

Bitton Village Residents Association



Committee Meeting Minutes 18th March 2015

Present: Nicola Bebb (NB), Tom Murphy (TM), John Booth (JB), Andrew Ward (AW), Marlene Gallop (MG), Christopher Gallop (CG), Mike Gates (G), Peter Sayers (PS), Bridget Hetzel (BH), (SB) Josette Saville (in part), Mike Ashbee (MA), John Graham (JG), Andrew Thomas (AT), Virginia McNab, Pam Hacker (PH), George Friend (GF), Paul Cooney (PC)

Apologies: Barry Smale (BS), Becky Feather (BF), Steve Cox (SC),
Stephanie Bailey (SB), Tony Boulton (TB), Virginia Mc Nab

Matters arising:

1. Barn Dance JS
4th July at Manor Farm. Band booked. Tickets £15 inc food and paying bar. Aim for 120 tickets We need bar people volunteers. BH, JB, have volunteered
2. Golden valley AW
There has been a well supported public meeting. AW has responded on behalf of the BVRA/village. The plans are much better than the previous application but there are still areas for improvement. Parish council supportive of our views and are supportive of a more open entrance to the site and a wider open area possibly in line with Ash house. It will now be a couple of months before there will be any further action. However it is important that we keep the pressure up.
3. Brewery Lane Green Houses BS (by email)
Nil new
4. Yellow Lines TM
TM has emailed Mr Bunce. Still with the legal team. There will still be an opportunity to object
5. Film Screen AW/BS (by email)
AW will try to get another grant from Quartet for a bigger screen BS has got some quotes. Action AW.
6. Christmas decorations AW
AW to action
7. Night Run SC
Nil new
8. Pound ground BS, JB, SC

Finance

£3.5K in account. £2K ring fenced for the Playground. £1700 in gardening club money. Film club £62.
Running balance of £146.66

Planning

Manor farm are applying for change of use from agriculture barn to assembly and leisure. JB will check the details.

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History group

History Group report March 18, 2015

Last meeting Pancakes and Miscreants - 41 attendees

Next meeting 21st April - Ian Bishop and Inaugural G M

Survey held to determine what our aims should be

Grant awarded from Bitton P C for £200

Website - last month 2900 hits from 1400+ users

Next steps -put on sound footing, add pages on villages plus photos, carry out interviews with elderly residents

It was suggested that the history group could consider suggestions for the names of new roads/closes/buildings etc in the Intier site – perhaps to reflect the past.

Gardening Club

New galvanized troughs have been sourced. The concept was supported. BH will take forward

Flicks

Nil new – going strong. Aim to have the new screen by the Autumn

Website

GF will look at the current website and come up with some suggestions.

Action GF

AOB

New Village Hall - It has been identified that we need a bigger village hall.

The village will be expanding and the current hall is at capacity. It is felt that the refractory buildings not big enough. One option would be to make the church a more community area. Second option would be to continue expansion by 50% of the rec ground. Thirdly a new build in the pound ground was muted.

Church lane - has become very muddy in parts where parking churns up the road. BH suggested we get some hexagonal webbing to support the grass growing through. BH will write to the Parish council. AT will raise the issue

Fly tipping – in public right of way

Litter pick – very successful. Many thanks to everyone.

Signing of the village could do with beautification. AT will chase with the parish As with other things like the Lych gate. It was agreed that we would start a new fundraising push for the beautification of Bitton

Bristol to Bath marathon 25th Oct. road closed for 4 hrs. May be an opportunity for an event.

Defib for the village. Ken Gibson has done some research But no feedback yet

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Next Meeting dates – June 17th, Sept 16th, Oct 21st (AGM), Nov 18th.

Action Agreed	By Whom
Golden valley	AW
Planning application Manor Farm	JB
Troughs	BH
Film Screen - grant	AW
Christmas decorations	AW
Website	GF

Appendix

Briefing note for BVRA AGM Wednesday 14th January 2015

Financial position as at 14th January 2015

Bank Balance	£3313.31
Of Which:	
Garden Club balance is	£649.06
Film Club	£62.64
Grant from SGCC for Playground is	£2000.00
'Owl' left over	£132.60
*Therefore balance for BVRA is	£469.01

Notes :

The average annual expenditure on 'running' the BVRA is c. £500

***On an ongoing basis the surplus for BVRA use, and carrying a small balance forward for this year's running costs is about £450**

Grant from SGCC is ring fenced for the playground which will be paid out when the work is finally invoiced.