

# Bitton Village Residents Association

## Committee Meeting Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013

**Present:** Nicola Bebb (NB), Andrew Ward (AW), Marlene Gallop (MG), Christopher Gallop (CG), Peter Sayers (PS), Becky Feather (BF), Steve Cox (SC), Paul Cooney (PC), Tom Murphy

**Apologies:** Tony Boulton (TB), John Booth (JB), Bridget Hetzel (BH), MikeThomas (MT) Barry Smale (BS) Mike Ashbee (MA),

**Minutes of the last meeting – approved**

**Matters arising:**

- **Blocked pavements - TM has written to the council. JG is working with the school has met EW and council rep and taken photos. The issue is being addressed.**
- **Contact with S Glos reps - AW has invited EW tonight and asked her for an update with major developments but has not had a response. It was agreed that it would be useful for us to invite the community led planning rep (Jackie Ward) to update us at the next meeting. NB to add to the next agenda.**
- **JB would like to thank all those who turned up for the litter pick. It was very successful and turned into quite a social occasion. AW has noticed an increase in fly posting he will contact the council**
- **AW has popped in to visit MT which was appreciated.**
- **Funding sources – SC reported that there are options to get up to £10,000 with Lottery and Quartet but you have to have a good reason and be prepared to do audit afterwards**

**BVRA Chair - AW will resign at the next AGM. All volunteers welcome for this post and all the other officers who have now served their 3 year term.**

**Aubery Meads Play Area-** MG has contacted EW for an update. BF and Ken Gibson have also been trying to get an update from EW and Tina Rainey. The latest news is that designers have been working on the plans and a new play officer is being interviewed. Funding will be the next mission. EW has pledged £8,500. EW suggested contacting quartet for more funding. MG will communicate with TR requesting a meeting with new play officer to give us some idea on a budget to aim for and how we take this forward. **Action MG**

**Major developments-**

- **Hanham Hall- JB visited. During this meeting he raised the possibility of a BVRA visit. They are amenable to a mid-week visit. MG will arrange a date and let the committee know. Phase one is currently being marketed.**

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- GVS – no news
- Brewery Hill – application approved nothing happening

## Social activities

- Flicks – another fantastic year
- Gardening club - thriving - open Gardens in May
- Bake off – still in the planning – a little set back and is on the back burner for now.
- Suggestions-
  - A community get together to celebrate breaking the ground at the start of the Aubery Meads play area regeneration!
  - A bonfire night
  - A Nature group/ meeting – BF will advertise in Focal point

**Cycle path access from Bitton-** It was discussed a ramp would be ideal David Bailey had been keen to lead on this. AW will contact him. **Action AW**

**Focal Point-** BF will include a update on-

- Snow drop planting
- Nature group
- Update on Aubery Meads play area

## AOB

The White Hart – current landlords are moving on.

Baskets and Tubs – BH was looking at a rota. The council will not be watering this year.

BT superfast broadband – SC reported that BT has decided it is not economically viable to connect up the village. This was contrary to the latest publication from S.Glos. SC will write a letter to S Glos questioning this on behalf of BVRA

Bitton Parish Plan- There is a meeting to discuss community spaces inside and out in the church hall on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30.

Chase and Kings Forest have been in contact again offering to help us find funding. This may be useful for Aubery Meads or perhaps the cycle path access.

**Next Meeting dates** – July 18<sup>th</sup>, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, AGM 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> all at 8pm in the Church Hall

Action Agreed	By Whom
Jackie Ward on the Agenda	NB
Fly Posting	AW
Play officer	MG
Cycle Path	DB