

Bitton Village Residents Association



Committee Meeting Minutes 14th January 2015

Present: Nicola Bebb (NB), John Booth (JB), Andrew Ward (AW), Marlene Gallop (MG), Christopher Gallop (CG), Barry Smale (BS), Peter Sayers (PS), Steve Cox (SC), Tony Boulton (TB), Bridget Hetzel (BH), Stephanie Bailey (SB) Tom Murphy (TM), Josette Saville (in part)

Apologies: Becky Feather (BF), Mike Ashbee (MA), John Graham (JG)
Andrew Thomas, Virginia McNab

Josette Saville – proposed that we have a village Barn Dance. Upton Farm Barn. 20/27th June. NB, BH, BS and JB offered to help.

Finance- £3500 in the Bank. This includes grant for the playground. Balance of £469.01. Annual running costs run to about 3500 so it is worth trying to raise a buffer. see appendix A

Planning.

- **Intier/Golden valley.** No application in yet. AW will send them nudge.
- **Brewery Hill** – no news BS will chase
- **Yellow Lines** – pending. TM will chase.

History group – 70 attended the last meeting, the reunion of Upton School. The next meeting will be on 17th Feb, Shrove Tues – there will be pancakes – It will be a show and tell on miscreants. A constitution is being written.

Gardening Club – AGM on Monday 20th Jan. Likely to have 50 members.
Open Gardens 14th June

Flicks - 17th Jan showing Monument Men. AW suggested a bigger screen. BS will agree to investigate costs and discuss with Jill Gibson.

Litter Pick – Next one on 28th Feb. Meet 10.30 at The White Hart to be followed by a drink in the pub.

Snowdrops – Date to be confirmed.

Website – Facebook is very active.

The Wine club – Having done a feasibility study, it was agreed that the concept is not financially viable.

Christmas tree- Many thanks to Brian Garlick. Possibly extend the Christmas decorations next year. AW will thank him and find out what he has in mind.

AOB

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- It was agreed that the next BVRA meeting will be at the White Hart to support them. NB will d/w Pub.
- SC suggested a lit night walk/ run. Possibly Friday before the Fete. He will investigate.
- The opening of the Aubrey meads play area was a great success. MG will invite George to the next meeting
- Pound ground – valuable space that could be developed. A parkour walkway, a new village hall were proposed. BS, JB and SC will draft a letter to the council and circulate before sending.
- Duncan in Tithe barn is happy to host a village event.

Next Meeting dates – March 18th, June 17th, Sept 16th, Oct 21st (AGM), Nov 18th.

Action Agreed	By Whom
Golden valley	AW
Brewery Lane Green Houses	BS
Yellow Lines	TM
Film Screen	BS
Christmas decorations	AW
Book Hall/Pub	NB
Night Run	SC
Pound ground	BS,JB,SC

Appendix

Briefing note for BVRA AGM Wednesday 14th January 2015

Financial position as at 14th January 2015

Bank Balance	£3313.31
Of Which:	
Garden Club balance is	£649.06
Film Club	£62.64
Grant from SGCC for Playground is	£2000.00
'Owl' left over	£132.60
*Therefore balance for BVRA is	£469.01

Notes :

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

***On an ongoing basis the surplus for BVRA use, and carrying a small balance forward for this year's running costs is about £450**

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