



## MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025. 7.30 pm

Held at

Clifton Village Hall

Total Membership 271

### 1. Apologies:

Francis Buck, Glenys Blacknell, Jonathan Blacknell, Councillor Hayley Spain.

### 2. Present: 30 members

Clare Ashton, Claire Ashwell, Graeme Barker, Sandra Barnes, Michael Barnes, Mike Braund, Gerald Buck, Phil Bull, Sandra Bull, Chris Dalby, Gary Dykes, Dan Garnon, Helen Huffer, Mick Huffer, Angie Palmer, Ed Peterson, Vendela Peterson, John Pickles, Linda Pickles, Julie Reid, Pat Rice, Joe Rice, James Royston, Gill Scott, Claire Simpson, Eileen Skinner, Robert Skinner, Mark Vanderluis, John Woodall, Dorothy Woodall

Also present: Councillor Andrew Rule

### 3. Previous Minutes and Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Vendela Peterson, seconded by James Royston. and approved by the AGM as a true record. As previously, this year's minutes will be forwarded to Jonathan Blacknell for placing on the website.

### 4. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Report

There was no representative available from the police to attend the meeting, but the CVRA has had regular contact from PC Simon Reid, and a report from the police was presented by Pat Rice.

Summary: Clifton has received additional funding in the last 12 months for patrols and diversionary youth work, with Church support and central investment as a recognised area of crime. This has resulted in a reduction in crime overall. Drugs offences – not a significant rise in issues. Theft - slight rise. Burglary – up from 22 to 29. Burglary key safe thefts, many of which have been in the village, but the police can report that the suspected offender has been arrested and is on remand awaiting trial. Possession of weapons – up from 12 to 24 – typically results of increased stop and search. ASB cases continue to be a point of focus, being consistent with 2024, and are clustered around illegal bikes and E scooters. **Action:** **AGM** - The police are encouraging anyone who spots illegal bike and E scooter activity to report it to the police using 101.

## **5. Update from local Councillor Andrew Rule**

Councillor Rule reported that he has been made aware of a council funded proposal to place an E-bike corral at the end of Nethergate close to the A453. Andrew has expressed significant concerns as a Local councillor that there has been no consultation on the matter. It was clear that this has no support from the AGM, and Coun. Rule encouraged all members of the public to make their views known when the planning application is made live. **Action:** Councillor Rule will send around details via the CVRA to allow resident feedback to be considered as he has concerns given how irresponsible use has seen bikes left obstructing the highway and it is too close to the main road.

20mph speed limit – Councillor Rule noted that there is an application being prepared for Lark Hill to have 20mph speed limits and that it is the most cost-effective time to add Clifton Village to the legal application if there is support for this. The AGM confirmed that this is something they would strongly support. **Action:** Andrew Rule is to seek authority for this process to be started. The first stage will be a formal consultation with all residents.

A question was raised by Mark Vanderluis on speeding along Village Road. He understands that there is police support and resource available for training for speed awareness and use of speed guns so the community can monitor compliance. **Action:** Councillor Andrew Rule said that he understands that this is available and will seek further information for the CVRA on this.

## **6. Chairwoman's Report**

**Full record of Chairs report as delivered:** Thank you for taking the time to come along tonight to show your support for our village and its community. When reflecting on how many in our village make time to help in various activities it is heart warming to think that we are still a thriving village. We have those who do things of their own volition such as Michael Atherton who has taken upon himself to mow the areas around the dovecote and benches. No one asked him to do that but it makes the area look cared for and tidy and we are extremely grateful to him for that.

I know that Francis Buck and Dan Garnon regularly take it upon themselves to litter pick aside from the organised litter picks that Alma co-ordinates. Our village events organised by committee members also have regular helpers. Extra, new helpers are always welcome of course.

The events over the past twelve months have run as normal. Following our AGM last May we had our annual garden party in John and Dorothy's spacious garden. This as always was well attended partly as a chance to get together and partly to enjoy the catering carried out by Kath Spencer and Glen Blacknell with a team of willing helpers.

In October we had our quiz night. This we rotate with our other popular events including the wine tasting evening which you can look forward to this autumn. In November the Remembrance service was led by Rev Esther Hutchinson supported by a piper. Come December, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, we had Carols around the Christmas tree which was put up the day before with the help of Graeme, James and others while Jonathan Blacknell connected

the lights to the bungalow garage for which we must thank Christine Youlden for permitting us to use for the electrics. Jonathan of course is our go to DJ as well.

A week later we had the Christmas party. This is always a regular event looked forward to by many. The catering took a slightly new turn this time with ham and meat balls on the menu for a change, along with home cooked brownies to follow on. We have Ed Peterson and Graeme Barker and family to thank for that along with the regular catering team. Speaking of meatballs, look out for a new Swedish style event to take place in early autumn. Now I wonder which music could go along with that? That could lead to some interesting outfits! We have more recently held a successful VE day 80 years commemoration afternoon party event in the newly refurbished village hall. Music was provided by guess who? As you can see from the above the committee keep busy organising and actively planning these events.

Graeme as well as a bit of cooking and tree erecting also produces the newsletter, prints out tickets and fliers, as well as minuting meetings and producing agenda. Always ask a super busy person to do a job like that! I can think of someone else who also keeps herself super busy and it's not me!

Helen our treasurer keeps the accounts up to date and procures licences for our events involving a bar amongst other things. Speaking of the bar it is committee member James Royston who looks after that, purchasing the drinks for all our events as well as seeing to post Christmas entertainment.

Julie Reid helps to organise events and takes over from me when I am not available. She has become deputy chair for that reason which gives us both flexibility when needed. Other committee members have their roles too. Phil looks after our Facebook page as well as checking on the defibrillator and Village heritage signpost. Ed comes up with ideas for fun events for you to enjoy as well as being determined to see our dovecote repaired before anyone is injured by falling debris from the roof, which continues to deteriorate. This is proving a stumbling block as funding is proving hard to come by. Ed is not one to give up easily and if you feel that you are able to contribute to and join Ed in this pursuit, please speak to him. It is getting to be quite a job!

Christine also comes up with ideas and is now, along with Gary, looking after the village planters. John is our most long-standing committee member. He keeps us on our toes and of course he and Dorothy generously open their garden annually for our garden party. Of course, we all also go round selling tickets, and deliver newsletters when necessary except Graeme who has more than enough to do anyway.

On to other matters. We continue to monitor the empty house on Milldale Close as its condition is a concern particularly for the neighbours. Our councillors are aware but we await further news. Village Road as you will all have noticed has had a re surface which is still bedding in. Potholes marked elsewhere in the village have yet to be filled. I have highlighted to our councillors the state of our pavements after many years of patching. Many of them have become a trip hazard particularly for our more disabled residents. I will be going on a walk around the village with them shortly.

The quarry application is still on going. Some good news is that Rushcliffe Borough Council have unanimously agreed to object to the planning after listening to Julian Coles and some of

the Barton in Fabis residents. However, the County Council have the overall say on the decision. Of course, the County Council has just reformed after local elections, with a change of many councillors. They are still at the stage of sorting out who is doing what so naturally there will be delays. If the delay goes into next year, (fingers crossed) then a new minerals plan is due to be reviewed so we hope that when this happens the Barton quarry could be dropped. The county has a 16-year bank of sand and gravel, well over government guidelines so the Barton quarry is not needed.

Finally, can I thank the committee and all those who have helped in any way over the last year. We all know that this is a great place to live and having helpers like yourselves, keep it that way.

## **7. Treasurers report**

Our Treasurer, Helen Huffer, presented the Financial Report. A copy of the Financial report is attached in the appendices.

2025 started with a balance of £3701.14. Total income for 2024-25 was £2360.00. Total Expenditure for 2024-25 was £3235.72. This results in a deficit for the year of £875.72. The CVRA balance at the end of 2024-25 is £2825.42.

The Accounts were proposed for acceptance by Dan Garnon and seconded by John Woodall.

## **8. Election of Officers**

John Woodall (JW) was invited to lead the election of officers. JW thanked all on the committee for their continued work on behalf of the village, noting the roles of Julie Reid who continues to support Pat Rice as assistant chair, a role that is to continue into 2025-26. JW concluded by thanking the secretary working alongside them to support events and general operations of the committee.

It was confirmed that all current members are prepared to continue in their roles through 2024-25, including Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

### **8.1 Officers**

Pat Rice as Chairwoman with Julie Reid as assistant Chair.  
Graeme Barker as Secretary  
Helen Huffer as Treasurer

This proposal for the election of officers was put to the AGM by JW and seconded by VP. The vote was unanimous, in favour.

### **8.2 Election of the Executive Committee**

The committee members proposed being:

Phil Bull, Christine Dalby, James Royston, Ed Peterson, John Woodall.

There were no proposals for new officers and the above agreed to continue. Proposed by JR, seconded by GB and unanimously accepted by the AGM.

## **9. Honorariums**

Honorarium for £50.00 to the Secretary.

Honorarium for £50.00 to Helen Lander as Auditor

Proposed by JW, seconded by JR – approved unanimously by the AGM.

## **10. Social Events**

**10.1 Garden Party** – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025. Set up will be from 9am and help from any villagers would be appreciated. Any help towards catering would also be appreciated.

**10.2 Wine Tasting** – Call my Bluff – al agreed this is a well-supported popular event and runs on a two year cycle - date now confirmed as 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**10.3 Remembrance Day** - 11<sup>th</sup> November will be at the Dovecote as normal. Gary will check availability of the piper.

**10.4 Christmas events** will run from the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December, with the Christmas Party likely to be the 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## **11. Any other Business**

### **11.1 Clifton Village Hall**

Clare Ashton presented a short update on the Village Hall. The CVHSHT hope that everyone is pleased with new extension as the works are now largely complete. MP Lilian Greenwood opened the hall in late April. Thanks were expressed to the whole decorating team – the CVHSHT and wider village are very grateful for the works as completed. The painting of the storeroom is the final thing to be resolved. The works have used existing CVHSHT funds and there is a shortfall of c. £50-60,000 for which a Charity Bank Loan is being negotiated, so fund raising will be continuing. Hall use continues to be strong with bookings now being taken for concurrent use of the two spaces. Many donations have been received from both individuals and organisations towards the extension costs and plaques for donations will be erected in the lobby this week.

### **11.2 St Mary's Church**

Clare Ashton - Over the last few months a new kitchen has been installed and new drainage works have been completed to relieve damp around the base of the walls. Clare has stepped back as church warden recently but is still actively involved. Contact details will be confirmed for new Church wardens in the next newsletter.

Dan Garnon – Suzie and Michael have started a programme of activity to clean. 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday is coffee and cake – Suzie and Mike will be there from 9am and invite all to lend a hand in maintaining and tidying the church gardens. They wish to finish the grounds and

develop a garden of reflection with benches and suitable planting. Please contact church wardens or Ester Hutchinson for details of how to get involved.

### **11.3 – Clean Champions**

Dan Garnon presented on behalf of Alma Davies – 1600 bags of rubbish have been collected in the Clifton area over the last year. The group is very grateful that houses are kept tidy and looked after. McDonalds, KFC and NTU have now ‘adopted’ their frontages and offer free refreshments following tidy events. Contact Dan or Alma if you wish to get involved.

### **11.4 – Clifton Town Board**

**Now known as** Clifton Neighbourhood Board – 4-7pm this Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May an update for the community will be provided at Clifton Cornerstone. Suggestions to be promoted include the Dovecote, a Clifton Village Community bus. The CVRA will keep contact with the group to identify opportunities for funding and support that would benefit village needs.

The meeting concluded with thanks again from PR to all attendees.

**AGM for 2026 to be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm.**

**Wine will be provided afterward for all attendees. Please stay and chat.**

## **CVRA AGM Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. We began the financial year 2024/2025 with a balance of £3,701.14

#### **INCOME**

2. Membership Subscriptions were up and £749.00 was collected over the year.
3. We had income from only two social events, the Summer Garden Party and the Christmas Party.
4. **The Total Income received for the year was £2,360.00**

#### **EXPENDITURE**

5. Payments paid out for the Summer Garden Party and Christmas Party resulted in a small surplus.
6. **Other Social Events** was for the Defibrillator Training which cost £102.00 to cover expenses with a further additional cost of £87.66 for Bar Stock used at this event.
7. The Christmas Tree purchase was £207.49 which was a small increase over the cost last year.
8. General Printing costs were £191.80 for the year.
9. From the Total monies held in **Gifts & Donations** which was **£767.00** we made the following payments:
  - a) A £10 donation for electrical usage of the Defibrillator.
  - b) We purchased Wildflower Seed at a cost of £144.00
  - c) A Donation of £500.00 to the School House Trust towards the New Extension.
  - d) A Donation to Holme Pitt of £55.00 and £30.00 to Wollaton Dovecote
  - e) Thankyou gift £28.00
10. Items included in **Other Expenditure**
  - a) Defib preparation kit £15.99
  - b) Purchases of reusable tablecloths at £89 and a small Gazebo at £50.
  - c) Village Sign Maintenance cost £32.87
  - d) CVRA Website renewal cost £49.30**A Total cost of £237.16**
11. We finished the 2024/2025 year with an **Expenditure of £3,235.72.**
12. This shows a **deficit** of £875.72 for the year.
13. The CVRA Account Balance at the financial year end is **£2,825.42.**

I would like to thank Helen Lander for auditing the accounts and this concludes my report.

Helen Huffer – Treasurer CVRA

CLIFTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

2023/24	Village Accounts	April 1st 2024 to March 31st 2025
3,915.19	<b>Balance brought forward</b>	3,701.14
	<b>INCOME</b>	
547.50	Residents Subscriptions	749.00
897.55	Summer Garden Party	1,088.00
845.00	Christmas Party	523.00
1,437.35	Other Social Events	0.00
50.00	Grant/Donations	0.00
0.00	Other (Adverts)	0.00
3,777.40		2,360.00
	<b>less</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
726.82	Summer Garden Party	810.35
802.15	Christmas Party	732.26
1,004.90	Other Social Events	189.66
174.99	Christmas Tree & Lights	207.49
198.00	Printing, Stationery and Newsletters	191.80
0.00	Secretary's Honarium	50.00
50.00	Gift for Auditor	50.00
619.59	Gifts and Donations	767.00
415.00	Other	237.16
3,991.45		3,235.72
-214.05	<b>Excess/(Deficit) Income over Expenditure for the year</b>	-875.72
3,701.14	<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	2,825.42
	<b>Represented by :</b>	
45.00	Cash and Cheques in hand	45.00
3,656.14	New Club/Society Account	2,780.42
3,701.14		2,825.42

Accounts audited and found to be correct 30th April 2025

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