



**Minutes of meeting of Clifton Village Residents Association Wednesday 10th September 2025
at 10 Nethergate Clifton Village**

Those present

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

Actions

1 Previous minutes

Errors to be corrected - Julie Reid – not present. Helen Huffer presented the report. Typo on 'Treasurers report' GB to update and then issue to JB for the website.

Action: GB

Approved JR, seconded HH

2 Matters arising

2.1 *Plaque for the Village Sign. Handed over to Phil Bull* – CD presented the plaque as agreed at the last meeting, as it is now ready for mounting. A query was raised by JW on the exact wording but it was confirmed that it had been agreed at the meeting and should be erected. Phil Bull to fix to the sign.

Action: PB

2.2 *Drop Down Bollard to Village Hall.* PR advised that NCC now cannot find the key for the bollard. No further progress taken in this regard.

Note

3 Chairpersons Report

Village Garden Party was a success once again, despite concerns over it being hosted in August.

Note

The Catering leads produced a fine spread of food once again, but PR advised the committee that they have said they would like to step back from the role next year. A picnic was suggested, but JW noted that the event had started as a ploughman's lunch, that has expanded, but throughout always provided food. The committee generally supported this view and an alternative catering team will need to be brought together for 2026.

There was a general view that the event should move back to July in order that more members of the group are available to support the catering and event in general. Members are willing to help, and this will need to be reviewed closer to the time next year.

Action: All

Simon Massarella has agreed to repair and re-paint the noticeboard.

Quarry – EP and PR attended a meeting on the 17/07/25 to discuss progress with the campaign group in Barton in Fabis, (Regulation 25 response). This was to ensure people wrote in with objections to the latest iteration of the application in large numbers once again. Letters were also submitted by the Barton Group to local Councillors on this matter. There is a further meeting for the co-ordinating meeting organised by the group on the 2nd October in Barton in Fabis. A 106 page planning response has been submitted by the Barton Campaign in response to the latest planning submission by the applicants.

PR also advised that a petition has been prepared by 5no. Rushcliffe parish councils including points on the need to urgently update the minerals plan as it is now significantly out of date, and that demand has now significantly reduced since the plan was established. It has been noted that the projected regional demand in the plan is over twice the evidenced annual use for the last year and confirms that that an extra quarry is not required.

A recent issue addressed by the group is that the EA and Natural England have not recognised the significant risk of flooding and its impact on the nearby SSSI of Holme Pit. Having submitted videos of recent flood damage this point has now been made by MP Lilian Greenwood to these bodies. Although the EA conceded that flooding would impact the SSSI from the south, they have not raised a formal objection, as they believe that the gravel pit applicants will have sufficient time to clear the quarry site if flooding is imminent.

Finally, PR noted that the village Defibrillator has been used during the last week and replacement pads have been ordered by PB. It was agreed that Julie Reid would contact the Training specialist to she is willing to undertake a refresher training session at the hall, although EP noted that this is typically offered bi-annually.

Action: JRd

- 4 Treasurers Report** – HH presented the Treasurers Report – please see appendix for details. Summer Garden Party: Ticket Sales: £930.00. Bar Takings £149.10. Outgoings £120.00 and Food £369.28. A surplus of £395.98 was reported overall on the event.

Significant Payments in the last reporting period:

<i>Chq. to JR – bar stocks</i>	<i>£193.84</i>
<i>Chq. to Phil Bull - Defibrillator</i>	<i>£123.54</i>
<i>Drinks Licence for Swedish Evening</i>	<i>£21.00</i>
<i>Money In - £729.82</i>	<i>Money Out - £378.38</i>
<i>Account Balance £3,479.86</i>	

The report was approved by GB and seconded by EP

Note

5 Secretaries Report

Tickets for the Swedish Evening will be published this weekend on Saturday. Abba evening – Jonathan Blacknell has agreed to provide music. Accompanied by Swedish food extravaganza compiled by our resident Scandinavian Cultural experts with music to follow. It was agreed that ticket prices would be £10 for adult and £5 for children with free welcome drink. It was agreed that the Secretary should prepare a flyer for the event to.

Action: GB

It was agreed that a Newsletter should be planned prior to Christmas. A date of Mid-October was agreed for this for this. Details of length and need for printing is to be agreed closer to the time.

Action: GB

6 Topics for Discussion

6.1 *Dovecote –update was offered by EP* – EP advised that discussions were ongoing regarding the creation of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It has been identified by NCC as the most suitable team structure to support the works required and obtaining sponsorship but EP is awaiting further dialogue and information from NCC on the matter.

Note

It was agreed that it is essential that NCC position is agreed ahead of instructing further work on this, in particular the need to ensure ownership and authority to carry out works.

7 Social Events

7.1 *Further events – Swedish Evening. Date confirmed* as: 4th October 2025 – 7.30pm. JB engaged for music. CD / JRd to help with food. GB to produce mash and take hostess trolley to hall for 7pm. JRd and CD to help EP with food at home. Ticket prices £10 / £5. The plan is to eat at 8pm. Quiz on the table with a few questions. JR ‘freely volunteered’ to be quiz master. 1st October for numbers to EP.

Action: all

7.2 *Further events – Wine Tasting: Date confirmed:* 8th November – 7.30pm. No bar licence required for this – no free drinks to be offered. Panel as previous if they can be persuaded to take part, although JR is likely to be away, and EP should plan to find an alternative. EP to co-ordinate the panel. JW happy to take part. GB confirmed Jill Barker with boys will provide cheese and biscuits. Ticket price to be £10.

Action: all

7.3 *Remembrance Day* – Ester is happy to lead the service. CD advised that unfortunately there the Piper is not available for the service. CD to provide the wreath.

Action: CD

7.4 *Christmas events* – 6th December for Christmas Tree erection with carols on the 7th December. Christmas Party to be on Sunday 14th December from 13.00. Two new sets of Christmas Lights will be required as they have failed their PAT test. GB and JR to check Santa’s stores at home for replacement sets to

Action: GB/ JR

donate – otherwise new will be required. Clare Ashton has requested that the hall is cleared by 5.30pm. After discussion it was agreed that a 5.30pm would be possible. Christmas tickets are to be £10 / £5.

CD – Can we have permanent fixings for flags etc up on the walls. GB to raise at CVHSHT Trust meeting.

Action: GB

JRd still working to provide a tree for Cross Hill – size is a challenge. The general consensus was that a 12' tree would be adequate if it is all that is available.

Action: JRd

GB / JR to investigate putting a permanent tube into the ground to raise tree higher in ground and aid erection each year.

Action: GB/ JR

Roy and Ruth on Mulled wine – JRd to ask.

Action: JRd

7.5 *Events for 2026* – CA would like booking dates for the Village Hall. Agreed dates that can be confirmed are the weekend after Easter (11th April), second to last Saturday in October (24th October). Christmas party will be 13th December 2026.

Note

8 AOB

8.1 *JR – 22nd September* – JR has organised an apple pressing event at the Village Hall. 5.30-9.00pm.

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8.2 *Village Hall* – further small fittings to be put up in the hall to further finish the building works. Dates to be requested from the wider group.

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8.3 *CD – Watering the Planters* – General agreement from the CVRA for the purchase of a new planter for the War Memorial adjacent to the Dovecote with a budget of up to £200. CD to investigate options for this and has authority to purchase up to this price.

Action: CD

The next meeting date October 22nd - 10 Nethergate at 8pm

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY 2025

Tickets Adults 76 @ £12	912.00
Child 3 @ £6	<u>18.00</u>
	930.00
Tickets by B.A.C.S. 5 @ £12	- 60.00
	Cash 870.00
	Bar Takings <u>149.10</u>
	Total 1019.10

Food paid in Cash £369.28

Chq. for Bar Stock £193.84

Total £ 563.12

With B.A.C.S. tickets	£1079.10
	- <u>£563.12</u>
	£515.98

Gazebo	30.00
Drinks Licence	21.00
Insurance	<u>69.00</u>
	120.00

Surplus £395.98

CVRA Meeting Wednesday 10th September 2025

Treasure's Report

Income

5 Garden Party Tickets paid by Bank Transfer	£ 60.00
Money Banked for Summer Garden Party	£649.82
Membership Subscriptions 2025/26	£10.00
Donation (cash)	£10.00

Payments

Chq. to J.Royston – Bar Stock & Food for S/G.Party	£193.84
Cash Payments for Summer Garden Party	£389.28
Cash Payment to Vicarage for Defib usage	£10.00
Chq. to H.Huffer – Payment for R.E.M.E. Gazebo	£30.00
Chq. to P.Bull – Replacement Kit for Defib	£123.54
Chq. to H.Huffer – Drinks Licence for Swedish Ev	£21.00

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