

BITTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting
held on 3.8.08
in the Church Hall

Chairman Andrew Ward

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Christine Thomas
John Dugay
Sandra Flower
Tony Boulton

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES of the last meeting

These were approved and adopted unanimously by the committee subject to the following amends:

Item 5 Golden Valley Update delete *As the representative of Collier CRE Louise reported that* and replace with **Andrew Ward reported that he had received an e-mail from Louise Dare, the representative of Collier CRE, which stated that little had happened regarding the Golden valley site.**

Item 7 Check Planning Applications delete *Sandra Flower* and replace with **Chris Gallop** who has very kindly agreed to cover this task

3. GOLDEN VALLEY MILL SITE (INTIER)

Nothing much to report, economic downturn has resulted in everything appearing to be on hold. Andrew will contact Louise re requirements for an Environmental Report for the site

Andrew reported that that a colleague of his was advising a Residents Association on development spend for their project. We might wish to consider using him later.

Michael Ashby mentioned that a company was considering the site for a gated OAP village

4. BRIDGEYATE TO BITTON PLANNING PROPOSAL for housing

Mike Thomas reported that the Ministerial judgement of the Council's initial proposals, will be available in September after which we can challenge the proposal again, but only following the correct procedure, using a strategy form. Mike agreed to keep us informed and recommended that we checked the Council website.

5. PARISH PLAN

Cheryl reported that the Parish Plan Committee had held several very useful Consultation Meetings in the parish. An analysis report on the information gathered, is attached to the e-mail with these minutes. The gathered information will be used to format the questionnaire to be sent out to every home in the parish, as well as for focus groups, and one to one interviews.

Volunteers to carry out the interviews are required, Bob, Shirley, Andrew and Bridget volunteered.

6. BVRA – PROGRESS ON ACTION AGENDA

Evening bus services from Bitton, info to go into FOCUS – **Bridget**
Bridget mentioned she had failed to achieve this and would try again.

Clothes recycling bin possible relocate from White Hart to Bitton Railway Station – **Bob**
Bob reported that he had spoken to the Company who owns the recycling bin and the managers of the White Hart and they are happy for the bin to be relocated. It was agreed that Bob should action the relocation if possible to the Railway Station.

Dog Pooper Bins for the churchyard by compost heap – **Bob**
This issue had been reconsidered by the churchyard committee and it had been decided that it was not so much of a problem and the idea had been put on hold.

Pound Ground litter bins – **Bob** project to be carried forward

Wild flowers to be sown on the Village wayside – **Sandra**
No information as Sandra was not at the meeting.

Litter in the High Street clear it up – **Everyone**
It was agreed that this should be mentioned in the village mag, Focal Point. Mike reported that a litter bin was about to be installed in the bus shelter.

Cash Machine for the village – **Bridget**
Bridget reported that she had drafted a letter to the HSBC Bank requesting an ATM cash dispenser. Mike Thomas advised on the number of people likely to use it, the population figures are :

Bitton 500 Wilsbridge 1000 Upton and Beach 170
Cherry Gardens 200 Swineford 40 plus passing traffic

Bob also mentioned that the Church were considering having a visiting Post Office come to the Church

Greenhouse site discover owners – Land Register – **Christopher / Sandra**

Christopher reported that there was no progress here he was still waiting for details. But Sandra had advised Bridget that she is waiting for the correct address from Chris so that she can contact Land Registry to trace the owner

Flicks in the Sticks – **Bridget**

Bridget reported that she had now sourced free equipment loan and prepaid Licence by an organisation called RAZZLE funded by the Arts Council. A sub committee needed to be set up to decide on date, location, film and format. Andrew, Shirley and Cheryl volunteered.

BVRA at Church Fete – **Andrew**. Andrew reported that he was happy to sort this out but he couldn't man the stall but fortunately Tony has agreed to man the stall. Cheryl volunteered some balloons

Check Planning applications – Christopher kindly agreed to take over this task. Pete mentioned that it was possible to have planning applications sent to you by e-mail

Use Bitton Recreation Club hall next meeting – **Andrew**. Andrew said he would try again.

Further ideas to follow up

BVRA on the Bitton Website – **Bridget** will pursue this and contact the vicar

Flowers in hanging baskets – **John Graham** to contact Tim Matheson at the council re hanging baskets in the village and flowers on the roundabout.

Signage in the village – **Andrew** will review the unnecessary signage around the village and follow up on its removal

Bitton Recreational Ground – Andrew had been approached about BVRA involvement with the Recreational Ground Committee. Mike suggested that it might be better if we didn't get involved. Andrew was delighted to concur.

Aubrey Meads play area **Cheryl** agreed to look into the improvement of this area

Police Inspector Staple Hill. **Andrew** to contact Chris Skelton to see what else can be done to manage the traffic through the village.

Boyd Valley Stronger and Safer Community Group **Mike Thomas** reported that this crime prevention initiative was struggling, he would monitor its progress. Mike also mentioned that

the Community Police now had an office at the Bitton Railway Station and wouldn't need an office on the Intier site.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Closure of the Post Office

It was agreed that a small presentation should be made to Jo, in recognition of his work at the Post Office. **Bridget** agreed to organise it for the day of closure.

Annual General Meeting

Mike Thomas reported that the next AGM of the BVRA should be held between 1-15th October and that notification of the AGM must be displayed one month in advance. It was agreed that the AGM should be held on Monday 6th October in the Church Hall. Shirley Day agreed to make the posters and display them on 1st September stating that items for the Agenda should be with the secretary by September 15th.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17th September at 8pm in the Church Hall (after Yoga)