

# Bitton Village Residents Association

## Committee Meeting Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Present:** John Dugay (JD) John Graham (JG), Becky Feather (BF), Nicola Bebb (NB) Marlene Gallop (MG) Christopher Gallop (CG), Peter Sayers (PS), John Booth (JB), Bob Willis (bw)

**Apologies:** Cheryl Wright (CW), Tony Boulton (TB), Andrew Ward (AW), Bridget Hetzel (BH), Rob Grady (RG), Angela Dudley-Ward, Mike Ashbee, Barry Smale (BS),

**Minutes of the last meeting:** approved.

### **Matters arising:**

#### **St Mary's-**

BW fed back from the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July. 70 people attended, a variety of ideas were discussed, Lots of ideas for using the church as a community building, all of these are now being evaluated and all residents will get list of them. IT costs £770 a week to keep the church going and that is without opening the door. BVRA rep was discussed. ? Kay Ross can feed back.

BW fed back other Church issues. The Vicar is leaving in January. It will be about 2yrs before we get another. Weddings funerals etc will have to be officiated by external ministers.

There will be a Harvest supper 20<sup>th</sup> October at Manor Farm. £8 tickets.

From Jan 1<sup>st</sup> the church it will be opened every day. Security may be an issue.

#### **Golden Valley site-**

MA has fed back to MG - St Monica's have definitely put in an offer but the owners are waiting for other offers. Need to keep up the pressure. **Action AW**

#### **White Hart-**

They have stopped doing food again. They feel that the village is not supporting them. Loud music is disturbing local residents. It was felt that the pub is not making success because it did not meet the needs of the local market and was unfriendly and unwelcoming.

There are still obstructions on the kerbside.

Japanese knot weed has been sprayed.

There was much discussion about what we should do about it. AW and BF had planned to go and speak to them but have not had a chance to do it yet. The general consensus was to let sleeping dogs lie and hope the managers come the AGM for some honest feedback.

**Brewery hill** – JB will keep up pressure

**Committee, Officers** – everyone will ask around for interested parties and ask for volunteers to AGM

**AGM-** Advertising- poster has gone up. NAB will update posters with agenda items to include. Brewery hill green houses, Traffic problems, arson of the trees in the church yard, Intier update

JB mentioned a local Government fund that we could apply to help fund local projects.e.g. a link to cycle path

**Finance-** Nothing much has changed formal update at AGM

**Fete-** £5300 raised. Ann Willis has thanked everyone who helped. She will not be running it next year and is looking for volunteers to take over.

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## Social activities

- Flicks – first flicks is in Oct. The Exotic Marigold hotel. It was felt that it would be nice to recognise Siobhan-Marie Olympic achievements JB will liaise

**Planning applications-** PS will be way for extended period so volunteers asked to take over. JB will forward emails

**Committee officers and attenders.** MG will discuss with TM to confirm his interest.

**Focal Point-** BF will report on the results of AGM. A volunteer is needed to manage advertisers for focal point (contact existing advertisers at the end of the year and find new ones if any drop out and chasing money)

**AOB:** MG reported a problem with visibility coming out of Church lane because of the overgrown hedge and growing vegetation – MG has contacted the council to ask them to cut back/trim.

Aubery Meads- Tina Rainey made progress with funding application MG will try to get update report to feed back to the next BVRA meeting

Hanham hall – Barretts are supposed be coming back with a date for Hanham hall visit

Skate park. MG has asked TR about skate park. Nothing has come back JG will try to make contact with TR

Flowers – looking sad at the moment. JG asking council to supply new barrels/tubs. There is still an on- going issue of who will to the tubs/baskets in the village. Add to agenda for AGM

JG has met the council to consider double yellow lines opposite the school to help to control congestion in at both ends of the school day.

RG has suggested named people send him up to date information and content for the website. E.g. AW -chair stuff, BH -Flicks/gardening club, NB- minutes. Intier- AW. The website is not used very much and needs ore up to date content

JG- Parish plan is finished and with the council.

Speed check – JG has met with police and gave list of 40 people breaking speed limit no feedback yet. Speeds hitting 90mph and 85% are breaking the speed limit

Erica Williams has not been coming to the BVRA meetings. However NB does not have her on the group email – NB will invite her to the AGM and add her address to the circulation.

PS. Leaflet addressed to BVRA suggesting that here is a reduction in the number of councillors – suggest that 21councillors are reduced to 9. It was agreed to discuss at AGM.

## Next meeting AGM 11<sup>th</sup> October 8pm Church Hall

Action Agreed	By Whom
Keep up pressure GVS	AW
Baskets and tubs agenda for AGM	AW/NB
Reduction in councillors to AGM agenda	AW/NB
Skate Park	JG
NB will invite EW to AGM	NB

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## Apendix 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. Any queries please give me a call on 932 5145 or email [b.smale@virgin.net](mailto:b.smale@virgin.net)

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