



## MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024. 7.30 pm

Held at

Clifton Village Hall

Total Membership \*\*\*

### 1. Apologies:

Patrick Reid, Julie Reid, Claire Simpson, Clare Ashton, Alma Davies, Glenys Blacknell, Jonathan Blacknell, Jill Barker, Mick Huffer, Gerald Buck, John Spencer, Julie Durham

### 2. Present: 26 members

Graeme Barker, Mike Braund, Sandra Bull, Phil Bull, Francis Buck, Phil Clark, Chris Dalby, Dan Garnon, Helen Huffer, Kath Kay, Steve Lock, Geoffery Marrow, Angie Palmer, Ed Peterson, Vendela Peterson, John Pickles, Joe Rice, Pat Rice, James Royston, Gill Scott, Helen Skinner, Robert Skinner, John Woodall, Dorothy Woodall

### 3. Previous Minutes and Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Vendela Peterson, seconded by John Woodall. 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, so no formal update given. PR did however note that the village seemed to be quiet at present, with only one shed theft to note in recent months.

GB noted that police representatives have recently attended a CVRA committee meeting and would continue to be invited during 2024-25 to allow updates on village matters.

### 5. Chairwoman's Report

PR thanked all for coming along to show your support of our Village Residents' Association. Apologies were offered for councillors Andrew Rule and Hayley Spain have a full council meeting to attend tonight so will not be able to join us.

PR reported that the CVRA have had a much quieter year, but the committee have continued to organise activities that give residents the opportunity to meet up for some fun activities. The first of those was in July last year we held our annual summer garden party once again in John and Dorothy Woodall's' garden. This year the garden party will be on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

PR thanked Glenys and Kath Spencer who have offered to do the catering once more.

Our autumn event in the village hall was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. This was the ever - popular wine tasting evening organised by Ed Peterson who also came up with his usual interesting wine selection. Thank you also the wine tasting team who must have had the hardest job of the evening.

Our Christmas lunch on the 10th December went back to the traditional way where everyone took it in turns to collect a marvellous selection of food. We had the new catering team again led by Julie Reid with other committee members and residents. James staffed the bar along with the other willing helpers. Thanks go to everyone who helped to make this a much-loved event and we mustn't forget the singing led by family Royston.

Prior to the Christmas party, on the weekend before, we were able to go ahead with the tree lighting and carol singing. This continues to be a well-attended, popular event and all those who contributed also deserve our thanks, in particular Jill Barker who led Carols by playing on her violin once more. Roy and Ruth Nettleship, Maggie Royston and Clare Ashton all help on the day by providing much needed warmth and sustenance.

Spring included a get together in the hall in the form of a sausage and mash disco night. Ed and his helpers produced the food while Jonathan Blacknell provided the music to dance the night away to. No one wanted to go home, it was so good!

The defibrillator is now in place on St. Mary's House on Village Road and on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April an extremely well attended training evening took place. The training officer was only expecting a handful of people not the 75 residents who attended and were keen to learn how to use the machine. She was delighted and her chosen charity was boosted by the funds raised by a CVRA donation. On her advice extra necessary equipment has been purchased and placed in the machine. We must thank Phil Bull who now checks the machine from time to time to see if the battery is still functioning.

There are other village residents who deserve a mention for the help they provide throughout the year without shouting about it. They are Michael Atherton who takes it upon himself to mow the grass around the dovecote and benches and Dan Garnon who amongst many ways to help can often be seen with litter picker in hand.

We are always grateful for help from any other residents, particularly in preparing for our events. If you are able to help at our next event on July 13<sup>th</sup> you will be most welcome particularly if you are proficient at erecting gazebos.

PR noted that although many of the buildings that were of concern around the village for many years, are all occupied, there remains one in Milldale which is still causing some concern because of its neglected appearance. It was questioned whether the council could enforce any actions on the owners due to the state of the property. PR replied not, as she had regular meetings with ward councillors to discuss village matters and they were not able to assist any further at this time.

A new planning application for the quarry in Barton in Fabis has been lodged. The Barton in Fabis team who, with the help of Lark Hill residents, put in a tremendous amount of time, energy and effort in getting the quarry application withdrawn, have again been busy responding to the latest weighty application. Julian Coles and PR had a recent meeting with our MP to ensure that she was fully acquainted with the Barton team's latest response. Julian was delighted by the numbers of letters sent to the county council to object to the application, which was over 750. Thank you to everyone who objected. It appears that due to the mountain of objections a decision will not be made until probably into next year. Many of you will have received a letter from Lilian Greenwood acknowledging your objection.

Barton Green housing will go ahead sadly despite our best efforts. Now it is down to us to ensure that the woodland is protected and that the housing is of a decent standard according to latest recommendations. Access to the site was queried. GB advised that the council had recently re-drafted their highways guidance to allow a single access point for development of the scale proposed and this had therefore been approved by the planning authority. Negotiations are ongoing however regarding a secondary access during the far busier construction period. The construction stage plan had yet to be approved.

The Dovecote is in urgent need of re-roofing and Ed Peterson has been pushing hard to get experts to actually come along and see the building for themselves. They recommend re-roofing with tiles similar to those on nearby buildings if costs allow. CVRA committee members recently visited Wollaton Dovecote to see how they are making active use of their dovecote as a local museum and learning resource.

PR concluded by thanking **the committee** on your behalf for all their hard work over the past year. Special mentions were given to Helen, who looks after the finances and helps behind the bars, Julie who deputises for me on occasions and sorts out the Christmas lunch, Phil who looks after the Facebook page amongst other things, Graeme who has become secretary again this year leaving Ed to take on the organisation of our Spring and Autumn social events, James who looks after the bar stock together with Christine and John who turn their hands to any necessary tasks.

Beyond the committee there are many others who have played a big part in village activities, in particular Jonathan Blacknell - our fantastic DJ and tree lighting specialist who also looks after the village website. Roy Nettleship, who comes out with his scaffolding and equipment to help make sure the Christmas tree doesn't fall down. Then there is Allan who has become our quiz master of choice, Alma who organises the litter pickers to keep our area tidy.

There are many others who put themselves out to help when asked –Clare, Dan, Karen, Ann Massarella, Ann Hooley, Dorothy, Maggie and team Royston, Jill and team Barker, Gary, Patrick, Francis, Kath Kay, Sandra, Kevin and Michael Atherton who with his paintbrush has smartened up areas of the village that largely go unnoticed. I have already mentioned Glenys and Kath Spencer who do the summer catering and there are others who willingly give their help.

JW concluded by thanking PR on behalf of all present for her continued hard work in leading the CVRA committee and village in general.

## **6. Treasurers report**

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

In summary there is a small deficit of income over expenditure for 2023/2 of £214.05. This leaves a bank balance of £3,701.14.

Further points of action or note are:

The need for a £50.00 honorarium to the Secretary was queried, as this was showing as a zero. It was confirmed that this has been a regular accounting entry over the years but had not been drawn down in 2023-24.

All agreed to the Honorarium for the Auditor of £50.00.

The Accounts were proposed for acceptance by Dan Garnon and seconded by James Royston.

### **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, especially Julie Reid who had stepped in to lead the CVRA during the year as assistant chair, a role that is to continue into 2024-25. It was confirmed that all current members are prepared to continue in their roles through 2024-25.

### **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.

### **Election of the Executive Committee.**

The committee members, 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 RS and unanimously accepted by the AGM.

## **9. Honorarium.**

Honorarium for £50.00 to the Secretary. Proposed by VP and seconded by JR.

## **10. Social Events**

The summer garden party will be hosted by John and Dorothy at Holly House on 13<sup>th</sup> July. A request for helpers was made by PR on behalf of the committee on the morning of the event to help erect gazebos and marquees.

There will be a further village event in the Autumn on the 5<sup>th</sup> October at the Church. The general theme of the evening will be 'James Bond' including musical entertainment from Jill and Graeme Barker.

The normal Christmas activities of the Christmas Tree (1<sup>st</sup> December) and Christmas Party (8<sup>th</sup> December) will happen at the end of the year.

In addition the 'Garden Trail' will take place on May 25<sup>th</sup>, around the village, commencing at Pat's home on Leabrook Close and finishing at Clare Ashton's.

PR asked that all members keep the outer page of the newsletters, published 2-3 times per year as these contain details of up and coming events.

## **11. Any other Business**

### **11.1 Clean Champions**

Dan Garnon introduced the 'Clean Champions' initiative to the meeting. Volunteers meet monthly to clean areas of the village, and along the A453, as well as the wider Clifton estate once a month. The groups run throughout the city and are sponsored by Nottingham City Council who provide equipment and hi vis jackets for the group.

Dan invited members to join the group. This is best achieved by contacting Alma Davies, who co-ordinates the local group in the area.

Dan further invited to members to 'adopt their frontage' by simply committing to keeping the area clean outside their own houses as this greatly helps to keep the village tidy overall.

Rubbish caused by recent Cadent workers was highlighted by DG with non-biodegradable rubbish being thrown into holes they had created, and blown around the village. It was suggested this is raised with Cadent as they had been a responsive and generally positive team on site.

### **11.2 Clifton Village Hall**

GB presented a short update on the Village Hall Trust.

It was noted that the Village Hall is busy every day, with regular bookings and parties filling the diary. Bookings for special events are often made several months in advance and include wedding receptions. A recent addition to the calendar is a Baby Sensory Class on a Tuesday morning.

The extension to the hall was discussed. GB confirmed that a negotiated tender price was planned for 2023, but after initial advice of a cost of around £125,000 the chosen builder had

then advised a final tender sum of over £28,000 more than this and the Trustees had reluctantly had to postpone the work for the summer of 2023. The market has however softened since then and a competitive tender has been sent out to three local contractors in the last two weeks, with prices expected back before June for the Trust to consider. The budget remains at around £130,000 and a decision will be made whether to go ahead based on this figure. If it goes ahead the Trust expect the project to take around 6 months in total, with the hall shut for up to the first two months of this through the quieter summer months. The Trust has almost this figure in reserves but has heads of terms agreed for a loan to ensure that funds are held back for contingencies and day to day running costs of the trust.

The Clifton Village Hall and Schoolhouse Trust are holding their AGM on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All villagers are welcome and encouraged to attend to hear more about the work of the Village Hall and its future plans.

Finally GB highlighted that St Mary's Church would be hosting a Fun Day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May between 2-4pm, including bellringing and refreshments.

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

**AGM for 2024 to be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm.**

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

# CVRA AGM Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Treasurer's Report

1. We began the financial 2023/2024 year with a balance of £3,915.19

### **Income**

2. Membership Subscriptions collected were £547.50
3. The Summer Garden Party and Christmas Party income covered the costs of both events.
4. Other Social Events included the Coronation Lunch last May, Call My Bluff Wine Evening and the Bangers & Mash Disco. These gave us a total income of £1,437.35
5. We had 2 Donations made of £25.00 totalling £50.00 this was for Wild Seed Planting on the Village Green.
6. **The Total Income received for the Year was £3,777.40**

### **Expenditure**

7. Payments made for all the social events this year left us with some profit.
8. After some discussion with the committee it was noted that the cost of the Christmas Tree was getting very high from the usual supplier. We enquired and purchased one from Bardill's Garden Centre at a cost of £174.99 which was in fact less than half the price we had paid last year. Thank you Julie for her suggestion.
9. Printing for 2 Newsletters came to £198.00
10. From the Total monies held in '**Donations & Gifts**' we
  - a) Purchased the Defibrillator Cabinet costing £598.00
  - b) A Gift costing £21.59 which was given as a Thank you.
11. Items included in '**Other**' this year were the purchase of :-
  - a) Electrical Box for the Christmas Tree Lights £25.00
  - b) Replacement Defibrillator Pads £126.00
  - c) Electrical Installation of the Defibrillator Cabinet £264.00A Total of £415.00
12. We finished the 2023/24 year with an **expenditure** of £3,991.45.
13. This shows a **deficit** of £214.05 for the year
14. The **Balance** at the financial year end is £3,701.14

**I would like to Thank Helen Lander for auditing the accounts and this concludes my report**

Helen Huffer – Treasurer CVRA

**CLIFTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

2022/23	<u>Village Accounts</u>	April 1st 2023 to March 31st 2024
3,431.82	<b>Balance brought forward</b>	3,915.19
	<b>INCOME</b>	
650.00	Residents Subscriptions	547.50
759.50	Summer Garden Party	897.55
876.40	Christmas Party	845.00
4,115.50	Other Social Events	1,437.35
439.50	Grant/Donations	50.00
0.00	Other (Adverts)	0.00
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6,840.90		3,777.40
	<b>less</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
585.05	Summer Garden Party	726.82
958.85	Christmas Party	802.15
2,707.99	Other Social Events	1,004.90
360.00	Christmas Tree & Lights	174.99
361.42	Printing, Stationery and Newsletters	198.00
0.00	Secretary's Honorarium	0.00
50.00	Gift for Auditor	50.00
875.24	Gifts and Donations	619.59
458.99	Other	415.00
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6,357.54		3,991.45
483.36	<b>Excess/(Deficit) Income over Expenditure for the year</b>	-214.05
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<u>3,915.18</u>	<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<u>3,701.14</u>
	 <b>Represented by :</b>	
45.00	Cash and Cheques in hand	45.00
3,870.19	New Club/Society Account	3,656.14
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<u>3,915.19</u>		<u>3,701.14</u>

Accounts audited and found to be correct

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Note: Unpresented cheque for £65.10