



**Campaign for Real Ale**  
**Stroud CAMRA**  
**Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**



**1. Attendance & Apologies**

Attendees: Bob Blenkinsop, Bob Brooks, Andy Burston, Phil Burton, George Hill, Tony Hill, John McMahon, Jez Waring

Apologies: Nick Bishop, Bob Fletcher, Andy Long, Andy Stayte

**2. Minutes of the meeting/action updates/Matters arising from 10<sup>th</sup> May meeting**

**a. March minutes**

The minutes were accepted as a correct record with the exception to wording around the Comms tool. Reword requested.

**Action: Tim Mars/Philip Burton**

**b. Action updates**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Actionee</b>	<b>Status</b>
March #5	Future socials	Bob Fletcher	On-going
April #1	Organise/finalise Cheltenham social with Bob Jeffrey	Bob Fletcher	Complete
April #2	Determine/report status of the Ram	Andy Burston	Complete
April #5	Organise press and photography for Carpenters Arms C-POTY award	Tim Mars	Complete
April #6	Complete Summer Card Gold allocations	Meeting, May	On-going
April #7	Set date for Stroud Ale Walk	Bob Fletcher	On-going
May #1	Publish minutes for April Meeting	Philip Burton/Tony Hill	Complete
May #2	Update on the Red Lion Ampney St Peter to be sought from Patrick	Tony Hill	Complete
May #3	Issue identified with the WhatPub entry for Curio Lounge	Tim Mars	On-going
May #4	Summer gold card allocation to be completed	Philip Burton	Complete
May #5	Articles for the Summer Tippler to be submitted (POTY and Cider POTY presentations)	Tim Mars	Complete
May #6	Evidence on issues with CAMRA membership list provided for sub-branch communications (those opted in) to be collated and submitted to the RD Peter Bridle	Tim Mars	On-going

### c. Cheltenham Visit (23<sup>rd</sup> May)

8 Stroud CAMRA members attended the Cheltenham visit. 4 pubs were visited and an excellent night for all. The committee would like to extend thanks to Bob Jeffrey for hosting this outing and Bob Fletcher for liaising with Bob and organising from the Stroud end. Full report may be found on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StroudCAMRA/permalink/3623541377882935/>

### d. Red Lion Ampney St Peter

Tony Hill spoke to Patrick Mills, chair of Cirencester CAMRA:

- The pub was closed and purchased by private buyer who applied for planning.
- Patrick wrote to:
  - The planners who visited but were unable to demand entry
  - The local councillor who responded with support/warm words
  - The pub direct and got no response.
- ACV had been in force but somehow was lifted/or expired.
- The above may be water under the bridge as the pub reopened at the end of April. It is open Thursday -Saturday 17.30-22.30 with one beer from North Cotswold which normally runs out part way through Friday evening.
- The initial view was that it was opened cynically but now the jury is out. Landlady very friendly who has not run a pub before and needs some support. Cirencester CAMRA are discussing helping her.

Tim Mars encouraged people to visit the pub as it is only one of two pubs in Gloucestershire that is on the CAMRA's list of Heritage- Historic Pub Interiors.

## 3. Officers Briefings

### a. Chairs Report

- Chalford village have launched a survey to gauge interest in running the Old Neighbourhood:

<https://www.stroudnewsandjournal.co.uk/news/23573654.survey-future-neighbourhood-inn-chalford/?fbclid=IwAR2oaR0SfOsDGtcOZ1q3MAScdZp6obiB6gs3IHQ5meAhHw5dD7uDyIkFOuQ>

- GBG 2024 Licensee packs will be sent to Andy Frape, Gloucester Chair around the 7th August.

### b. Pubs Officer's Report

- Tims asked for clarification that the Lord John had temporarily closed due to cellar flooding. This was confirmed my members.

### c. Pub Data Officers Report

- The Cross Hands current opening times are Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Monday or Wednesday if there is either a darts or pool match. No cask ale is currently served. Andy will return to get the data and input into Pubzilla

**Action: Andy Burston**

- Following a visit to The Ram at Bussage, Pubzilla has been updated.
- The next pub to be visited is the Royal Oak at Woodchester

The Committee thanked Andy for his sterling work- well done.

### 4. Award Ceremonies

The focus is now on the final ceremony- Club of the Year for Chalford Sports and Social Club. The award has now been fixed for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 14-30.

Tim Mars to liaise with the Press/Matt Bigwood and publicise on Facebook and through Email to members.

**Action Tim Mars**

### 5. Summer Gold Card Progress



### 6. Ale Trail

Date to be set mid-August to write the walk up for autumn.

**Action: Bob Fletcher**

### 7. ACV – Old Neighbourhood and Vine Tree

The current situation based on correspondence and information from Parish Councils at the time of the meeting

Old Neighbourhood

- It has an Asset of Community Value (ACV) and the local community/village are trying to buy the pub.
- The seller- a property developer- is trying to split the building from the car park and only sell the building and retain the car park.
- Without the car park buying the pub is not a viable package.
- The asking price for the pub is unrealistic with unacceptable overage conditions attached. A lease would be unattractive given the poor condition of the property and the owner's unwillingness to spend any money on it.

The Vine Tree

- There is a suspicion that the owner of the Vine is the same person that owns The Old Neighbourhood Inn with a similar agenda to sell the pub and redevelop the sites for housing. Stroud District Council have received notice from the owner stating his intention of disposing of the property.

- Several years ago Randwick Parish Council was asked to register the Vine Tree as a Community Asset (ACV).
- Due to the owner intention of disposing of the building, a moratorium is triggered as the pub is registered as an ACV.
- The interim moratorium period is six weeks, during which time a community organisation can decide if it wants to be considered as a potential bidder and notify Stroud District Council. This interim moratorium ends on the 29th of June 2023.
- It is unknown if the Community wish to register their interest. If they do a second moratorium is triggered that lasts for 6 months. If a community organisation registers to be considered as a potential bidder, this triggers the second moratorium which is six months, during which a community organisation can develop a proposal and raise the money required to bid to buy the asset. The full moratorium period will end on the 18th of November 2023.
- It should be noted that the owner of an asset has no obligation to sell to a community group during the moratorium period, but the process gives the community an opportunity to develop a bid.
- However, the owner must dispose of the asset within the Protected Period of 18 months. If they fail to do so then the process has to start again. In this case the protected period will end on the 18th of November 2024.

It was agreed that all members would be encouraged to write to their MP. Tony as Chair, would write on behalf of Stroud CAMRA and Tim would notify all members encouraging them to also write to their MP.

**Action: Tony Hill/Tim Mars**

A post on Facebook would be posted tagged to Chas Townley to ascertain if the owner of both pubs is the same person?

**Action: Tony Hill**

Philip Burton would put together a briefing for WhatsApp.

**Action: Philip Burton**

## **8. Any other business**

George Hill proposed a social inviting members of the Gloucester and Cheltenham CAMRA groups to tour some pubs in Stroud. He would organise a vintage bus to transport them around.

**Action: George Hill**

Bob Fletcher will be unable to circulate his Tipplers due to being on holiday. It was agreed Philip would let people know his pubs to see if anybody can help?

**Action: Philip Burton**

## **Date and time of the next meeting**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 19-30 [chair@stroud.camra.org.uk](mailto:chair@stroud.camra.org.uk)