

BVRA Committee Meeting 14 September 2017

Minutes

Present BH, GF, MG, JB, AW, SB, MY, MG
Apologies MA, PC, NB, PH, VMcN, AM, PS

George Friend (Chairman Sept-Nov) chaired the meeting.

It was reported that Pam Hacker has resigned from the committee. This is much regretted and the committee expressed their thanks for the work she had done on behalf of the village.

Planning

Bitton Mill

- Objections to materials used was raised with Linden, South Glos and BPC by some individuals. This was done as individuals and not as BVRA. The plans have not been changes.
- AW draft a letter to Linden to thank them for the weighbridge for Chaiman (George Friend) to send.
- AW write to Linden/SGlos re street names on site

Meadows Farm Caravans

- It would appear that nobody now lives there.

Pipley Court Farm

- Owners still trying to get planning for the house. Those who object should do so asap.

Pipley Bottom Farm

- Under appeal

Bench in Aubrey Meads

- Now in place. Need to confirm details to BPC to apply for grant for 50%
- GF will confirm arrangements to BPC

CIL

1. Barry Road Roundabout.
 - BH has written to V McNab who agrees with the idea for a new lamp/roundabout
 - BH has agreed to be roundabout champion
2. Village sign/gate feature
 - NB has agreed to champion this project
3. Planning for Village Hall. As the sub group progresses, this might become a good use for CIL funds. 'Champion' for new village hall is required.
4. Shelter for Bitton Mill Community Area. AW is championing this.
5. Access to cycle path from centre of Bitton. SB will ask her husband whether he might champion this project.
6. CIL will be raised at AGM to seek other ideas

Village Hall Strategy

- Sub group has met
- Options... Meadows, New Hall on Pound Ground, Church, Rec, Golden Valley Canteen.
- The Meadows would welcome more village events/involvement but still in state of flux because of new academy status.

Church re-ordering

- Will remove six rows of pews and choir stalls
- Planned to happen quite soon
- Nice display on fete day. SB will check availability of display for AGM.
- BVRA will consider how it might use the reordered church.

Finance

- Current balance £3,765 which is satisfactory.

Gardening Club

- BH will check the Linden will pay for next round of flowers on the bridge and suggest they pay for as long as they are selling houses.
- If Linden will not pay, the BVRA is happy to pay.
- Now planning next year's programme

History Group

- Manor Farm, 6 October afternoon , architectural prospects for Manor Farm talk and visit
- 8 November, Unity Church, Gary Best talking about Methodism in local area.
- Other ideas not yet revealed.. far too exciting.

Input from BPC and South Glos

- See below for comments from Virginia McNab for which the Committee is most grateful.
- No report from South Glos was received

Leaflet Drop

- Leaflet now ready, JB will organise a leaflet drop day on a Saturday morning followed by drink in the pub.

AGM 19 October

- Review of the year
- Committee vote etc
- Kelston cheese talk
- Cheese and wine (a glass of wine and a taste of cheese) opportunity to buy
- AW make posters, FB page, and website. Email etc

Flicks

- Season about to start

AOB

- Meadows School would like to encourage more interaction with the School. SB will approach School with a view to working with them more closely.
- SB to to ask whether School would water plants.
- Need to consider welcome event/process (re run Intier event, Church Leaflet etc) All
- Committee thanks Pam Hacker for her work.. especially the seat in Aubrey Meads. AW to thank her and present box of chocolates.
- BH will organise social/funding event for Summer 2018.
- Tannoy from Avon valley ... notify Alan Murtagh.
- AM to set up events plug-in on website.

Comments from Virginia McNab, Bitton Parish Council

Please accept my apologies I will be unable to attend as I will be out of Bristol that day.

Land at Newpit Lane – No.1

This site refers to the application for a replacement caravan to be sited which has been withdrawn.

We are keeping an eye on this as it has been reported that an area has been dug and what appears to be piping has appeared on site. This has been reported to the enforcement team.

Land at Newpit Lane – No. 2

This site is on the left and is reached at the end of a track. This involves caravans/stables and a riding arena. This is also with the enforcement team.

Meadows Caravan – we have not received an update on this situation but as I have said before this is not unusual as the enforcement teams do not give updates due to the sensitivity of exchange of information. Maybe this could be removed from the ongoing report.

Pipley Bottom Farm - the property is on the other side of the Pipley Brook so technically is in B&NES access is off North Stoke Lane. The access is juxtaposition to Pipley Court Farm owned by Mr Jefferies. A temporary dwelling has been installed as accommodation for the family. An enforcement notice is being served to remove the dwelling but we understand Mr and Mrs Preece plan to appeal. You can find all the information on their web site – www.pipley-bottom-farm.com – I can promise you an interesting read especially the blog. Bitton Parish Council and SGC have made comments.

Pipley Court Farm – owned by Mr R. Jefferies and previously used for the breeding of alpacas. The property lies in the green belt and A.O.N.B. The property is now for sale.

An application was made to remove the condition that the property is occupied solely for the breeding of alpacas. This has been withdrawn and a new application has been made that the condition is not solely or mainly for the breeding of alpacas.

It is not unusual to apply a condition like this especially if the property was granted permission in green belt etc.

Just this week we have heard that an application for the removal of a condition on a property in Barry Road – ‘dwelling to be used for none other than an agricultural occupancy’ this has been refused.

Wick Lane – this is also a watching brief. Anyone out walking the dogs or jogging who sees anything strange/unusual please report it to me. Washing on the line, someone walking about in nightwear, lights on in the caravan late at night???? I will notify enforcement to they can diary it. They have been asked to give assurance that they are not living there which they have so they will not be able to apply for Certificate of Lawfulness at a later date. This can be removed from ongoing report.

Pipley Court Farm – see above.

We have received notification of this resubmission:-

Prior notification of the intention to install 1no. 17.5m replica telegraph pole and 2no. equipment cabinets with associated works - Highways Land Off Bath Road (A431) Adjacent Swan Inn Bitton Bristol South Gloucestershire BS30 6LN (PK17/4121/PN1)

Fly tipping continues to be a problem – if you report it please give the most accurate details possible – lamp posts and telegraph poles have numbers on them so can be used for an accurate location. This proves more difficult if it is out in the country lanes – a location to the nearest property is helpful and if you have the post code well – you get a gold star!!

This obviously saves the street care teams time and speeds up the collection. If you notice a suspicious vehicle in the area make a note of the registration plate and pass this on with your report. This has proved very successful in the past and culprits have been summoned and fined.

I have noted the various projects and aspirations you have; may I take this opportunity to remind you all that CIL money has to be match funded.

The project to replace the lamp post has my support simply because it is very cluttered and I feel it suggests that we do not know which way to drive round the roundabout!!!. We have asked an

officer to cost the project in the first instance then we can consider how to fund it before it is presented to full Council for approval.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Ward".

Andrew Ward
20 September 2017