

## BITTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting  
held on 21.2.08  
in the Church Hall

Chairman Andrew Ward

### 1. PRESENT

Andrew Ward Chairman  
Marlene Gallop Deputy Chairman  
Bridget Hetzel Secretary  
Pete Sayers Treasurer  
Cheryl Wright  
John Graham  
Christopher Gallop  
Sandra Flower  
Michael Ashbee  
Bob Willis  
Councillor Mike Thomas

Invited guest Louise Dare Collier CRE for item 4

### 2. APOLOGIES

Shirley Day  
Christine Thomas  
Tony Boulton

### 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES of the last meeting

These were approved and adopted unanimously by the committee

### 4. GOLDEN VALLEY SITE UPDATE LOUISE DARE

As the representative of Collier CRE, Louise reported that

- i Collier CRE were working towards being granted outline Planning Permission for the site by S.G Council
- ii An environmental report of the site had not been requested by the Planning Dept of SGC
- iii Collier CRE had commissioned and instructed an Architect for the site and consultants in the areas of Transport, Hydrology (flooding), Landscape issues, Conservation and Finance
- iv No developer was involved

Louise agreed to provide BVRA with

- A list of the consultants and architect
- Copies of the commissioning briefs given to the consultants and architect
- A meeting with the Architect
- A date for an open meeting with Collier CRE, the BVRA, the Parish Council and residents of Bitton

It was agreed that the chairman should approach SG Council Planning Department concerning the environmental impact the development will have on the village and surrounding area.

After this item the chairman thanked Louise Dare for attending and she left the meeting.

## 5. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Since initial presentations by Jacqui Ward (from 'Community Action') at the end of last year, the Bitton Parish Plan Steering Committee has been established and has met on three occasions in addition to several sub-group meetings. Minutes of each steering committee meeting have been previously circulated to BVRA members.

The main aim of meetings to date has been:

- to create a constitution for the group;
- to develop the funding application to Quartet Community Foundation for the sum of £3000 towards the cost of activities involved in the production of a parish plan;
- to develop an action plan for consultation with residents, service providers and businesses within the parish of Bitton in order to inform the creation of a parish plan for Bitton parish by July 2009

Cheryl reported that the application for funding to Quartet had been approved earlier in the week. Bitton Parish Council have also contributed a further £200 in addition to £288.75 to cover public liability insurance costs.

The Community Consultation working group (a sub-group of the Steering Committee) is due to report at the next Parish Plan Steering Committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February with detailed proposals regarding methodology, actions and timescales in order to ensure effective consultation with the community of Bitton parish.

## 6. FUTURE FOCUS OF BVRA

The chairman was keen for the new committee to discuss the objectives of the BVRA to establish how we could make Bitton even better. A very effective discussion followed that established the topics of interest and who would take responsibility for them.

| <u>Topic</u>                            | <u>Responsibility</u>          |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Golden Valley Mill Site</b> (intier) | Andrew Ward                    |
| <b>Parish Plan</b>                      | Cheryl Wright and John Graham  |
| <b>Brewery Hill Greenhouse site</b>     | Christopher and Marlene Gallop |
| <b>Retail Facilities</b>                | Sandra Flower                  |
|   | The Pub                        |
|   | The shop                       |
|   | The Post Office                |
| <b>Transport</b>                        | Pete Sayers                    |
|   | Traffic                        |
|   | Parking                        |
|   | Pedestrian Crossing            |
|   | Roundabouts                    |
|   | Busses                         |
|   | Church Lane                    |
| <b>Social Events &amp; Fundraising</b>  | Bridget Hetzel and Shirley Day |
| <b>Environment</b>                      | Bob Willis                     |
|   | Flowers                        |
|   | Churchyard                     |
|   | Litter                         |
|   | Public Bins                    |
| <b>Amenities</b>                        | Mike Thomas                    |
|   | Village Hall                   |
|   | Car park                       |
|   | Pound ground                   |
|   | Recreation Ground              |
| <b>Communication</b>                    | Bridget Hetzel                 |

It was agreed that each committee member would develop some ideas for their topic and make a 5 minute presentation at the next meeting. Anyone unable to attend the next meeting should contact Andrew so that he can present their ideas.

#### **7. SIGNATORIES FOR BVRA BANK ACCOUNT**

Pete will arrange for Bridget and Andrew to be signatories

#### **8. BITTON VILLAGE/CHURCH FETE**

Cheryl advised us that the Fete will be on 6<sup>th</sup> September 08. She has agreed to organise it this year but she wanted everyone to be aware that it was a Church Fete raising money for the church and not a Village Fete. It was agreed that it would be a good idea if the BVRA had a stall.

#### **9. FLOWERS IN THE VILLAGE**

John Graham stated that he was happy to take responsibility for the flowers again. He thought the barrels would last this year but will probably need replacing next year. The committee agreed to fund the purchase of the plants.

#### **10. TRAFFIC SAFETY**

John Graham and Mike Thomas reported on the results from the January and February 2008 Speed Check on traffic in the High Street entering the village from the west. The median and percentile results were the same for both months

|                     | <b>January</b>                  | <b>February</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| The total count was | 31,486                          | 28,258.         |
|                     | The Median was 30 miles an hour |                 |
|                     | 85% Percentile was 33mph        |                 |

#### **11. TONY HAWKINS**

John Graham agreed to contact Tony Hawkins after the misunderstanding of his resignation from the committee

#### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 17 April in the Church Hall at 8pm