

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 28th 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>
Golden Valley Mill Site (intier)	Andrew Ward
Parish Plan	Cheryl Wright and John Graham
Brewery Hill Greenhouse site	Christopher and Marlene Gallop
Retail Facilities	Sandra Flower
	The Pub
	The shop
	The Post Office
Transport	Pete Sayers
	Traffic
	Parking
	Pedestrian Crossing
	Roundabouts
	Busses
	Church Lane
Social Events & Fundraising	Bridget Hetzel and Shirley Day
Environment	Bob Willis
	Flowers
	Churchyard
	Litter
	Public Bins
Amenities	Mike Thomas
	Village Hall
	Car park
	Pound ground
	Recreation Ground
Communication	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 6th 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

	January	February
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