

Bitton Village Residents Association



Committee Meeting Minutes 13th July 2016

Present: AW, NB, BH, PB, GF, BS, JB, AM, MA.

Apologies: SB, MGates, VMc, MGallop, TM, EW.

AW - Will not stand as chairman next year.

- **Matters arising:**
 - **Fence on GVL** – ongoing dispute. to be kept on the agenda
 - **Website advert** – AW will approach MGates about setting up. AM and NB offered to upkeep **Action AW**
 - **St Mary's "moving forward"** - to be put on the agenda for the AGM **Action NB**
 - **Speed limit in the lanes** – consultation in progress. Ends 22nd July. Several members expressed concern about the look of the potential signage and urbanisation. AW reported to the parish council about New Forest signage. There was some debate and it was decided that each member should comment individually. AW will also comment as a BVRA committee. It was agreed that he will circulate the comment to all committee members for approval
 - **Mobile Library** – no update yet **Action MG**
 - **Fly tipping** – environment agency was contacted and they responded promptly.
 - **Fly Posting**- we were encouraged to remove any fly posting.
 - **Owl Pruning**- will be done **Action AW**
 - **Fashion show** – Big thank you to GF for the fashion gala it was a great success. £700 was raised. (£400 for the Church)

- **Village Hall** - Jill Gibson has reported that the hall is not being used and needs more revenue as they have lost the playgroup. It was discussed that we will need a new village hall to meet the needs of a new expanded village following the development of the Golden valley site. It was agreed to set up a group to include reps from the Church, Council, Parish Council, Linden homes, BVRA, Rec and the School. Prior to that AW will contact Linden homes to find out what provisions they may contemplate. **Action AW.**

- **Tour of Britain** – Thursday September 8th early afternoon. PB will liaise with BF and the school about what if anything is being arranged.

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- **History group** – SB update via email. Bitton Parish History Group will have a stall at the St Mary's Fête. The next meeting will be on The Flood, will take place in St Mary's Church Hall on 28th September, 7.00pm for 730pm. All are welcome.
- **Involving and engaging with the whole community** – BH suggested a door drop to try to get email addresses for greater involvement of more of the community. It can then be used to canvas residents on particular issues. BH will draw up a leaflet. **Action BH**
- **Counsellors update**
 - **37 bus re-route** –The proposed route for the 37 will be Bristol to Bath but there are plans to rerout it to the Fry's development then on to Bath. We are not sure, at the moment, if they plan to reinstate the evening and Sunday service. The 19 route – Bath to Bristol goes to Cribbs Causeway. There will be no direct bus service to Broadmead, the hospitals, any events being held in the City Centre area or access to the Clifton area. It was agreed that AW will write on behalf of the residents we are a disappointed to lose a direct bus to Bristol. **Action AW**
 - **Roundabout feature** – There a plan to do something about the roundabout. It was agreed that we should stick to the roundabout rather than the triangle of land by Cherry Gardens. AW will contact EW to find out what would be involved with redesigning the roundabout. **Action AW.**
- **Planning** – nil new. AW has written to Linden homes with some ideas for preservation of some of the features on Golden Valley Site. As well as any planning for finishing the Bat house. AW will invite Linden homes to present the plans to an open village meeting. **Action AW**
- **Finance** – Balance £2240 of which £821.57, Film Club £142.55, History group £448.50 Balance is £827.98. Refund of £1500 is due to come in.
- **Gardening Club** – Open gardens were big success.
- **Flicks** - Summer break.

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- The recent flood meeting was discussed. It was reasonably well attended.
- Churchyard grass. The contract has now been awarded to someone to cut the grass.
- BW will write a leaflet advertising the AGM and the request for wider involvement – JB will ask if it is ok to hand out the leaflet at the Fete with the fete programme

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Next meeting 21st September. AGM 19th Oct.

ACTIONS

Website	AW/MG
Owl Pruning	AW
Village Hall	AW
Leaflet drop	BH
Contact EW about the roundabout	AW
Linden Homes at the AGM	AW