

**Minutes of Bolsterstone Community Group (BCG)  
Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 22 March 2016, 7pm, Bolsterstone Village Hall**

**Attendance**

List of 50 attendees filed with these minutes.

**Apologies**

10 members' apologies, plus apologies from Angela Smith MP and Cllr Richard Crowther, are filed with these minutes.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

These had been circulated last March and put on the website. They were also available at the AGM and agreed as a true record of last year's AGM. There were no matters arising.

**Chair's Report**

Colourful slides and commentary accompanied the full Chair's report which was available for everyone present as well as being published on the website.

The main highlights of the year included:

- Fantastic support from many volunteers for all BCG's activities
- BCG allotment improvements such as the new, second greenhouse, the boundary wall repair and the abundant yields due to the plot holders' efforts and commitment
- Support for St Mary's Church, 4SLC and the Village Hall Trust (VHT)
- St Mary's Summer Fayre
- BCG's Christmas Fayre
- BCG's Christmas wreath making evening
- Ongoing work for the Heritage Lottery funded Ewden Valley World War 1 Project
- Planting and maintenance of village troughs, boundary stones and hanging baskets

The Chair thanked everyone who had supported BCG's events in any way, including the Castle Inn who provide the venue for BCG's committee meetings,

**Treasurer's Report**

The full Treasurer's report and accounts were available for everyone present and the report is published on the website. Separate accounts for the Heritage Lottery funded World War 1 Project were available for members to view. Sheffield City Council were thanked for their grant for a second strimmer (which BCG is happy to loan to St Mary's Church or the VHT etc for use on Bolsterstone's public spaces) The Bridge Shop was thanked for their grant to repair the allotment boundary wall and to provide village plants. Thanks were expressed to everyone who donated Christmas Fayre raffle prizes and cakes and to all the volunteers who had "rallied round" to ensure that BCG's activities were very well supported and its finances were in a healthy state.

**Election of Management Committee**

Committee members including Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and In Bloom Co-ordinator had all been proposed and seconded. Later in the meeting members ratified their election.

BCG Management Committee elected for 2016 consists of:

- Susie Abrahams (Bolsterstone Archaeology and Heritage Group)
- Cllr Julie Grocutt (Co-opted - Stocksbridge Town Council)
- Alan Hobson (Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir)
- Anthea Peers (Treasurer)
- Tony Peers (Secretary)
- Chris Prescott (World War 1 project/Walkers are Welcome)
- Alan Rodgers (Chair)
- Cheryl Rodgers (In Bloom Co-ordinator)
- Philip Verhamme (VHT)
- John Williams (Co-opted - St Mary's Church)

### **Presentations from Invited Groups**

- **Streets Ahead** - Amey had been available prior to/at the start of the meeting. They put on a "road show", answered questions and explained their timetable and proposals for upgrading Bolsterstone's roads and street lamps etc. They were thanked for their offer of 1000 bulbs for planting in and around the village
- **Village Security** - A Police Community Support Officer listened to various concerns relating to village security and dangerous driving and he agreed to raise the issues at HQ with more senior officers
- **The Porter's Lodge** - Bold Adventures updated members with a brief history of the Porter's Lodge, what is planned to improve it and what improvements have already been made. The Porter's Lodge was open/available for members to view after the meeting.
- **Ewden Valley World War 1 Project** - Stockbridge High School students and the project manager explained what they had learned so far about those soldiers listed on St Mary's war memorial and on war graves in the churchyard.

### **Comments and Questions from Members Present**

Several members raised various issues including village security, speeding, fly tipping and the general disposal of large items of rubbish.

### **Any other Business**

The VHT was thanked for the use of the Village Hall for the AGM and other events.

### **Forthcoming BCG Events in 2016**

Sat 16th April - Ewden Valley World War 1 Project Open Day - 10am to 4pm in Bolsterstone Village Hall

Sat 28th May and thereabouts - Village planting

Sat 19th Nov - BCG Christmas Fayre - 10am to 3pm in Bolsterstone Village Hall

Wed 7th Dec - BCG Wreath Making Evening - 7pm to 8.30pm in Bolsterstone Village Hall

### **Refreshments**

Refreshments were served whilst members continued their informal conversations.

Formal meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

