



**Minutes of BVRA Committee Meeting 13th Feb 2014  
At Church Farm Barn courtesy of Bridget and Martin Hetzel (what a treat!)**

*Present: Andrew Ward (AW), Bridget Hetzel (BH), Christopher Gallop (CG), Jon Booth (JB), Marlene Gallop (MG), Stephanie Bailey (SB), Steve Cox (SC), Tony Boulton (TB), John Dugay (JD), John Graham (JG)*

*Apologies: Barry Smale (BS), Mike Ashbee (MA), Nicola Bebb (NB), Tom Murphy (TM), Erica Williams (EW), Becky Feather (BF), Paul Cooney (PC), Pete Sayers (PS), Sarah Milne (SM)*

Minutes of last meeting approved

Matters arising from previous minutes

- AW Reported that dog bins will be removed
- Play area AW reported progress SGC and BVRA applications progressing
- Roundabout EW carried forward
- Quiet lanes scheme EW carried forward
- Church Lane resurface EW carried forward
- Parking outside school EW carried forward
- Bitton history - AB reported on Mike Gates local history meeting. Now seeking more help with a view to building history on the website. Mike Gates to be invited to next meeting to discuss progress and agree actions for us all.
- SC reported that Bitton village now has Facebook and Twitter feed. [facebook.com/bittonvillage](https://www.facebook.com/bittonvillage)

Aubrey Meads play area

- Applications for funding submitted by SGC and BVRA. AW progress this matter. If SGC application successful, the BVRRA application will be withdrawn.

Finance

- JB reported current status. Current 'surplus' £586.

Fun Run

- SC planning fun run / night run as community event to raise money for street art (flower tubs and tree carving)

Flower tubs

- Discussion of flower tubs and need for money now for 2014. Hanging baskets considered too hard to maintain/water.

Cinema Club

- just ticketyboo

Gardening Club

- just ticketyboo

Golden Valley site

- St. Congar now own it. Geoff Tipping is contact. He has promised meeting with residents in near future. We will invite to next meeting.

Bitton Social Club

- going well

Community Choir



- Meets weekly and going well

#### Traffic

- Still issues with parking outside school
- Speeding carries on through village
- Meeting discussed why previous plans for calming we're not implemented – no conclusion

#### BVRA Social networking

- CS discussed implementation of Bitton Village Facebook page and Twitter. The committee agreed to encourage this, particularly on behalf of the younger residents
- CS to demonstrate FaceBook page at next meeting

#### AOB

- new path and rail for Alms Houses will be installed
- Snowdrop drop 22 March all help please
- Pre school have applied for use of Meadows School and they have agreed. Need to improve facilities which will require money
- Litter pick on 22 Feb 10:30 – all hands on deck please!
- Agreed to progress sculpture
- Problem with access to permissive path through The Meadows
- Next meeting Wednesday 7th May in Church Hall
- Further meetings Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Sept, Wed 8<sup>th</sup> October (AGM) and Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov .. all in the Church Hall

#### Actions

- 1 SC: to contact Erica Williams to seek updates on her actions
- 2 AW: Mike Gates to be invited to next meeting to discuss creation of the history
- 3 SC: Bitton village Facebook page to be demonstrated at next meeting
- 4 SC: contact Erica for funding for high quality flower tubs / flowers etc and funding £2,000
- 5 BH: provide costing of flower tubs for the village
- 6 AW: invite St Congar / Geoff Tipping to next meeting
- 7 AW: contact Mike Luton at South Glos
- 8 SC: will contact community choir to join website etc (via Nicola Bennett)
- 9 SC: will contact EW re traffic/speeding strategy for village
- 10 JB: will talk to Neil Roche re blocked gateways
- 11 SC: will demonstrate FaceBook at next meeting
- 12 MG will confirm Church Hall bookings for Wednesdays in future