

**Clifton Village Community Association Meeting**

**Monday 6th December 2021**

**7.30pm – The Black Horse**

Present: Andrew Russell, Allison Rushton, Michael Cresey, Councillor Howard Blagbrough, Councillor Tina Benton, Councillor Brenda Monteith, Jason Carlton, Kath Carlton, Graham Ward, Adam Gray, Caroline Savage, Janet Stanley

Apologies: David Smith, Margaret Newton, John Newton, Rachel Wilkie, Chris Houlihan, Adrian Frearson, Gail Lawrie, Richard Burkinshaw, Rev. Paul Webb, Sallie Priestley.

Meeting notes:

1. Andrew welcomed everyone to the December 2021 CVCA meeting following the 2021 AGM.
2. Apologies for absence as listed above.
3. Brief updates:

Rachel Wilkie has confirmed a profit of £293.80 from the Hallowe'en events.

Janet confirmed the Park slide carpet saga had been resolved following a meeting with Mark Spencer from the council and Councillor Tina Benton. The CVCA accepted the apology given by Mr Spencer on behalf of the council. The benches and concrete slabs have been installed but there is an issue that needs to be resolved. Janet and Andrew have met with the landscaper and hopefully this will be sorted soon.

The Remembrance Service and the dedication of the new Memorial stone was extremely successful. A lot of people attended.

Janet reported that after over a year and a half of trying to get a Commonwealth War Grave Commission plaque on Clifton cemetery wall (acknowledging the war grave of Private Frank Stirk), the plaque had very recently appeared.

Christmas trees are on sale again – Thanks to Rachel, Adrian and Alex

Christmas calendars are also on sale – Janet

Andrew confirmed he would put up the Christmas banner on the green railings.

Poppy made it to the finals of the Calderdale Community Spirit Awards following her nomination from the CVCA. Although she did not win the overall final, she enjoyed a successful evening at the event with Gail and Ian.

Jason confirmed that the 11<sup>th</sup> January is the start date of the last round of hearings for Clifton Forum. The inspector will write to let the Forum know if the plan is sound and legally compliant.

Gail has been successfully raising money selling items from Clifton WhatsApp on wider circulation.

Thanks to Adam for running the WhatsApp group.

4. Brief discussion re fundraising and how the funds raised can be spent. To be discussed at a future meeting in the new year. Suggestions included:

- renovation of cemetery gates
- new signage for the village
- corner garden area on the park as suggested by Calderdale Council with engraved stone – Welcome to Clifton.
- engraved stone for Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Do we need to do more fundraising and development for the park? The final item agreed in the village survey was a Basket swing.

Do we need to re survey the village again? To discuss at the next meeting.

5. Gift aid -Andrew confirmed he had not yet seen his accountant.

6. Amazon Smile – please can Rachel give an update at the next meeting in order for us to decide if to pursue.

7. Future events – The Scarecrow Committee have been discussing events for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The weekend of the national events from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June coincides with the Brighouse 1940s weekend. It was agreed at the Scarecrow Committee that to arrange a whole weekend event may not be appropriate because of this. As a result it was decided to arrange a smaller event (A Platinum Jubilee Proms on the Park). Clifton and Lightcliffe Band are booked (time to be confirmed) and this event would be free entry – Scarecrow Festival profits would pay for the band. A limited bar would be available (beer etc) -this would not be free. A small marquee for the band only would be arranged (and toilets). People could bring own food and drinks. We would sell flags for waving etc and hold a Jubilee raffle.

The Scarecrow Committee confirmed the Scarecrow festival would then take place 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

8. AOB

- Richard Burkinshaw has suggested an item for future discussion – setting up a Clifton Post Office.
- Contact from Lucy Rotchell had been made with Janet regarding the possibility of putting a tree with a memorial plaque on the park for a local person with strong connections to Clifton. This was discussed and Janet agreed to reply.
- Janet reported that Clifton Calendars were still on sale and some had even been posted to USA following an email request from someone living there who had heard about them!
- Councillor Blagbrough confirmed that Ward Forum Grants are still available but are theme relevant.
- Andrew thanked Clifton Forum on behalf of their hard work and dedication.
- Andrew thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

9. Date and time of next meeting – Monday, 7th February 2022 at The Black Horse