibility for those who want alternative drinks on the day.

Action: HH

Christmas Tree: It was agreed by the committee that the tree had been a success once more and to continue with the same supplier in following years.

Note

- 4 Treasurers Report** – PR presented the Treasurers Report due to Helen’s absence from the meeting. Please refer to the appendix for a full copy of this.

Christmas Party: It was noted that the Christmas Party had made a loss of £208.00. It was noted that there was an element of the cost which includes wine purchases and mince pies for the Christmas Tree lighting, and that there is surplus alcohol from the event, but there is still likely to be a loss of c. £150.00. After debate it was agreed that the CVRA had a significant surplus for events and supporting social activity and that although uplift of ticket prices to £12 and £6 for next year, that it did not need to generate profit as a singular part of the CVRA calendar.

Note for 2025 party

Further supplemental payment for Village Hall: Prompted by the above the committee discussed the wider investment and spending of the CVRA, as we continue to carry a significant surplus. GB confirmed that the loan to the Trust is substantial, but that a loan for the sums involved would not reduce payments by very much and should be left in the CVRA accounts for other village uses.

Note

Total income: £414.83 Total outgoings = £1232.26

Note

The account balance stands at £2754.43

The report was approved by JR and seconded by JRd

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5 Secretary Report

GB advised all that he was looking to issue the Spring Newsletter before Easter. GB to contact Pat and Clare in coming weeks with a confirmed deadline for preparing Newsletter Content.

Action: GB

Standing Note for AGM: It was agreed by all that the quorum required for the AGM should be reduced to 20 at the next AGM.

Action: ALL

6 Topics for Discussion

- 6.1 *Dovecote* – EP advised the committee that he had attended a meeting with the Conservation Officer Chris Hawthorn, and they are currently proposing a survey of the fabric to identify the necessary works to bring the building back up to standard. It was noted that this is a maintenance process and not one where any upgrades or future use will be considered. Ed has contacted Clare McCurdy and it is suggested Heritage England contacts to re-open discussion about how the works are funded. It was also agreed by the committee that Ed and Pat would look to raise the issue at the next Finance Meeting at the City Council and report back

Action: EP

- 6.2 *Village Hall Development:* GB updated the committee on the building works. There has been a significant delay to completion due to cladding not being supplied to site as planned, although the rest of the building is substantially complete and decorated, thanks to an excellent team of villager help including

Note

James Royston, Francis Buck, Ed Peterson, Dan Garnon, Gerald Buck, Jonathan Blacknell, Hugh Evans, Phil Bull and Graeme Barker. There is an official opening planned for the 26th April as a coffee and cake morning.

6.3 *House on Groveside Crescent:* It has been noted by committee members that the house has been substantially cleaned up and is no being lived in.

6.4 *Clifton Town Board:* It has been confirmed that the monies are still available for Clifton generally but that the criteria for spending have been changed and a further consultation will need to be undertaken before money is allocated.

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7 Social Events

7.1 *Spring event* – JRd highlighted that VE falls in early May, and it was agreed by the committee that the spring Quiz evening should be pivoted towards a VE themed evening. It has been confirmed that the hall is available for the 17th May and has been provisionally booked for this date.

Action: GB / PR

7.2 *Further events* – It was agreed that a spring event in the Church along the theme of a James Bond quiz evening would be organised. GB to talk to Clare Ashton about probable dates for this.

Action: GB

7.3 *Official Opening for the Village Hall:* As noted above an official opening date of the 26th April is confirmed as a coffee and cake morning.

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7.4 *Summer Garden Party:* Date is agreed for this as he

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7.5 *Autumn Event:* A Swedish themed event with meatballs courtesy of Ed and helpers was agreed. Date to be booked in with the Hall.

Note: GB

8 AOB

Christmas tree remains: EP and GB agreed to dispense of the Christmas Tree remains from Cross Hill

Action: GB / EP

The next meeting date Thursday 24th April. 10 Nethergate at 8pm

Christmas Party December 2024

48 Adult Tickets @ £10	480.00
4 Child Tickets @ £5	<u>20.00</u>
	500.00
Bar Takings	<u>23.00</u>
	Total 523.00

Cash Payments

Francis Buck	42.35
Christine	12.40
Pat	6.00
Dorothy	12.70
Graeme	<u>44.72</u>
	118.17

Money Banked 404.83

Cheques Paid Out

Ed	184.44
Ed	164.84
James	243.35
Drinks Licence	<u>21.00</u>
	613.63

Food £467.45

Deficit £208.80

Total Spend £731.80

CVRA Meeting Thursday 20th February 2025

Income

Summer Garden Party Ticket	£ 10.00
Christmas Party 2024	£ 404.83

Payments

Chq. to School House Trust – Donation for New Extension	£500.00
Chq. to H.Huffer – Payment for Drinks Licence	£21.00
Chqs. for Christmas Party Food and Bar	£593.09
Cash Payments for Christmas Party	£118.17

Money In £414.83

Money Out £1232.26

Account Balance £2754.43

Report to committee Feb 20th 2025

Apologies for postponing the original meeting for earlier this month.

The two CVRA events since our last meeting were of course the Carol singing and the Christmas party.

Julie having previously ordered the Christmas trees then dealt with the Carol singing organisation so that it ran smoothly. The usual team of helpers were able to assist again. Ruth made the mulled wine and Clare organised the brazier and mince pies while Maggie provided the warmed chestnuts. Other committee members helped to serve the mulled wine and mince pies while on the previous day committee members helped to put up the Christmas tree ably helped by the junior members of the village. Jonathan was able to sort out the lighting using the electrical point in Christine's garage.

The afternoon was well attended and Carol singers once again walked around the village to sing outside the homes of the disabled and unwell members of our community. Jill once again accompanied the singers with her violin playing. A huge thank you to everyone who made a contribution to another successful event.

The Christmas party came a week later and this time was organised by Ed as Julie was away. As always when a new person takes over there are a few tweaks and changes as was the case with Ed, giving the food a slight Scandinavian twist plus providing the opportunity for a fun new version of an old game. Of course, team Royston led the singing of the 12 days of Christmas. The event was well attended and everyone really had a good time. Again, a big thank you to everyone who helped prepare food and helped on the day either with the food, behind the bar or with clearing away afterwards.

Since then, the hall developments have continued and are almost complete. The results are incredibly impressive and make a huge improvement. Of course, this has come at a cost and the hall trust committee members have had to personally help as the original amount was superseded. The ongoing use of the hall and the rent from the school house should over time repay their generosity.

A scheme whereby village members could also make donations is underway and some of our generous residents have already made a contribution with others promising to do so. Every little helps and collectively a few thousand pounds have already been donated.

Last month some of us from the village went to an open meeting down at Barton in Fabis village hall about the latest quarry application. Julian Coles opened the meeting giving an outline of the objections and showing a video of the site which is on the SAVE campaign's website. This highlighted graphically just what we were going to lose if the quarry goes ahead. The meeting was also attended by the 2 local MP's, Lilian Greenwood and James

Naish MP for Rushcliffe who both spoke and supported what Julian had said. There was then an opportunity for residents to ask questions. When a vote was taken everyone's hands went up to show their objection to the quarry. Opportunities to object have now closed and we have to wait for the county council to discuss and decide at one of their meetings sometime this year. We are hopeful that yet again all objections are strong enough to have the proposal thrown out.

Finally this month we have lost two of our treasured village residents. Geoff Matthews died after a short illness. He was 92 and had been in reasonably good health up until Christmas, largely I imagine due to his daily walks. His memorial service was held on Saturday 15th at St. Mary's church and was it testament to Geoff that the church was full. His young granddaughter confidently sang to songs in Welsh while Geoff's son JJ delivered the Eulogy.

Sadly, John Spencer has also passed away after a long-term illness. John had been an active member of the village being the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for many years despite his ongoing health problems. Details of his funeral are to come.

We send our sincere condolences to both Theresa and Kath and their families at what we know is a difficult time.

Pat Rice 19th Feb 2025