

## Clifton Village Community Association Meeting

Monday 4th April 2022

7.30pm – The Black Horse

Present: Allison Rushton, Jason Carlton, Councillor Howard Blagbrough, Councillor Tina Benton, Councillor Brenda Monteith, Graham Ward, Rachel Wilkie, Mags Newton, David Smith, Janet Stanley

Apologies: Andrew Russell, John Newton, Chris Houlihan, Michael Cresey, Paul Webb, Adrian Frearson, Sallie Priestley, Caroline Savage, Gail Lawrie, Chris Houlihan.

Meeting notes:

1. Allison welcomed everyone to the meeting. All agreed previous meeting's notes correct.

2. Apologies for absence as listed above.

3. Brief updates:

Platinum Jubilee – Saturday 4th June. Proms on the Park with Clifton and Lightcliffe Band (time 5pm). No other event due to this being the Brighthouse 1940s weekend. Rachel confirmed all arrangements in hand. Council has confirmed approval of the event. All other requirements currently being submitted. Marquee and toilets confirmed. The singer to take over from the band has yet to confirm. People to bring own picnics/food (no barbeques). Park to be decorated with bunting (Ed Spivey can loan). Flags to wave to be on sale (to be discussed at next meeting). A small Jubilee raffle will take place. Sound system organised to ensure everyone can hear. Tea and coffee to be confirmed at the next meeting. There will be a designated area for tables/chairs with gazebos behind the roped area. This would be a free event for the village but charges at the bar (for profit) would apply. Next Scarecrow meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Helen Lever has agreed to run a homework art competition (pictures of the Queen – use any material eg (paint/collage) and CVCA will judge and provide prizes. There will be an adults' category too. Can the entries be displayed in the marquee on the evening, attached to marquee sides?

David Smith has very kindly offered to fund Jubilee mugs to be distributed to all children at St. John's Academy, with some to sell on the day. Janet to investigate and liaise with David.

Janet has contacted Paul Rand who has agreed to provide a stone for the Jubilee to go in the 'Stones garden'. Janet currently investigating the engraving via council. Graham Ward will send another contact's details.

Janet to investigate Ward Forum Grant for Platinum event funding.

Rachel will discuss at the next meeting how we encourage the village to decorate their homes/gardens.

Scarecrow Festival – confirmed dates as 15/16/17/18 September 2022. The event is currently being organised – marquee and toilets booked, Friday and Saturday evening bands booked, Saturday afternoon is entertainment by Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. Rev Paul Webb has already asked re date for joint church service. Catering is booked for events. Sallie P is going to oversee the stall

arrangements. Friday lunchtime will be a St John's Church lunch in the marquee arranged for their funds. Scarecrow theme is BBC Centenary – lots of scope.

Park – The application to the National Lottery received a £7823 grant for basket swing – final item agreed by the village on original survey. The money is in the bank. A 'big cheque' photo is hopefully planned for Friday 8th May on the park for marketing purposes (school children and Helen Lever to help out).

There is an issue regarding Calderdale Council's new policy with voluntary groups working with councils on park renovations. This was discussed. Councillor Blagbrough said he would arrange to see Andrew Pitts at the council and also contact Judy Jenkins (Head of Children's Services) and Ian Hughes (Head of Legal) about the council's proposal for a Memorandum of Understanding (MofU) and the changes to policy in that MofU. It was agreed that Janet will not to return the populated MofU to the council (under the new proposal the CVCA would have to be stakeholders-definitely not lease holders) until Howard has had the meeting. Janet to contact SutcliffePlay to ensure the price will not be increased during the wait. All agreed that when we could place the order with the council (to save VAT) for the basket swing then we could afford the black wetpore from all park fundraising. However, if by any chance there is a shortfall at that point, then the CVCA will contribute.

CVNF – Following the Inspector releasing her first report from the hearings, the Forum has been in communication with their advisers, consultants and legal team. The general view is that the report was a disappointment and it didn't address the issues that she had asked for extra information about. There is concern and anger about the way the council has represented her letter. The plan is still currently not sound. The Inspector has given them a list of things that need to be done to be sound. The plan is out of control because of the number of amendments required. A joint letter with other groups has been written to the council stating that the next set of hearings must not be run in the summer holidays. A letter is being compiled to go to the Inspector and the Inspectorate, stating unhappiness with process re the items missed by the council (modifications). The Forum's work could still go further – so they are continuing. It is not over!

David gave a massive thank you to Jason and the Forum for all their hard work.

#### 4. Financial situation /recent fundraising January to March 2022

Calendars - £546.61 profit

Facebook marketplace (Gail) - £379.50 profit

Other money donations - £70.00

Afternoon Tea held in St Johns Church 26.03.22 - £785.55 profit

#### 5. Gift Aid - Andrew not here to report.

Does anyone know of anyone with experience who could start the gift aid process off with us?

#### 6. On-going Items for future discussions

WhatsApp group. Adam Gray is the only admin. person. Jason suggested putting a specific Q&A section on the website re Clifton WhatsApp usage, but the WhatsApp is not run by CVCA. It was felt that Adam could just cut out offensive users if messages were inappropriate eg offensive language, negative comments re CVCA fundraising. Andrew agreed he would approach Adam to see if he wants support and suggest comments for a 'guidelines re behaviour' reminder to all.

Bulb planting on park – we ran out of time and will wait for October 2022.

Rev Paul Webb suggested a run/walk for children, adults, pushchairs, starting and finishing at the park. Needs to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting and a proposal put out.

Richard Burkinshaw – Post office

7. AOB

Success! Thornhills fly-tipping - great help received from Wharfedale Property who have cleared their area of land down to the beck.

8. Date and time of next meeting - Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm 2022 at The Black Horse

(Monday 6<sup>th</sup> is a bank holiday)

Thank you to everyone for attending.