

Bitton Village Residents Association
'Helping to Make Bitton Even Better'

AGM 7th October 2014
Minutes

Present:

John Graham, Adrian Pike, Marjorie Polden, Jon Booth, Frank Fitzgibbin, David Bailey, Stephanie Bailey, Bob Skidmore, Elaine Skidmore, Virginia McNab, Janet Ivens, Jill Gibson, John Dugay, Sue Nethercote, Nicola Bebb,
Andrew Ward, Christopher Gallop, Marlene Gallop, Tony Boulton, Paul Cooney, Barbara Cooney, Mike Ashbee, Rachel Ashbee, Barry Smale, Wendy Smale, Kate Ward, Roger Newport, Fran Newport, Pam Hacker, Betty Feather

Apologies:

Steve Cox, Andrew Thomas, Ken Gibson, Pam and John Hayes, Bel Mooney

1. **Last year's minutes** were agreed- proposed by Paul Cooney and seconded Becky Feather

AW reviewed the years activities and the actions arising- appendix

Access to the cycle path and the Brewery lane green houses are still action pending.

2. JB gave the **financial report** - Accepted as correct appendix Proposed Paul Cooney and seconded BH

3. There were no **written questions** received by the chair for this meeting

4. **Chairman's report.**

- AW thanked the Flix team. Jill Gibson suggested a children's film showing. Several suggestions were made. It was agreed to put on the next meeting agenda
- AW thanked the Aubrey Meads team and gave a report on the work in progress. MG and EW also updated us. There is a delay due to some uncertainty over the boundary. Fencing will be going in next week and hedges will be planted. Aiming for Oct 1/2 term for opening.
- AW thanked the various teams that have worked on improving the lanes and the streets. There was some discussion about signage. To be discussed in the next committee meeting
- BW gave a report on the activities of the BVRA at the church fete
- WS gave a report on the gardening club. 60+ members. Doing well.
- AW report on the BVRA web presence including FB and Twitter. He thanked all who contributed.
- Stephanie Bailey gave a report on the history group.
- AW reported on the planning applications and thanked JB for reviewing them. He outlined those that the committee had objected to.
 - The current issues include:
 - The proposal to put yellow lines outside the Meadows school. There will be an evening consultation and it is suggested that the people involved attend.
 - The golden valley site - sue Nethercote reported on trespassers. The owners are waiting for the village to comment on suggestions for usage of the Wesleyan Hall

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- Brewery Lane green houses- issues on going nil new to report.
- The meeting thanked AW for all that he has done and especially the Owl.
- 5. **The Committee** for 2013/14 was reviewed and re- elected. Andrew Thomas and Pam Hacker were nominated to join by AW and this was seconded by Brigit Hetzel and elected. The date of the next meeting is to be agreed.
- 6. **Plans for next year**
 - Aims for the committee was reviewed
 - AW invited suggestions for actions for the year coming up:
 - It was suggested that local businesses are invited to a committee meeting.
 - Wine tasting club was suggested or a wine tasting evening .
 - Annual party possibly at Manor farm.
 - Increase the litter pick to 2 a year - The Bitton Wombles?
 - Say hello and smile!
 - Raised humps to try to reduce speed through the village.
- 7. **AOB**
 - EW reported on public transport initiatives.

Andrew Ward (Well, thank you Nicola Bebb really! And to Rob Grady for publishing on website)

8th October 2014