



Clifton Improvement & Preservation Society



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2011

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

Twenty two (22) people attended and their names and addresses were recorded on the register of attendance.

Apologies

Apologies were recorded from twenty members – Mrs Jean Taylor, Mr John & Mrs Jane Mortimer, Mr Colin Brown, Mr Alan Outon, Mr Peter & Mrs Kathy Blackmore, Mrs Dianne Cousens, Mr Eric DeSoura, Mrs Jean Peacock, Mr Kevin & Mrs Ruth Gray, Mrs Betsy Gray, Mr Scott Pattie, Mr Terry and Mrs Maureen Clinch, Mrs Elisabeth Smith, Mr Brian Padgett, Mrs Linda Dawes and Mr Barry Livesey.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 2010 having been circulated electronically in advance and distributed at the meeting, were confirmed by Mr Peter Ames, seconded by Mr John Whitbread and approved by the members.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave his report and distributed copies of the accounts showing the previous balance and receipts of £879.09, expenditure of £303.24 leaving a balance of £575.85

Correspondence

An e-mail from Burton Associates which was discussed by the Committee and duly acknowledged and letters from Mr Brian Padgett and Mr Barry Livesey regarding the Consultants response to the Central Beds Site Allocations Development Plan.

Chairman's Report

Dr David Lincoln thanked the members of the committee for their support over the past year, expressing special thanks to the Society's Consultant for the conscientious way in which he had managed the planning issues that were brought before the Society. Dr Lincoln offered his thanks and appreciation to Mr John and Mrs Jean Taylor for their hospitality in hosting the Society's Wine & Cheese evening at their home on Thursday 8th July 2010, which was attended by 70 people.

Planning Consultant's Report

Mr John Taylor QC reported on five principle applications and thanked Mrs Sheila Lincoln for typing his responses to the Council. He had made representation about the car parking at 23 Broad Street but overall considered it as a favourable outcome. He reported that the Clifton House Garden development was an established scheme that had taken two years to negotiate and was basically being ignored by the application for an additional house which he believed would be detrimental to the listed building and

the garden. He had objected to the development of 28 Grange Street on two occasions and had also registered objections to 65 Shefford Road and 31 Broad Street. Mr Taylor had objected to the developments in Clifton and Meppershall and commented on the inspector's report, identifying issues that could prevent the development from moving forward, questioning the access in New Road and Shefford Road. With the forthcoming Election of District Councillors, Mr Taylor stressed the great importance of establishing a platform to lobby the prospective candidates and recommended political pressure to influence a change in policy. We had to voice our concerns about the disproportional amount of development in the Langford, Henlow, Clifton and Meppershall areas.

Election of Officers and Committee:

The election of officers took place as follows:

Dr David Lincoln was elected Chairman.

Proposed by Mr John Taylor & seconded by Mrs Dorothy Brown.

Mr James Peacock was elected Secretary.

Proposed by Mrs Jane Whitbread & seconded by Mr Peter Ames.

Mr John Whitbread was elected Treasurer.

Proposed by Mrs Sheila Lincoln & seconded by Dr David Lincoln.

Committee:

Mr Peter Ames – Proposed by Miss Tracey Moynihan & seconded by Dr David Lincoln.

Mr D Killick – Proposed by Mr John Whitbread & seconded by Mrs Jane Whitbread.

Miss Tracey Moynihan – Proposed by Dr David Lincoln & seconded by Mr John Taylor

Planning Consultant:

Mr John Taylor was reappointed as Planning Consultant

Proposed by Dr David Lincoln & seconded by Mr John Whitbread.

Society Events

After the very popular Wine and Cheese evenings in 2008, 2009 and again in 2010, it was decided to hold another one on the evening of Wednesday 10th August 2011 and Mr Taylor very kindly offered his home as the venue.

Any Other Business

It was agreed that we needed political representation supporting our village and society views. The Committee would hold a strategy planning meeting to formulate how to move forward with a public meeting and invite the political candidates to attend prior to the election and ascertain whether we can rely on their support. The subject of grass verges and inappropriate parking was raised and Mr Bob Smith agreed to make representation to the Police Officers at the 'One Stop' survey station. Mr Philip Dawes suggested that details of planning applications be recorded in the Clifton Chronicles. It was reported that over 50 volunteers attended a Clifton Church Yard and Grave Yard clean up. The Parish Council have organised a Village Clean Up on Saturday 26th March.

Dr Lincoln thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed:

Date: 8th April 2012

Dr David Lincoln
Chairman