

Bitton Village Residents Association

Committee Meeting Minutes 8th November 2012

Present: John Dugay (JD), Becky Feather (BF), Nicola Bebb (NB) John Booth (JB), Andrew Ward (AW), Bridget Hetzel (BH), Barry Smale (BS), Steve Cox (SC), Paul Cooney (PC)

Apologies: Tony Boulton (TB), Bob Willis (BW), Marlene Gallop (MG) Christopher Gallop (CG), Peter Sayers (PS), Mike Ashbee (MA), John Graham (JG)

Minutes of the last meeting – approved

Matters arising

- GVS – no further update. Will keep up pressure. PC has tried to get into the site to take record pictures but the permission has been declined
- Hanging baskets- BH will talk to Hanham traders for advice in how they manage their displays
- Reduction in councillors. Discussed at AGM. AW has written to S.Glos saying that we do not have enough information to comment.
- Skate Park discussed at AGM. No Progress.
- MG has had no contact from Tina Rainey re Aubery Meads. The roundabout has been taken away.

Election of Officers

All officers are prepared to stand again. PC proposed that current officers are re-elected and this was seconded by BF. AW expressed some concern about the need for variety. It was agreed to look at succession planning next year.

AW- Chair

BS- Treasurer

PS- Vice Chair

NB- Secretary

Aubery Meads Houses

There have been some rumours circulating that some of the houses in Aubery Meads are under threat of being knocked down. BF has emailed EW with no reply, so she has made some enquiries. S Glos have confirmed that they are reviewing all their houses and there is a possibility that some pre- reinforced concrete homes are at risk. Any tenants that are affected will be kept informed.

Finance

- Gardening club 2013 is projected to go above budget next year. Costs for speakers is rising and the committee would like to keep the cost of membership the same for another year. It was agreed that in principle

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each activity should be self-funding but as there is surplus from the open gardens that would cover any overspend for next year.

- Hall hire is going up to £11 a hour. It was discussed about alternative venues but it was decided to stick with the church hall.
- Insurance is £250 for public liability. BS will investigate further

GVS – PC would like to join the subcommittee regarding GVS. Mike Luton should be producing the latest draft concept later this month. AW will ask him when we can have sight of it.

Review of AGM

- Good turn out
- Street lighting – Some street lights have been turned off but it is patchy, some areas are well lit and some very dark. Some concerns about increasing crime. SC will take it up personally and feed back to BVRA.
- Broadband – infinity is all wired to the main box outside the pub but fine tuning to individual houses will be available around Christmas.
- Parish Plan – BVRA have expressed desire to get involved with any follow-up arising out of the plan. PC is happy to be BVRA link
- Speeding- postponed as JG and CG are not here
- Pub – AW will feed back any suggestions arising from the AGM
- Need to improve relationship with S Glos, AW will write to EW and Chris Skidmore to ask for improved contact.
- Website- it was agreed that having nominated people for each page.
 - BH will do flicks and gardening club
 - NB will do meetings and minutes
 - BF will do news
 - JB will do planning
 - AW will do home page and Intier site
 - SC will send some photos to RG – everyone else to contribute SC will work on increasing profile of Bitton/website

Social activities

- Flicks – Next film is The Artist on 16th Nov. No flicks in December
- Great Bitton Bake off – BF has had a suggestion from a resident (Clare) to run a Bake off competition in the village. Entrants would bring their produce to be judged. BH suggested we may be able to get Mary Berry to judge. It was agreed that this is an astounding idea perhaps for the spring. Will invite Clare to next meeting.

Focal Point – will now be printed professionally, the price is going up to £1 per edition but £8 annually for subscribers.

Next Meeting dates – Jan 24th, April 25th, July 25th, Sept 19th, AGM 10th, Nov 7th 8pm NAB will book the hall

AOB

Brewery hill greenhouses- no progress to report.

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Link to cycle path/ Developing pound ground – to put on the agenda for next meeting – SC will look at funding.

Action Agreed	By Whom
Hanging Baskets	BH
Mike Luton/Draft concept -Intier	AW
Feedback to White Hart	AW
Improving S Glos contact	AW
Website content	All
Book hall	NAB
Funding sources	SC