

# Bitton Village Residents Association



## Committee Meeting Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Present:** AW, NB, AM, BH, MY, MG, PC, BH, BS, JS

**Apologies:** SB, MG, VMc, JB, PS, TB, GF, PH

**Election of Officers-** We are sorry to lose Tony Bolton and Tom Murphy and thank them both for their contributions.

Mary Younie was welcomed to the committee

JB was proposed by AW as treasurer and seconded by BH.

AM was proposed by AW as secretary and seconded by MG.

AW resigned as chairman. He was thanked for his enormous contribution

There were no volunteers to take over the role and so it was agreed to have a rotating chair changing each quarter. This was proposed by BS, and seconded by BH. NB will be chairman at the next meeting.

### **Matters arising:**

- Involving the wider community - BH will do a draft flyer and circulate to the committee **Action BH.**
- Pete Wilcox is happy to make a seat in Aubrey Meads Seat. It has to be clarified what permission we need. **Action PH/AW**
- Tannoy Avon Valley Wildlife park. AM agreed to take this forward. **Action AM**
- Intier site – Linden homes have agreed to put together a memo/update about the development by the end of Nov. There has been some movement from them about salvaging some of the old pillars and lintels. There will be further planning for the landscaping and there is a possibility that we can influence this.

### **Planning**

- New-pit Lane application. The application was discussed. It was agreed that AW would write on behalf of the committee – objecting to the change of use.
- Meadows Farm caravans – There are people living in caravans on the Meadow farm. There is no planning for change of use. Planning enforcement are investigating.

### **Proposals for possible use of CIL funding**

- £159K is to go to Bitton Parish Council as part of the CIL. There will be a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec to set up a sub-group, this is open to the public and there will be a Q&A section.
- Ideas were brainstormed – the suggestions were: Improving a village hall, Pound group improvement, allotments, feature on roundabout at Barry road, planters and flowers, nice village sign, improving the Rec and a village gateway.
- PC suggested that we try to involve the local businesses in potential uses for the CIL money.

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## Ceilidh in summer

- JS suggested a social event in the Manor Farm Barn again. AW has spoken to David about the event. It was discussed keeping adult prices the same and perhaps reducing the price of the child ticket or introducing a family ticket. JS is happy to take this forward.

## Village Newsletter

- It was suggested at the AGM that we should have a newsletter. IT was agreed to keep this on the agenda.

## Finance

Financial position

17th November 2016 Bank Balance **2662.64**

Of Which:

Garden Club: £1505.57

Film Club: £142.55

History Club: £378.51

Balance for BVRA general fund is **£636.01**

We need to discuss running costs for the year and what sort of slush fund we need in the bank. Action point for the next meeting

## Gardening Club

- Membership of 70. Next year's programme is sorted.

## Flicks

- Tickety boo. Good films coming out.

**History Group** – Next meeting is on the 25<sup>th</sup> November – on coal mining.

## AOB

- Message from Virginia – please pass any things that need council action (eg bins that need emptying, or hedges that need trimming etc) to Sharron Robbins and she will pass it on the relevant officer
- No 37 is back on the road. If we don't use it we will lose it. There are several reports of the bus not coming or being very late. In addition the driver does not always clock passengers with bus passes so the usage will not be accurate.
- Dates for next meetings. Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, AGM Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. MG will book the hall. **Action MG**

## ACTIONS

Draft Flyer	BH
Bench	PH/AW
Tannoy	AM
Book Hall	MG

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