

Bitton Village Residents Association

Committee Meeting

Minutes

19th January 2011

Present: Marlene Gallop (MG) – Chair, Nicola Bebb (NB) – Minutes, Andrew Ward (AW), Peter Sayers (PS), Cheryl Wright (CW), Anne Boulton (AB), Tony Boulton (TB), Christopher Gallop (CG), Barry Smale (BS), John Graham (JG), Mike Thomas (MT), Bridget Hetzel (BH), Rob Grady (RG), Tom Murphy (TM), Mike Ashby (MA), Becky Feather (BF), John Booth (JB), Eric and Joyce Cooper.

Apologies: Bob Willis (BW), Angela Dudley (AD),

David Cole - From Avon Valley Railway, gave a history of the railway and the restoration of the station at Bitton. He outlined the activities and opportunities that the railway offers and its finances as a registered charity. It was suggested that the BVRA could have a summer meeting there.

Minutes of the last meeting: approved

Matters arising:

- Auditing the finances – no action yet **Action AW**
- Resume street furniture activities – nil to report **Action AW**
- White Hart. JG reported that the site has been broken into and is falling into disrepair with guttering falling off. MT advised writing to the council stating health and safety concerns and asking them to chase it up with the owners. MG will write on behalf of the BVRA. **Action MG**
- Microphone. Has been purchased and is working well.

Finance:

- All the new signatories have now been into RBS Bath to confirm their identity so the account should be accessible again soon.
- The marquee money has been received into the account from Quadrant. We need someone to be responsible for the marquees to lead on putting them up, taking them down and organising availability etc. Volunteers were not forthcoming. PS volunteered to do some research on the weight and ease of transport etc. **Action PS**

Major developments:

Intier Site: AW reported on the public meeting held on 11.1.11. The committee agreed on the letter from MG, on behalf of the BVRA, in response to the amended draft concept. Analysis of the forms completed by the residents and the response to accompany the forms was also reviewed and agreed with some amendments.

- AW will change some of the wording to clarify meaning – eg “lack of village green on the A431”
- The committee felt that the negative feelings about the care home (in particular the position on the main road), evident at the public meeting

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were not been reflected in the response. AW will review the forms to analyse comments about the care home.

- He will then circulate the amended response. **Action AW**
- We then await Mike Luton's report

Parish Plan:

- Business survey is under way and is due for completion end of Feb.

Website:

- RG has met with MG and BH and the original website is being rebuilt to accommodate additional requirements. It should be up and running in March.

Logo: AW presented the entrants' designs, a vote was taken and the winning design with some modification was chosen. AW will email the winning design to the committee to invite suggestions for modification. **Action AW**

Social activities:

- **Flicks in the Sticks:** The next film is A Few Good Men
- **Gardening Club:** AGM was held this week with a great turn out and 60 members renewing membership. There is an exciting programme for 2011
- **Street Party:** The idea for a Street Party in Church Road on 29th April to celebrate the Royal Wedding was well received. NB and BF will lead. Once the workload for organisation has been identified they will email the committee for volunteers

AOB:

- **Insurance is up for renewal.** BS will check on cover for street parties
- The BVRA has been invited to drinks and buffet by the council to thank volunteers. There were no takers at this meeting

Next Meetings

Wed 20th April

Wed 20th July

Wed 21st September

AGM Wed 5th October

Action Agreed	By Whom
Auditing process	AW/PS
Resume street furniture activities	AW
White Hart letter to council	MG
Marquees	PS
Logo	AW
Amendments to the response to Intier concept	AW