

Bitton Village Residents Association

Committee Meeting

Minutes

19th April 2012

Present: John Dugay (JD) John Graham (JG), Mike Thomas (MT), Becky Feather (BF), Andrew Ward (AW), Nicola Bebb (NB).

Apologies: Cheryl Wright (CW), Marlene Gallop (MG) Christopher Gallop (CG), Tony Boulton (TB), Peter Sayers (PS), Bridget Hetzel (BH), John Booth (JB), Rob Grady (RG), Bob Willis (BW) Barry Smale (BS), Tom Murphy (TM)

Minutes of the last meeting: approved.

Matters arising:

- **Speeding:** The preferred sites for police presence to look at speeding are outside the White hart and in the lay-by by the bus stop. Permission will need to be obtained from the White Hart. JG will ask. JG CG and Jv will start doing speed checks. BF will contact Erica Williams to get the updated speed readings, with a view to doing a story for Focal point.
- **White Hart footpath:** AW has spoken to Chris about moving the A frames – they have been moved. AW has also moved the sign from outside of the hairdressers and will talk to the shop about the bake and bite signs.

Olympic Flame: There will be a celebration at the school on the 22nd May. 4pm – 7pm, with BBQ and bar, the Ukulele Band of Great Bitton will play and all community groups are invited. AW will discuss budget with BS for bunting for the high street. Residents (particularly on the high street) will be asked to decorate their homes with flags and union Jack etc. The village shop has got a good supply.

Finance: see appendix A – BS apologies for absence but report was forwarded.

GVS: Colliers has written to AW to tell him that Stonach has put the site up for sale. Aw will express our disappointment and ask how we can work to take this forward next time. AW will also write to Stronach asking them if they would be prepared to give us the Wesleyan Chapel and the land around it. (A long shot but nothing to lose)

Brewery Hill: The Parish council has been generally positive about the planning application for the Brewery Hill Green houses. The site has been bought by a company growing tomatoes. The objective is to produce tomatoes for the local market. The green houses will be stepped up the hill to make the most of the light to a height of 7.5m (1.5m lower than the original ones). It was agreed that the BVRA would endorse the council's submission.

Aubery Meads: Apologies from MG. She sent the following email “ I have had a meeting with Tina Rainey re Aubrey Meads Play Area Project, unfortunately Becky was unable to attend, Mike Thomas and Erica Williams were also present. I will e-mail Tina, who

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has just had to move offices before Easter, to see if she can provide a report on progress so far and will ask for copy to go to Becky (which I am sure would anyway) so that Becky can update on this agenda item if she is able to attend the meeting". BF had not received an update NB will ask MG to email us all an update

Hanham Hall: MG has chased but no reply yet

Tubs and Baskets: JG will liase with BH to take this further. JD has offered to do the one outside the shop.

Open Gardens: 1st July. NB will email BH to ask her to email and update on the open Gardens

Street Party: Plans to have a BBQ were temporarily thwarted by insurance requirements but successfully handed by BS. Plans going well.

Focal Point: BF will include Intier site, Brewery hill, Open Gardens and the Olympic flame celebrations in the next edition of Focal Point

AOB:

Skate Park: JG has received a petition for consideration of a skate park in the village. JG will d/w MG to consider passing to Tina Rainey to investigate funds etc.

Jubilee Mugs: BF asked MT if the council is considering giving Jubilee Mugs to children in the Parish. MT that they will be investing in a mature tree for each school. BF will write to Sharon Robbins to see if there is funding available.

Next meeting July 19th 8pm Church Hall

Action Agreed	By Whom
Letter to Stronach re Chapel	AW
Email to MG and BH for updates	NB
Tubs and Baskets	JG/BH
Skate Park	JG/MG

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Appendix A

BVRA Accounts Summary at 18 April 2012

Bank Balance: £2153.67

Of which

Garden Club Balance: £1057.65

Ring Fenced Quartet Grant: £650.00

Prefunding of Street Party: £300.00

Hall Hire before year end, 2 @£21 £42.00

Total allocated: £2049.65

Balance remaining unallocated: £104.02

Notes:

- 1) Street party prefunding should be returned from sales and if last year is repeated will generate a profit for BVRA funds.
- 2) Flics is currently in credit after penultimate film and as last year should generate a small profit after payment of annual screening licence.

Apologies for absence on 19/4. Any queries please give me a call on 932 5145 or email b.smale@virgin.net

Barry