



MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 18th May 2026. 7.30 pm

Held at

Clifton Village Hall

Total Membership 213

1. Apologies:

Julie Reid, Patrick Reid, Councillor Hayley Spain, Phil Bull, Sandra Bull, Vendela Peterson, Linda Pickles. Michael Knight, David Idione, Chrisine Dalby, Gary Dykes,

2. Present: 25 members

Clare Ashton, Graeme Barker, Jill Barker, Gerald Buck, Hugh Evans, Mike Finch, Jill Finch, Dan Garnon, Geoffery Harrow, Helen Huffer, Mick Huffer, Angie Palmer, Ed Peterson, John Pickles, Pat Rice, Joe Rice, James Royston, Maggie Royston, Gill Scott, Claire Simpson, Eileen Skinner, Robert Skinner, John Woodall, Dorothy Woodall, Graham Young.

Also present: Councillor Andrew Rule

3. Previous Minutes and Matters arising

Linda Pickles should be recorded as an apology. There were no matters arising.

The minutes were proposed for acceptance by JW seconded by DG. and approved by the AGM as a true record. As previously, this year's minutes will be forwarded for placing on the website.

4. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Report

PCSO Anastasiia Orlova. Welcomed feedback from the AGM on the village's experiences of Anti-Social behaviour.

Beat Surgery – these are being hosted locally to build communications with the police. Highlighted these events being hosted at the hall and welcomed villages to connect with their local officers. The next Beat Surgery date -10th June at Clifton Village Hall.

Contact for ASB – 101 should be used for Anti-Social Behaviour. 'Low impact' offences should be reported this. 999 should be reserved for life threatening circumstances.

Notts Alert – villagers can sign up for this – useful for those who prefer not to use social media but want to be kept updated on local matters.

Illegal Motorbikes / Anti-Social Behaviour – the village is encouraged to report these on 101 or on line to build a case for action to be taken.

Crime Update – it was highlighted that you can access crime data on the Nottinghamshire Police website. Clifton Village statistics – only 1 incident in the last month within the village. Little to report since the spate of burglaries last year.

PR thanked PCSO Orlova for attending the meeting and presenting to the AGM.

5. Update from local Councillor Andrew Rule and Hayley Spain

PR thanked our ward councillors on behalf of the village for all of their support over the last year.

Councillor Rule - Works orders in place for removal of trees on Nethergate are in place and those for the Village Green will be chased up.

‘Urban Greening’ of the Village Green. The AGM raised concerns about the poor state of maintenance of the village green. It was acknowledged that agreement was reached to leave part of the green fallow and has been seeded for wild flowers, but beyond this there has been no express agreement given by the village for it to be left fallow. A show of hands at the AGM demonstrated a mixed opinion on the matter, with equal numbers supporting full cutting and an similar number support part cutting and part fallow. CA noted that maybe a balanced approach could be taken. EP questioned whether money was an issue and Councillor Hayley Spain said no – and that cutting could be undertaken when requested by the village.

6. Matters Arising

Corral for E-Bikes – Following intervention from the ward councillors the proposal has been withdrawn.

20mph speed limit – consultation has been published by the councillor on this proposal and results are awaited. The AGM was advised that very objections had been received but the formal results were still awaited.

7. Chairwoman’s Report

Full record of Chairs report as delivered: A warm welcome to you all. It is always a relief to see enough residents attending to comfortably exceed the quorum of 20.

Alongside our many social activities, one of the most significant developments has undoubtedly been the rejection of the quarry application back in December. After many hours spent attending meetings, speaking with our local MPs, and writing repeated objections, it was a huge relief to watch county councillor after county councillor reject the proposal. The applicant still has until next month to respond, so the matter is not entirely concluded, but we remain hopeful. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit objections — your support truly mattered. We must now hope that the county council’s new minerals plan removes Barton in Fabis as an option altogether and that the applicant decides not to pursue the matter further.

Another issue affecting the village has been the ever-growing number of potholes appearing on our roads. I suspect our councillors became rather weary of receiving yet another email

from me highlighting where the latest crater had appeared! Thankfully, thanks to their persistence with the relevant departments — and with additional government funding now available — most of the potholes have finally been repaired.

Perhaps the most concerning issue facing us now is the deteriorating condition of the Dovecote, particularly the roof and gable ends, which continue to worsen over time. Ed Peterson has worked tirelessly in trying to move discussions forward and find a solution to what currently feels like an impasse with the council. As part of this effort, Ed has established the “Friends of the Dovecote” group, which I would strongly encourage everyone to support. We need to demonstrate that the village is serious about preserving this important part of our heritage by raising funds locally, which in turn should help unlock additional charitable funding opportunities.

At present, money is being raised through raffles at CVRA events, and the profits from this Wednesday’s sculptor’s talk will also go directly into the fund. I would encourage everyone to support these efforts — and do come along to the talk.

Our new village website has been a tremendous success. Thanks to the expertise and dedication of Hugh Evans, we now have a fantastic online resource covering every aspect of village life — from the latest news and practical reminders about which bins to put out, to fascinating local history, photographs, and a directory of local tradespeople. Please do make a habit of checking the website regularly, as Hugh is constantly adding new articles, ideas, and updates. We also still have a few website reminder fridge magnets available for anyone who missed out previously.

Socially, it has been another busy and successful year. Over the past twelve months, committee members and many supportive volunteers have organised no fewer than nine events for residents to enjoy.

The first of these was the Summer Garden Party in early August, once again generously hosted by John and Dorothy at Holly House. Last summer blessed us with beautiful weather, and our long-standing catering team, Glenys and Kath, once again produced a fantastic spread for everyone to enjoy, assisted by a willing team of helpers from around the village. We are delighted that they have agreed to cater again this year. If anyone would like to lend a hand, please do speak to them or to a committee member.

Last autumn we excelled ourselves by holding not one but two major social events — largely thanks to Ed! First came the Swedish-themed evening, complete with quiz and disco. Guests enjoyed Swedish meatballs with peas, mash, and gravy, although I suspect Vendela may not wish to heat hundreds of meatballs again anytime soon. After appetites had been satisfied and brain cells thoroughly exercised, the evening moved on to a lively disco kindly organised once again by Jonathan Blacknell.

Not content with that success, Ed also organised the ever-popular “Call My Bluff” Wine Tasting evening in November, which was, as always, extremely well attended and great fun as the evening progressed.

Also in November, we held the village Remembrance Day service by the Dovecote, led by Rev Esther Hutchinson, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

December brought two much-loved village traditions: Carols by the Christmas Tree and, a week later, the Village Christmas Party in the hall. Both events were made possible by the generosity of residents giving up their time to help organise, prepare, and support them. As always, additional volunteers are always warmly welcomed.

This year has already seen two successful events. In March we held the ever-popular Bangers and Mash Quiz Night.

Then in April, Marijke Van Eerd gave an extremely valuable and informative demonstration on how to use the defibrillator now installed on Village Road. Several attendees had the opportunity to practise using the equipment themselves on a training dummy. Kevin also shared his own experience of needing the village defibrillator — a machine that played an important role in helping to save his life, alongside the swift actions of two trained residents. Thanks to Julie, Marijke has kindly agreed to return in two years' time to provide a refresher session.

Looking ahead, we have the sculptor's talk later this week, followed by the Summer Garden Party on 4th July.

Then in October, you can look forward to another CVRA social evening: a Spanish-themed wine tasting event hosted by a genuine wine expert. There will be no bluffing this time — simply the opportunity to enjoy some excellent wines alongside delicious Spanish food.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work throughout the year, together with all the residents who so generously give their time, energy, and support whenever needed. They are the people who help make Clifton Village such a special place to live. A sincere thank you to you all.

JW responded on behalf of the AGM to thank Pat for all of her hard work in chairing the committee and representing the village on a wide range of issues.

7. Treasurers report

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

2025 started with a balance of £2825.42. Total income for 2025-26 was £4725.45.00. Total Expenditure for 2025-26 was £4307.99. This results in a surplus for the year of £417.46. The CVRA balance at the end of 2025-6 is £3242.88

The Accounts were proposed for acceptance by EP and seconded by CA.

8. Election of Officers

John Woodall (JW) was invited to lead the election of officers.

It was confirmed that all current members are prepared to continue in their roles through 2026-27, 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 DG.
The vote was unanimous, in favour.

8.2 Election of the 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 JGB, seconded by Geoffrey 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 DG, seconded by CA – approved unanimously by the AGM.

10. Any other Business

10.1 Dovecote Update – Water ingress into the building is now becoming an urgent matter. EP engaging with Tom Glenn of the Council. Wollaton as a successful Dovecote open as an educational resource. Within the building are a range of educational materials. Wollaton are willing to help by taking a sub-lease so money can be raised for its refurbishment. Wollaton have advised that they are willing to support any applications and get involved provided that the village can demonstrate support. A show of hands was requested and 15 villagers indicated their support for this.

10.2 Website Update – Hugh Evans. The new Website was launched last month following a full rebuild by Hugh on behalf of the village. The site has over 40 pages. Visitor numbers are good – 30 visitors per day are being recorded and most are staying.

There are two areas of focus – an advertising Directory and a Features page. Hugh asked the AGM to promote the directory page to visiting tradespeople to advertise on the site. Advertising is only £75.00.

Features are requested from the village to enliven the website and add regular interest to the site. The AGM were asked to put forward ideas to Hugh for guest features to encourage fresh content to be added to the site.

Hugh Evans asked for a show of hands for an anti-fraud evening hosted by the local police. The AGM registered a substantive majority in favour of hosting this. (16th November). PR thanked both Hugh Evans and Jonthan Blacknell for all their work on the website over the years.

- 10.3 Clifton Village Hall** – Clare Ashton. The CVHSHT AGM is coming up on the 22nd June at 7.30pm. Please do attend. Bookings are becoming very difficult so please do book ahead early. CA highlighted that the hall would be closed during the day for 2 weeks at the start of August for repairs following the tree root damage that has now been dealt with. Thanks were expressed to the council for replacing the bollard to the path to prevent parking on the path.

10.4 Clean Champions – Report given by PR on behalf of Alma Davies

Last year, 2025. volunteers from Clifton East and West collected 1844 bags from both Wards - Clifton East and West - an amazing effort, helping to keep where we live litter free. A huge thank you to all our dedicated Nottingham Clean Champions of Clifton East and West.

This year our 8th anniversary it's great that more volunteers are joining the effort ; some go out on their own, others with a buddy, some join the monthly events held every 2nd Saturday morning, meeting at 10.15am for an one-hour event with refreshments after at various locations of generous supposers; A453 McDs and KFC, (Tesco Express provide sweet treats) Clifton Leisure Centre, Holy Trinity Church and Crusader Pub - it's great to be able to sit and chat after, over refreshments.

This March over 300 bags were collected our contribution to the nationwide initiative of Keep Britain Tidy- the Big Spring Clean - all the conservation areas of Clifton were tackled including The Grove woods and river paths. Litter was cleared and an awful amount of fly tipped items were found in most of the woods which is very disappointing! The council as usual do a great job of clearing up after our efforts!

It would be good if a dedicated village team could be formed to go out once a month and cover the whole of Clifton Village - it would take 4 people no more than 1 hour to do a thorough patrol of the area. If you would like to help, please contact Alma Davies and I'll be happy to help set this up or if you have any queries, the committee have my details.

JR raised the recurrent problem of Fly Tipping on Fox Covert Lane. JR highlighted that residents can report issues on the City Council website.

- 10.5 CVRA Constitution Updates** A proposal was put to the AGM to amend the Constitution to reduce the number of members required for a quorum at the AGM from 25 to 15, in line with a reduced membership. This was proposed by PR and seconded by GB. It was unanimously passed by the AGM.

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

**AGM for 2027 to be Monday 19th April at 7.30 pm.
Wine will be provided afterward for all attendees. Please stay and chat.**

APPENDICES – FINANCE REPORT

CLIFTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

2024/25	<u>Village Accounts</u>	April 1st 2025 to March 31st 2026
3,701.14	Balance brought forward	2,825.42
	INCOME	
749.00	Residents Subscriptions	606.00
1,088.00	Summer Garden Party	1,079.10
523.00	Christmas Party	666.85
0.00	Dovecote	0.00
0.00	Other Social Events	1,972.50
0.00	Website Advertising	150.00
0.00	Bank Interest	0.00
0.00	Grant/Donations	20.00
0.00	Other (Adverts)	231.00
2,360.00		4,725.45
	less	
	EXPENDITURE	
810.35	Summer Garden Party	683.12
732.26	Christmas Party	838.37
0.00	Dovecote	0.00
189.66	Other Social Events	1,160.11
207.49	Christmas Tree & Lights	193.00
191.80	Printing, Stationery and Newsletters	401.06
50.00	Secretary's Honorarium	50.00
50.00	Gift for Auditor	50.00
767.00	Gifts and Donations	10.00
237.16	Other	922.33
3,235.72		4,307.99
-875.72	Excess/(Deficit) Income over Expenditure for the year	417.46
2,825.42	Balance Carried Forward	3,242.88
	Represented by :	
45.00	Cash and Cheques in hand	45.00
2,780.42	New Club/Society Account	3,187.88
2,825.42		3,242.88

Accounts audited and found to be correct

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Note: * Cheque 000152 £24.50 Unpresented as at 31st March 2026

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Treasurer's Report

We began the Financial Year 2025/26 with a balance of £2825.42

INCOME

Membership collected over the year £606

Income from the Summer Garden Party and Christmas Party - £1745.95

Other Social Events including VE Day, Swedish Evening, Cheese and Wine and the Quiz Night – this totalled £1972.50

At the launch of the new Web- Site we received two Advertising payments of £75

Donations received was £20

Income from 'Other' events - New Years Eve Party and Quiz Night Raffle totalled £231 (this amount has been set aside for the Dovecote Fund and will be recorded separately in the future)

TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR - £4725.45

EXPENDITURE

Summer Garden Party and Christmas Party expenditure was £1521.49 for both which left us with a healthy surplus of just over £200.

The other Social Events, as already mentioned expenditure totalled £1160.11 which again left us with a good surplus of income over expenditure of £800.

A new Supplier was used for the Xmas Tree which cost £173 – which was far cheaper than our previous supplier. A new set of Tree lights cost £20

The last three issued CVRA 'News Letters' cost £401.06 which represented an increase from the previous year.

A donation to the Vicarage of £10 was made to cover the cost of supplying electricity for the Defibrillator

Other Expenditure items were as follows:

Defib Replacement Kit £123.54
Village Sign Plaque £25
CVRA Notice Board refurbishment - £118.02
5 Year Web-site Renewal £431.28
Web-Site subscription £39
Projector Screen £79.99
'Sum- Up' machine £15
Raffle Tickets £12
Web- Site Fridge Magnets £78

Total Cost for above £922.33

We finished the Financial Year with an Expenditure of £4307.99

This shows an excess of income over expenditure of £417.46

The CVRA Account Balance at the Financial Year End is £3242.88.

I would like to thank Helen Lander ACMA for Auditing the accounts.

This concludes my Treasures Report.

Helen Huffer – Treasurer CVRA