



## Clifton Improvement & Preservation Society



### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 16th April 2014**

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton. It was opened at 8.00pm with a welcome from the Chairman - Dr David Lincoln.

Eighteen people (18) people attended and their names and addresses were recorded on the register of attendance.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were recorded from eighteen members – Mr John Taylor QC, Mrs Jean Taylor, Mr Don Killick, Mrs Chris Killick, Mr Colin Brown, Mr Philip Dawes, Mrs Linda Dawes, Mrs Sue Gudgion, Ms Tracey Moynihan, Mrs Jean Peacock, Mr John & Mrs Jane Mortimer, Mrs Sheila Lincoln, Mrs Betsy Gray, Mr John Whitbread, Mrs Jane Whitbread, Mrs Margaret Ambridge and Mrs Kathy Blackmore.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Wednesday 17th April 2013 were circulated electronically in advance, further copies were distributed prior to the start of the meeting. Mr Ray Turner proposed and Mrs Dorothy Brown seconded, that they were an accurate record of the meeting. This was duly approved by the members present.

#### **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising that would not be covered during the meeting, however, the Chairman, Dr David Lincoln explained that due to the ill health of Mr John Taylor, there would not be a Planning Consultant's report this year.

#### **Correspondence**

Mrs Susan Smith of Clifton House Close had notified the secretary that the Clifton House stable block was in a very dangerous state of repair and that a section of the roof had collapsed.

#### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary advised those present that the CIPS Committee had met on Tuesday 1st April 14 to plan and agree arrangements for the Annual General Meeting. Dr Stuart Laing was co-opted onto the Committee. Following up on the information from Mrs Sue Smith, it was established that the Clifton House stable block had suffered storm damage from a falling tree and not specifically from neglect. It should be noted that there is no evidence of any repair work having been carried out yet, although it is now some months after the storm. Details of all the planning applications submitted for Clifton, along with their progress, is sent for inclusion in the Clifton Chronicles. Information concerning larger scale development, as opposed to modest house extensions, is delivered to Mr John Taylor for assessment. The Secretary circulated Central Beds web site links to the CIPS members who had supplied him with their e-mail addresses. The secretary confirmed that he would be stepping down after the meeting but would continue to act in the role and take the minutes of the meeting.

Mrs Dorothy Brown proposed acceptance of the report, Mr Brian Padgett seconded and it was duly approved

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr Ray Turner, Treasurer had distributed copies of the accounts showing the previous year's balance and receipts of £1318.30 with expenditure of £451.17, leaving a balance of £867.13. He recommended no change in subscriptions. There being no questions arising from the report, Mrs Elisabeth Smith proposed and David Lincoln seconded that the accounts be accepted and approved. This was unanimously approved with thanks expressed to the Treasurer.

### **Chairman's Report**

Dr David Lincoln started his report by thanking those present for their attendance and went on to introduce Dr Stuart Laing (who he said was a 'real' doctor) and Mr Ray Turner who had served as Treasurer for the past year. He thanked the secretary and members of the committee for their support over the past year. Dr Lincoln offered his special thanks and appreciation to Mr John and Mrs Jean Taylor for their generous hospitality in hosting the Society's Wine & Cheese evening at their home on Thursday 8th August 2013. The event was very popular, 60 people attended, raising a total of £108.83 towards society funds. Dr Lincoln reported that at the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st April the Committee recognised that closer cooperation should be encouraged between the Parish Council and the Clifton Residents Association. Mr Bob Smith had offered to act as the representative link between CIPS and the Residents Association. The Chairman concluded his report by asking members of CIPS to give thought to and then suggest ideas for spending some of the Society's reserves.

Mrs Dorothy Brown proposed acceptance of the report, Mrs Elisabeth Smith seconded and it was duly approved

### **Planning Consultant's Report**

No report was available at this time.

### **Election of Officers and Committee:**

The election of officers took place as follows:

Mr Don Killick was elected Chairman.

Proposed by Dr David Lincoln & seconded by Mr Ray Turner.

Dr Stuart Laing was elected Secretary.

Proposed by Dr David Lincoln & seconded by Mr Jim Peacock.

Mr Ray Turner was elected Treasurer

Proposed by Dr David Lincoln & seconded by Mr Brian Padgett.

### **Committee:**

Mr Bob Smith – Proposed by Dr David Lincoln and seconded by Mr James Peacock.

### **Planning Consultant:**

Mr John Taylor was reappointed as Planning Consultant

Proposed by Dr David Lincoln & seconded by Mrs Dorothy Brown.

### **Society Events**

After the very popular Wine and Cheese evenings in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, it was hoped that it might be possible to hold another one during the summer of 2014. The date and venue would need to be confirmed.

### **Any Other Business**

Councillor Richard Wenham attended the meeting; he offered CIPS his support in ensuring that planning applications would be called in for discussion by the Central Beds Planning Committee should they be deemed to warrant more detailed consideration.

Dr Lincoln thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Date:

Mr Don Killick  
Chairman