

Bitton Village Residents Association

Committee Meeting

Minutes

19th January 2012

Present: Andrew Ward (AW), Marlene Gallop (MG) Peter Sayers (PS), Nicola Bebb (NB) – Minutes, Tony Boulton (TB), Mike Thomas (MT), Bridget Hetzel (BH), Christopher Gallop (CG), John Booth (JB), Bob Willis (BW) Barry Smale (BS),

Apologies: Cheryl Wright (CW), Rob Grady (RG), John Graham (JG), Mike Ashbee (MA), Erica Williams (EW), Becky Feather (BF),

Minutes of the last meeting: approved.

Extra Ordinary Meeting

It was proposed by BH and seconded by JB that the constitution be changed to allow the annual accounts to be audited by an independent examiner. The motion was carried. NB will email RG to ask him to change the wording on the master copy which is on the website and to ensure this is in PDF format. The new wording will read

“ The annual accounts should be reviewed by an independent examiner agreed by the committee”

Matters arising:

- Japanese Knotweed. MA has spoken to the pub landlords they are aware of the situation and say it is in hand. To discuss again next meeting
- EW has no news of the old pub sign.
- AW has yet to meet with the CVS.
- There have been no volunteers for the role of Chair of the BVRA. IT was proposed that AW is Chair and PS Vice-chair. Proposed BH seconded BS the motion was carried.
- Roundabouts: TB has been to Yate to look at the Coal truck that is one of the roundabouts there. Nothing impressive. South Glos. council are willing do something to smarten up the roundabouts spurred on by the Olympic flame coming through. AW volunteered to lead on this project.

Aubery Meads: nothing to report

White Hart forecourt footpath: MG brought up the fact that the footpath across the front of the Pub is often blocked by cars and the 'A' signs from the pub the shop and the hairdressers. These also block the view of the traffic for cars turning out of Church road. In the first instance AW will talk to all those concerned to try to resolve the matter.

St Mary's Church Initiative: BW reported on the latest drive to raise money for the church. It costs £700 a week to keep it going and currently capital is being eaten into. They are looking at encouraging tourism and trying to re-

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establish a link with Kew Gardens and the feasibility of opening up the church for visitors.

Website: The committee thanks RG for his work on the website. There was a question of how much activity it sees and AW suggested that committee members but the website address on their emails. AW reported that BT high speed cabling was being installed in Bitton.

Finance: We have a credit balance. Funds as AGM.

Tubs and Baskets: there have been no volunteers to take this on. MG will discuss with Brian Garlick about ownership of the project to perhaps consider a rota.

GVS: Ongoing. Rethinking the whole project so things quiet at the moment

Brewery Hill: BH has rung S Glos. council, to ask about the new fencing that is going up. They know nothing about what is going on and have not received planning application. PS will contact the planning enforcement unit to investigate further.

Social activities:

- Flicks in the Sticks: running well
- Gardening Club: recent AGM went well. 52 members
- Street Party: the first planning meeting for the Jubilee Street Party is to be held on 31st January at 7.30pm in the White Hart

AOB:

Olympic Flame: This will be passing through the village on 22nd May. We need someone to coordinate the event. BH will talk to John Evans. The discuss at the next meeting.

Litter Pick: JB has noticed litter gathering and is happy to coordinate a litter pick and to try to make it a social gathering. BH will email the mailing list.

Speeding: continues to be a problem with one episode of speed just less than 100mph. To discuss further at next meeting

MT Honoured: MT has been made an Alderman – He was congratulated.

Next meeting April 19th

Action Agreed	By Whom
Avon valley meeting	TB
Defibs	NB
Flower tubs and baskets	BH
Speeding/Flame – to put on the next agenda	NB