

# Bitton Village Residents Association

## Committee Meeting

### Minutes

21<sup>st</sup> April 2010

**Present:** Becky Flower (BF), Peter Sayers (PS), Christopher Gallop (CG), Marlene Gallop (MG), Andrew Ward ((AW ) Chair)), Anne Boulton (AB), Tony Boulton (TB), John Graham (JG), Cheryl Wright (CW), Nicola Bebb ((NB Minutes)) Mike Thomas ((MT) in part)

**Apologies:** Bridget Hetzel (BH), Shirley Day, John Dugay, Bob Willis, Mike Ashby

**Minutes of the last meeting:** approved

**Matters arising:** nil in addition to that on the agenda

**Finance:** PS reported on the Finances.

- The Bank balance is looking healthy.
- The gardening club has been very successful and is still in profit. Surplus membership fees are being used to subsidise outings.
- 'Flicks in the Sticks' is still receiving donations. AW reported on a successful application to Quartet; an award of £1900 has been granted for a new sound system.

#### **Major developments:**

- **Barry Road:** A new application for development has been submitted. It will be discussed at the council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed that a representative or the BVRA should attend to give our views. JG volunteered to attend, AW will write a statement for him to read out. A five minute slot is allowed which needs to be booked in advance.  
**Action AW/JG**
- **Brewery Hill:** No further progress; the site has been stripped leaving the framework. BH was chasing this up. AW agreed to discuss with her.  
**Action AW**
- **Intier Site:** There is a public community meeting planned ?in May. It was discussed that some of the houses have had some frost damage. AW will contact the agents and bring it to their attention  
**Action AW**

**Parish Plan:** JG and CW gave an update.

- 1300 questionnaires have been sent to Strategic Solutions for analysis. Data entry is now complete and key themes are being extrapolated. These will inform a second questionnaire to be sent randomly to a smaller sample. In addition, questionnaires will be sent to local businesses and schools.
- The parish council has donated £3000 towards data entry and writing the plan. The task of the current steering group is to write the plan only. Implementation of the plan may be done by a different group.

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- The next meeting for the steering group is the 12<sup>th</sup> May in the Old School Room. Any one may attend; however in silence only!

## Social activities:

- **Flicks in the Sticks:** has been brilliant. The committee would like to thank BH for all her efforts.
- **Gardening Club:** another big success. Open Gardens this year will be on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Nine gardens will be open. AW thanked TB and AB for getting it going. AW will do any posters etc needed.
- **Street Party:** It was agreed to aim for a street party in Church road on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012.
- **Other ideas:** the committee brainstormed other potential social activities. A kids' film night was suggested. BF will take some soundings around the school, with the aim of looking at an early evening/sat am showing. A Sports day was also suggested.

**Action BF**

## Campaigns:

- **Litter:** AW has had no volunteers to be the litter Tsar! It was agreed that AW will allocate roads to members to 'pick'. There will be 4 litter pickers available to borrow  
**Action AW**
- **Street furniture:** AW is on a mission with regard to odd poles etc. He will report these to the council  
**Action AW**
- **Marquee:** CW will get quotes for different types and sizes and AW/CW will then apply to Quadrant for a grant  
**Action CW**
- **Bike Track:** AW reported that David Bailey is keen to start a campaign to apply for an extension to the cycle track to allow access from the village. The committee reacted positively.
- **Jones:** There has been a drive on customer service. Unfortunately Dave Thomas has moved on to another store there has not been much more response from Jones' stores to the committees' suggestions for stock. They would be happy for JG to maintain the tubs outside the store and will pay for the plants.

## Input for Focal Point:

- BF asked if the committee meeting could be moved forward one week to make it easier for her to make the deadline for publishing. This was agreed.
- Deadline for copy to be sent to her is 13<sup>th</sup> of the month

## AOB:

- **The White Hart:** Permission has been approved and work has started.
- **Tubs:** AW thanked JG for his work with the tubs and bulbs etc.
- **Roads:** MT reported on new speed restrictions that have been approved. The stretch between Bitton and Swineford will become 40mph, as will the stretch between, Willsbridge roundabout and Keynsham. It will be some time before this is implemented.
- **Planes:** PS noted how nice it has been with no air traffic and wonders if there is anything than can be done to reduce planes over the area –

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suggestions of varying flight paths etc. He will investigate on behalf of the BVRA.

## Action PS

- **Sports club:** MT reported that it is on borrowed time! What grant money there is has been used for professional services e.g. architects etc. There will need to be additional grants to rebuild when the time comes.
- **Bins:** The council has provided a bin by the bus stop. The dog bin site is under dispute. The church has agreed to have it on Church grounds.
- **AGM Date:** This must be advertised by 1<sup>st</sup> September, so the date of the AGM must be decided in the July meeting. AW to put on the Agenda.

## Action AW

### Next Meetings

14<sup>th</sup> July 2010

8<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Action Agreed	By Whom
Booking of 5 min slot at council meeting	AW
Barry Road council meeting statement	JG and AW
Brewery Hill discuss with BH	AW
Intier site – contact Louise Seaman	AW
Children's film night	BF
Litter picking allocation	AW
Street furniture	AW
Marquee	CW
Air traffic	PS
AGM date	AW