



**BVRA
Committee Meeting on Thursday 11th September 2014
Minutes of Meeting**

Present:

Steve Cox, Jon Booth, Mike Gates, Becky Feather, Nicola Bebb, John Dugay, Virginia McNab, Mike Ashbee, Janet Ivens, Mike Gates

Apologies:

Erica Williams, Marlene Gallop, Christopher Gallop, Paul Cooney, Tom Murphy Bridget Hetzel, Andrew Ward, Pete Sayers, Stephanie Bailey,

Minutes:

Minutes approved

Flower Tubs:

The committee thanked Sandra Veasey for her work on the flowers and tubs this year. There may be money available from Bitton Parish Council for the flower tubs. Virginia McNab asked requests to be directed to her. There was a general discussion about the state of the verges and hedgerows.

Aubrey Meads:

All the frames are in place and is likely to be finished soon ? next week. The official opening is scheduled for October ½ term. South Glos. Council will be responsible for maintaining it.

Fete:

A great success. Raised over 6K with over 100 helpers. Any volunteers to chair the fete committee next year welcome. It was agreed that this should come from the Church.

Fun Run:

This was called off this year as there were not enough volunteers to marshal the event. It is hoped that it will go ahead next year

Open Gardens:

This went well. There was no one at the meeting to report formally

Golden Valley Intier Site:

It was agreed that there is some urgency to reactivate the subcommittee to meet asap to discuss a response to the developers. We need to decide what we want regarding the green spaces and the Wesleyan Chapel. NB agreed to email the subcommittee to convene a meeting **Action NB**

Flick in the Sticks:

The first film this season will be Philomena showing Friday 19th September.

Freedom of the Village:

There was much discussion about creating a system to recognise people making a significant contribution to the village. Mike Gates agreed to look at precedent and SC will also do some research **Action SC and MG**

History Group:

Going well. Next meeting is Tues 16th September at Avon Valley railway and 7.30pm. Eric Miles will talk about the search, recovery and restoration of the Fry's Sentinel Engine. The group has a website which will be linked to the BVRA website. www.bittonhistory.org.uk



Planning:

Progress is being made with the church car park although planning has not been submitted yet. There will be 30 parking spaces and a new vehicle entrance off Church road. Planning application has been submitted to alter parking restrictions outside the school. See appendix A

There has been no consultation with or consideration of local residents many of whom have no off street parking.

It was agreed that the committee was not happy with the urbanisation of the area. It was agreed that whilst the committee was not objecting to parking restrictions in general it was felt that there had not been enough thought to the wider implications to local residents. It was agreed that the BVRA will object to the application. BF abstained as she has a conflict of interest, she will feed back to the school governors.

Action SC

Facebook page:

Going from strength to strength. At times there has been up to 5000 hits with 500 regular followers.

Finance:

JB reported the current financial report. See appendix B

AOB:

BF reported that there has been a fence erected without planning permission in Edwin Sort close. It is not in keeping with the conservation area. The BVRA will object.

Action SC

BF reported that the gate into the Pound ground has not been secured since the travellers have moved on. SC will write to Mark King at Street care at South glos.

Action SC

Signs have gone up the entrance to a field which is a public path and part of the Monarchs way.

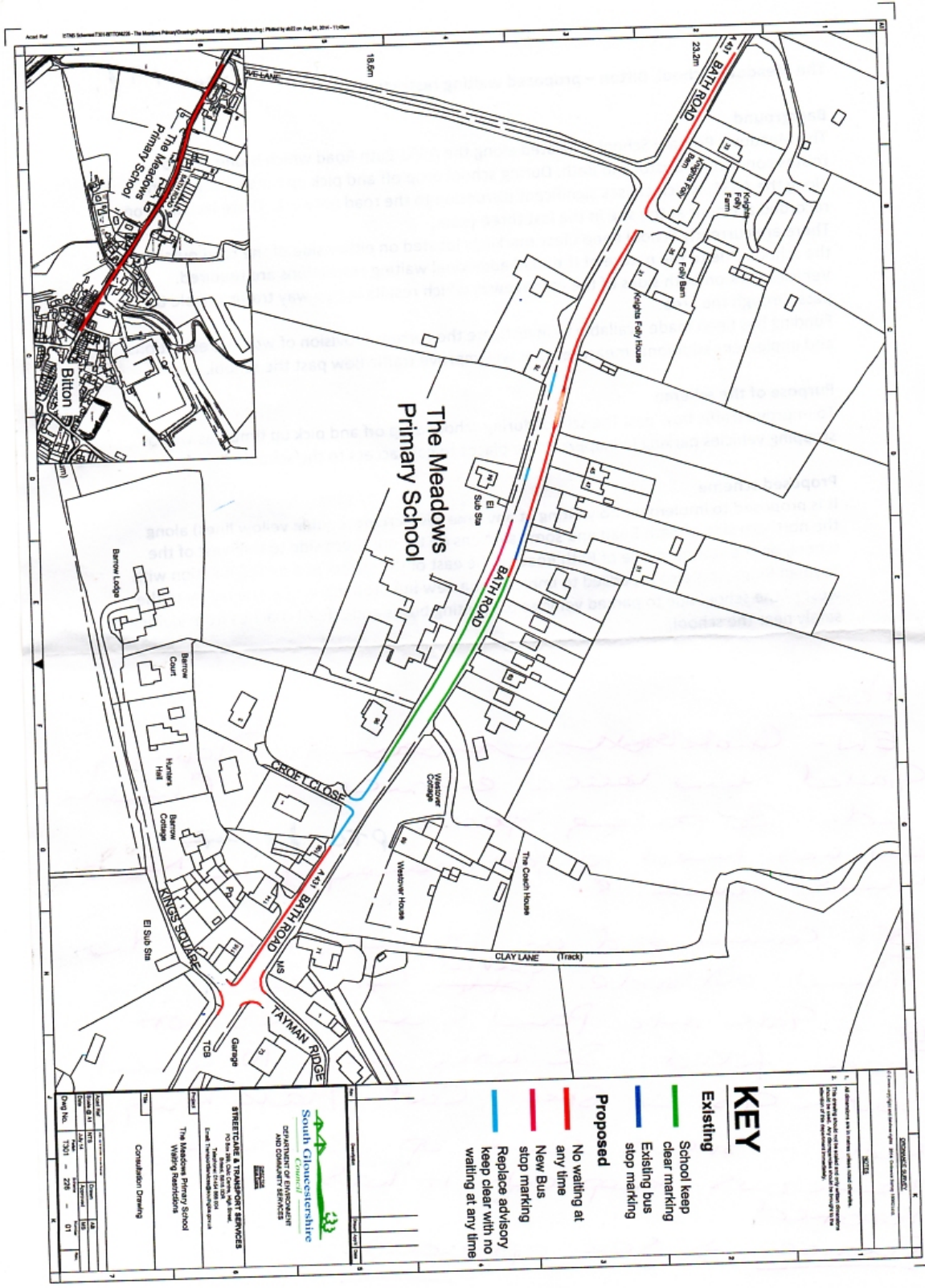
The signs say "Dangerous Keep out". It has been reported

AGM

SC will advertise the event calling for agenda items. He will also check the Church Hall booking.

Action SC

Appendix A – Planning for parking restrictions



Appendix B – Accounts



Briefing note for BVRA committee meeting Thursday 10th September 2014

Financial position as at 10th September 2014

Bank Balance	£5140.71
Of Which:	
Garden Club balance is	£1388.86
Grant from SGCC for Playground is	£2000.00
'Owl' takings (so far)	£822.00
*Therefore balance for BVRA is	£929.85

Notes :

Forthcoming estimated expenditure for period for 2014/15:

The average annual expenditure on 'running' the BVRA is c. £500

- *NB. 1. The BVRA balance includes Flicks profit of £323.99
2. Andrew Ward has informed me there is another £400 to come for the 'owl' project from his fund raising, which will bring the total to £1222, which should cover this cost

***On an ongoing basis the surplus for BVRA use, and carrying a small balance forward for next year's running costs is about £425**

Grant from SGCC is ring fenced for the playground which will be paid out when the work is finished soon.

Jon Booth