

# Bitton Village Residents Association

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

**Present:** Nicola Bebb (NB), Andrew Ward (AW), Marlene Gallop (MG), Peter Sayers (PS), Steve Cox (SC), Paul Cooney (PC), Tom Murphy, Bridget Hetzel (BH), Barry Smale (BS) John Booth (JB), Mike Ashbee (MA), John Dugay, Erica Williams.

**Apologies:** Tony Boulton (TB), Christopher Gallop (CG), Becky Feather (BF),

### Minutes of the last meeting – approved

#### Matters arising:

- Jackie ward to next meeting- AW will invite her
- Fly posting – AW has written he has had response and it has reduced. It was agreed that we should object to advertising in the village
- Cycle Path – BH suggested that we organise a new gate to access the field and thus the ramp to the cycle path. She will continue to drive this.
- Blocked pavements- TM has emailed the council and they say there is nothing they can do. The land is owned by the pub. It was agreed that it would help if the council defined the pavement and PC will approach the pub – It may help for residents to take photos of blocked pavements. There is an I phone App (Speak up) to send messages direct to the council.

#### Erica Williams updated the meeting-

Cycle Pathways – LED lighting on the cycle path is being promoted. Funding has been agreed. The general consensus was that we agreed that it was a good idea provided the design was suitable and it was for limited times.

It has been considered to remove dog bins and replace with one back bin. This is still up for consultation. It was agreed that we would like the dog bins to remain. AW will contact Mark King to express our opinion. **Action AW**

Quiet Lane scheme – there has been a proposition to advertise the lanes as being quiet areas. The general consensus was that it would not be effective and we would want less signs not more.

Responsibility for mowing the grassy highway verges will handed down from South Glos to the Parish council.

Roundabout to Oldland – It was agreed that the roundabout is ugly – and that added to list of interesting projects. EW will look at options.

Aubrey Meads Play Area- EW has some Funds are available to be accessed. A play officer has still not appointed a play officer. So things are not moving. EW will chase and visit George to update him.

#### Major developments-

- Hanham Hall- JB has contacted head of Sales but he has been able to pin them down for a date to visit
- GVS – no updates

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- Brewery Hill – no updates

**Finance- see** appendix it was agreed that we do not need to raise any money unless we have a specific target.

## **Social activities**

Flicks – Starting again in October

Gardening club – JG funded the hanging baskets – many thanks to him. The watering of the baskets was divvied up among residents Many thanks to them. Barn Dance at Bitton Rec to raise funds proposed date is 25<sup>th</sup> October (to be confirmed)

The Trustees of Bitton Rec are looking for photos of sporting activities related to the village they want to create a display in the lounge. NAB will ask BF to put a request into next months Focal Point

Trustees of Bitton rec need to raise money- they have offered to hold BVRA meetings in the hall – they may be able to do it for free. PC will talk to trustees about having a one off meeting in the sports hall

## **Focal Point-**

Request for photos

Barn Dance

Call for volunteers - officers are up for re-election. NAB will ask BF to put a notice in Focal point.

## **AOB**

Baskets and Tubs – letter from Sandra Veasey was read out “Could hanging baskets be funded by Bitton parish council”? EW will take that up and see if they can sort it out for next year. 18 hanging baskets and 10 stone troughs

Play school at the end of Church Lane. There is some concern about children playing in the road. It was proposed to send a letter to the people running the hall and cc to the playgroup highlight the issue. **Action AW**

Speed Watch – The Bitton speed watch team have been asked to go elsewhere and they have declined. There is little on-going support from the police.

The BVRA regret the passing of David Perrett who was a founder member of the committee. AW will write a letter of condolence

<b>Action Agreed</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
Invite to Jackie Ward to next meeting	AW
Write re dog bins	AW
Roundabout options	EW
Aubrey Meads	EW
Funding for baskets/tubs	EW
Playschool	AW
Focal Point input for BF	NAB

**Next Meeting dates – Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, AGM 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> all at 8pm.**

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## Appendix

Briefing note for BVRA committee meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Financials as at 15<sup>th</sup> July

Bank Balance	£2733.19
Of which Garden Club balance is	£991.21
Repayable grant from quartet	£650.00
Therefore balance for BVRA is	£1091.98

Notes :

1) Estimated expenditure for period to end July 2014 :

Insurance £250

Website registration £40

Flicks licence £107 balanced by income: no net expenditure

Hall Hire for committee meetings/Agm £110

Total forecast expenditure £400

**Therefore on an ongoing basis, surplus available: £691.98**

2) Flicks made a profit of £72.98 after payment of the annual screening licence, hall hire, drinks licence and incidental running costs.

3) Grant from Quartet held as ring fenced amount for possible other village use in Intier site development. This is in Andrew Ward's court.