

## THE BITTON VILLAGE RESIDENCE ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the meeting held  
on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007  
at Methodist Chapel, Mill Lane  
Chairman Christopher Gallop**

### **1. PRESENT**

Christopher Gallop – Chair  
Bridget Hetzel – Secretary for the evening  
Pete Sayers – Treasurer  
Andrew Ward  
John Graham  
Cheryl Wright – New member of the committee  
Shirley Day  
Marlene Gallop  
Councillor Mike Thomas

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Christine Thomas  
Tony Bolton

**3 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES** of the last meeting 6th September 2007  
These were approved unanimously by the committee

### **4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Chair - Andrew Ward** proposed by Bridget Hetzel; seconded by Shirley Day and unanimously elected by the committee

**Vice Chair - Marlene Gallop** proposed by Andrew Ward; seconded by John Graham and unanimously elected by the committee

**Secretary – Bridget Hetzel.** After a lack of volunteers Bridget said she was happy to be listed as Secretary but would like to share the job with someone else. Shirley Day and Cheryl Wright both agreed to share tasks. Bridget was proposed by Pete Sayers; seconded by Shirley Day and unanimously elected by the committee

**Treasurer - Pete Sayers** agreed to continue as Treasurer

### **5. INTIER SITE UPDATE**

Andrew reported that Colliers CRE have agreed to discuss the Intier site with the BVRA and with the Parish Council. The planned date for the meeting is *Tuesday 4th December at 7pm in the Meadows School*. It was agreed that as many as possible from the committee should attend. The majority of the committee agreed to attend. It was agreed that the final BVRA report should be ready for distribution before this meeting.

### **6. BVRA INTIER SITE REPORT**

Andrew handed copies of the draft report and asked for members of the committee to send their comments to him by Monday 19 November. Before going through the report he suggested that it should be considered as a 'discussion paper' because it was not setting out facts it was a paper of ideas to be considered and discussed by the village, developers, Council planners and anyone else with an interest in the site.

## **7. PRESENTATION OF THE INTIER DISCUSSION PAPER**

As planned the discussion paper will be presented to the village on 28th November 2007 in Church Hall at 8.15 pm.

Andrew reported that he would prepare a PowerPoint presentation.

Bridget and Pete both agreed to try and acquire a projector

Shirley agreed to prepare and distribute posters

Bridget and Shirley agreed to deal with refreshments

John agreed to acquire some white wine

Chris will bring the red wine in stock

Everyone would try to get to the hall early to help set it up

## **8. BITTON PARISH PLAN**

Andrew Ward reported that he had been in contact with Sharon Robbin, Clerk to Bitton Parish Council concerning the proposed local Parish Plan. There had been three meetings concerning the Bitton Parish Plan. These were 9/11 at Oldland Methodist Hall, 13/11 North Common Village Hall and 14/11 at the Meadows School in the village. The meetings all covered the same material. Several members of the committee had attended these meetings and volunteered to help. Andrew asked Cheryl if she would be the BVRA representative on the steering committee of the Parish Plan and she agreed. The majority of the committee also agreed to get involved in one way or another.

## **9. PROPOSED SECOND SPEED CHECK**

Mike Thomas reported that he had been in touch with John Veasey concerning the next Speed Check in Golden Valley, the centre of the village and towards Willsbridge, to compliment the previous speed check in the opposite direction.

## **10. BITTON RECREATION/FOOTBALL CLUB**

Mike Thomas reported that the second phone mast was now installed in accordance with planning permission and jointly contracted between the Trustees and the Football Club. The income from the mast is £90,000 over 20 years – £4,500 a year to be shared between The Trustees X%, the Football club X% and the remaining clubs (cricket and tennis) X%..

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **11 A) FOOTPATH MAPS**

Bridget presented a map of the Intier site and surrounding area detailing the existing footpaths, with proposals for new or reinstated footpaths also indicated. These would link the existing footpaths from Ryedown Lane to the Pound Ground and incorporating a river walk crossing the old wooden footbridge over the Boyd into and through the pond field and then the Pound Ground.

**Action** This will be incorporated into the Intier site discussion paper

### **11 B) GREEN HOUSE SITE**

Bridget proposed that the committee should add the Greenhouse site on Brewery Hill to its future Agenda. It was agreed that this was a potential site for redevelopment in the village and it was even larger than the Intier site and we didn't even know who owned it or why the hedge had not been reinstated.

**Action** Bridget agreed to contact the planning department of South Gloucestershire Council.

### **11 C) REDUNDANT SIGN POSTS**

Andrew reported that he had sent a letter to South Glos Council Street Care Department concerning 14 redundant sign posts in and around the village. He was delighted to report that he had now received a reply from the manager of the department promising that they would be removed forthwith.

### **11 D) HAZARDOUS BEND IN THE HIGH STREET**

John Graham reported that he was concerned that nothing had been done about the bend in the road and pavement of the High Street, between the White Hart and Church Lane. He explained that fast travelling traffic often failed to negotiate the bend and mounted the pavement which is in any case quite narrow.

Mike Thomas reported that it was on the Task Register and had been assessed by Mr White and was in the management of Rob Grieve of SGC office at Broad Lane Yate. The proposal was to increase the height of the Kerb or may be widen the pavement.

### **11 E) BURGLARIES IN THE VILLAGE**

Cheryl reported that there had been six burglaries in the last six weeks. In some cases when people had been at home. She enquired if the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was still in operation. John reported that he was the last warden and gave up after the lack of response from the police. It was agreed that everyone should be more aware of the situation.

### **11 F) VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN**

Andrew proposed a vote of thanks to Christopher as the retiring chairman. It was agreed that we had worked extremely hard during the last three years and it was greatly appreciated by the whole committee.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in the Methodist Hall. Agenda items to the secretary by Thursday 31 January 08. Christopher agreed to book the room.

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Please notify Bridget of any corrections

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