



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2009

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton and was opened at 8.15pm with a welcome from the Chairman Dr David Lincoln. There were 31 (thirty one) people who attended and their names and addresses are recorded on the register of attendance.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Colin Brown, Mr Alan Outon and Mrs Jean Peacock.

Minutes of the Inauguration Meeting

The minutes of the Inauguration Meeting of Tuesday 26th February 2008 having been circulated were confirmed by Mr Peter Ames, seconded by Mrs Dorothy Brown and approved by the members.

Matters arising

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks and appreciation to the Clifton Parish Council for arranging the Clifton Exhibition which had given residents the opportunity to review development proposals which would impact on the village.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave his report and distributed copies of the accounts showing receipts of £395.00, expenditure of £216.24 leaving cash balance of £188.76.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Dr David Lincoln presented his report; he thanked the members of the committee the Society's Consultant for efforts over the past year and expressed particular appreciation to Mr John and Mrs Jean Taylor for their hospitality in hosting the Society's Wine & Cheese evening at their home on the 10th July 2008.

Planning Consultant's Report

Mr John Taylor QC gave his report as the Society's Planning Consultant. He explained that the New Local Development Framework was replacing the Local Plan. The first covered the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies, the second the housing and employment options that sets out the detailed sites. There were five principle points which were objected to on behalf of the Society. (1) The wording for "large villages" of which Clifton is one. (2) The open areas around the houses. (3) The Heritage policy, which was inadequate. (4) The "presumptions" to development. (5) Protected open spaces to include gardens that contribute to the village scene. The Society contributed to planning enquiry formalities, reviewed the Pedley Farm development and other items raised by members concerning Church Street Clifton, Stockbridge Road, Fairfax Close and Shefford Road among others.

Mr Barry Livesey raised the fact that a large number of planning approvals had been made and requested the Society's continued support in making representations prior to approvals being given.

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 Dr David Lincoln & seconded by Mr Peter Ames.

Mr John Whitbread was elected Treasurer.

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

Committee:

Mrs Ruth Gray – Proposed by Mrs Joan Dann & seconded by Mr James Peacock.

Mr Peter Ames – Proposed Mr Don Fensome & seconded by Mr John Whitbread.

Mr D Killick – Proposed by Brian Padgett & seconded by Mrs Dorothy Brown.

Planning Consultant:

Mr John Taylor was reappointed as Planning Consultant

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

Society Events

Following the extremely popular event in 2008, it was decided to hold another Wine & Cheese Social evening on the 2nd July 2009 and Mr Taylor very kindly offered his home at The Grange as the venue.

Any Other Business

The subject of confidentiality was discussed. The membership agreed to having their names listed on the Clifton web site. There was some discussion regarding the value of allotments and it was agreed that the Society and the Committee would support efforts to establish allotments in the village. It was agreed that members would receive Society information via e-mail, the constitution limited the number of full meetings per year but members would be invited to raise and submit any appropriate issues for consideration to the Secretary via post or e-mail via cips@clifton-beds.co.uk or any member of the committee. A committee meeting would be held prior to agreeing any strategies or responses to local or national government.

Dr Lincoln thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed:

Date: 23rd March 2010

David Lincoln

Chairman