

Bitton Village Residents Association

Committee Meeting

Minutes

2nd November 2011

Present: Marlene Gallop (MG) – Chair, Nicola Bebb (NB) – Minutes, Anne Boulton (AB), Tony Boulton (TB), Mike Thomas (MT), John Graham (JG), , Christopher Gallop (CG), Mike Ashbee, Barry Smale (BS), Andrew Ward (AW), Erica Williams (EW) Sue Nethercote (SN)

Apologies: Becky Feather (BF), Bridget Hetzel(BH), John Booth (JB), Peter Sayers (PS) Bob Willis (BW) Rob Grady (RG) Cheryl Wright (CW)

Minutes of the last meeting: approved with two amendments.

- 1.delete June from the heading of the September minutes
2. page 1 JB will liase with AW to agree a rep to go to the **Kings Forest Forum** meeting on Monday 19th Sept.

Matters arising:

- White Hart: Opens on Friday 4th November. Interested Members of the committee will meet at 8pm in the pub. EW will speak to the new managers to see if the BVRA can have the old Pub sign.
- Street lighting – a formal consultation will take place and residents will be consulted.
- Aubery Meads – Tina Rainey has reported that she has received excellent suggestions for the site. The complete report is waiting for input from the school. Aubery Meads has been nominated for the QE 2 Field challenge and is getting lots of votes.
- Erica Williams was introduced and welcomed.
- NB reported on preliminary research on the feasibility of a community defibrillator in the village. It was decided to keep the idea on the back burner for now and plan to revisit in a year.
- Free Bulbs – we have received 500 bulbs, they were distributed at Flicks in the sticks on the proviso that they were planed in places where they can be seen by the village.
- Elaine Pool has completed the review of the finances. BS suggested that the constitution is changed to “the annual accounts should be independently examined by an appropriate examiner to be agreed by the committee”. There will be an extra ordinary meeting held before the next committee meeting to agree the change.
- Parish Plan – This has been presented to the Parish Council and findings will go out with the Parish newsletter early next year.

Election of Officers

NB was re-elected as secretary - Proposed by MA and seconded by JG

BS was re-elected treasurer – Proposed CG seconded TB

AW was re-elected as Vice Chair- Proposed MT seconded NB

MG stood done as chair and was thanked for all the hard work and achievements in her year in office. There were no interested parties for the role of Chair. It was agreed that AW will be Acting Chair until a new chair is

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appointed. NB will ask BF to put a note in focal point asking for volunteers.

MG reminded the committee that the membership is for 15 members only. It was discussed and agreed that BW, RG, TB and AB will be observers, MT will be a member and the rest of the committee will remain as it is.

Finance

BS gave a full report at the AGM. It was agreed that £300 will be ring fenced for the street party next year.

Quartet

AW has fed back to Quartet that money that had been awarded for the marquee but that they had agreed to be put towards investigating the Wesleyan Chapel has not been spent yet.

Major Developments

Golden Valley Site. Meeting with Colliers has taken place. The new position statement has been sent out for comments. Aw requested that people feedback to him within 24hrs and he would respond to the statement. In general the changes are for the better, They were receptive to a village green option and keeping the Wesleyan Chapel however it may not be financially viable we await their decision. A representative from Stonach developments was present. English heritage has expressed need to maintain some of parts of the factory.

CVS

Rachel Barfoot from the Chase and Kings Forest Community Project reported on the work that the project does to work with the voluntary sector to help with organisations with operational matters. For example it could help with the purchase and renovation of the Wesleyan Chapel. AW will meet with the subcommittee and then contact the CVS to see what help would be available. AW outlined BVRA and its aims and activities. It was agreed that the BVRA should join.

Brewery Hill

Nothing to report

Hanham Hall

MG has been in contact – there is still a delay but it is likely that there will be progress to allow a visit next March

Church Lane Pot holes

Many have been filled.

Social Activities

Street Party Date to be arranged but we need to liase with the railway

Focal Point

Advertise Post of Chair of BVRA

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White Hart opened

Next meetings

January 19th, April 19th July 19th September 20th AGM October 11th

AOB

- Brian Garlick has sorted the Christmas tree
- MA suggested that we write to the owners of the pub to raise concern about the Japanese Knotweed in the Garden of the pub. He has contacted the DEFRA etc – needs specialist advice. It was agreed that MA would write.
- In order to cut wastage NB will no longer be bringing extra copies of the agenda or previous minutes to the meetings. Please bring your own.
- Aw proposed a new project – perhaps looking at some sort of display on the roundabouts on either side of the station

Action Agreed	By Whom
White Hart sign	EW
Focal point	NB/BF
Japanese Knotweed	MA