

Minutes of the Residents Meeting of Bitton Parish Council held virtually via Zoom on Monday 7 June 2021 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors: J Allinson, M Bridge, R Coales, P Collins,
L Efthymiou, S Nash, K Scudamore

Officer : Mrs K Fry – Clerk

There were 16 members of the public present

30/21. MEETING ETIQUETTE

The Chairman explained the meeting etiquette and thanked everyone for attending and the importance of gaining the residents views as the impact will be felt hugely within our area.

31/21. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following points were raised by members of the public:

- Short term solution, nothing has been noted about the long term effect this will have on the community
- A431 is more a B road than an A road
- The increase in traffic can have a detrimental effect on the local primary school and nursery
- The area is within the Greenbelt and Area of Natural Beauty
- Site is on a flood plane
- Need to protect the wildlife, once it has been disturbed you won't get it back.
- Excess traffic moved from Saltford will only be moved to our parish.
- Widespread impact of HGVs along the Bitton and Swineford Road permanently daily will result in increased pollution and an increase in accidents.
- How independent was the traffic survey conducted?
- Bridge will be over 4 metres high and will be a huge eyesore into the village. This bridge will become a magnet during the summer months for lock swimming.
- Over the previous year villagers have welcomed an increase in people enjoying the area and the countryside that it has to offer. These changes will become a huge loss to those people visiting the area, unaware that these plans are in place. This will become an irreversible change and have a huge impact once implemented.
- The proposal will have no benefit to the residents of South Gloucestershire. The development of the Wessex Water site is to help aid the new houses planned to be built in the area and this is to help B&NES residents not South Gloucestershire residents.
- Wessex Water has good access, can ways be used to improve this.
- Wessex Water have said they can't lower their road into the site as it floods but are willing to build on a flood plane.
- If imposed, can B&NES ensure that the traffic is directed through their roads and not through our village.
- If imposed can B&NES impose a right turn only out of the site.
- If this proposal goes ahead it will be to South Gloucestershire Councils cost

Residents felt that South Gloucestershire Council need to make a firm stance and form a legal challenge to these proposals. The support of South Gloucestershire Council is needed and residents want to feel as if they are being heard.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and advised all to ensure they put their comments on the portal.

The meeting ended at 7.52 pm.