

## **Bolsterstone Community Group**

### **Management Committee Meeting Minutes (8 July 2014)**

#### **1. Attendance**

Bryan Howard, Cllr Paul Jagger, Dorothy Kirbyshaw, Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Alan Rodgers, Cheryl Rodgers, Phillip Verhamme, John Williams.

#### **2. Apologies**

Chris Prescott

#### **3. Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed

#### **4. Matters arising**

The telephone box has been repainted, thanks to DK/BT. AR presumes 2nd strimmer has been scrapped. BH provided BCG assets list from BAHG. It was agreed that these should be retained by BAHG. TP will follow up re gazebos. **(Action TP)**, AR/PV reported on visit to Castle Farm re planning application. BCG is now in possession of 110 "Bolsterstone in Living Memory" books - including 40 having been recently handed over from Stocksbridge Library, where they have been left for some time. We are still unsure exactly how many Santa's presents have been purchased for the Xmas Fayre and what are still required. DK will try to find out. **(Action DK)**. AR has asked FT to include all committee members in Xmas Fayre and any other BCG related arrangements. The boules pitch on the village field has been excavated, removed and seeded but, due to the dry weather it needs reseeding to restore it properly. **(Action TP)**. TP has sent a letter of thanks to STC for the grant for funding this work and the beacon lighting event prior to Le Tour de France (which was a success, with about 100 spectators). Decision re Xmas dinner date was deferred. A signing out list for members wishing to borrow tools has been put on the allotment shed door.

#### **5. Money matters**

AP presented the financial update. It was agreed that, in future only 2nd class postage expenses would be reimbursed. It was agreed that BCG should make a donation to 4SLC from the Xmas Fayre, topped up with a personal donation.

JJ retains the strimmer at his address and has taken it for repair without consulting any committee member or obtaining estimates. This cost BCG £89.27 (including £24.97 for JJ's personal expenses). He has refused to loan the strimmer to some members who wish to use it around the village. Whilst the committee felt it would be ideal to keep the strimmer in the allotment shed, concerns were raised about safety if fuel was stored there. In view of these matters, AR will write to JJ on behalf of the full BCG management committee thanking him for strimming village areas and telling him that, whilst he may retain the strimmer at his address, he must (a) make it available, with fuel, to any member who asks to borrow it (b) inform the Secretary if he thinks future repairs are required and not take it for repair himself because BCG will not guarantee reimbursement of any future strimmer-related expenses. **(Action AR)**.

#### **6. Planning and Highways matters**

Some residents had received information re weight restrictions on certain local roads. Concern was expressed about the speed of traffic entering Bolsterstone from Stone Moor Road.

## 7. Reports from Groups

- (a) Stocksbridge Town Council - STC will give 4SLC £10,000 if SCC will match it. Funding for maintenance of Bolsterstone toilets is safe for now. SCC need to save £100,000 on winter maintenance so fewer roads will be gritted.
- (b) Xmas Fayre - AP has arranged for choirs from local schools to sing in the church and for a presenter. Next meeting on 1 October at 10am at Sunny Bank House.
- (c) Village Hall Trust - The cream tea and barn dance were successful. There will be a "pamper evening" in September. Thanks go to TATA steel for renewing the village hall gatepost. PV will become the link person on the website for village hall bookings. **(Action PV/TP)**. TP has submitted a bid for re-pointing the flags in front of the village hall and PV/TP will explore estimates **(Action PV/TP)**.
- (d) St Mary's Church - JW was welcomed to the committee as Church link representative. There is still no vicar and concerns were expressed about the state of the empty vicarage and of the graveyard. Everyone agreed that the village summer fayre had been a resounding success and thanked everyone involved.
- (e) In Bloom - Everyone agreed that the plants, troughs and baskets etc were a credit to the village. A notice acknowledging sponsorship from SCC and BAHG and plants from Greens has been displayed in the notice board and thanks were expressed to them all - as well as to all the volunteers who have helped make the village look so good. Despite £48 of compost having been ordered, PV had not received any. FT had ordered compost and sold it for cash. It was agreed that the practice of ordering compost (or anything else) from a grant and then selling it off for cash was a mistake and must not happen again. CR proposed that next year she will order the plants from Greens herself. The committee agreed. **(Action CR)**
- (f) Walkers are Welcome - EPIP is organising a walking festival.
- (g) BAHG - There will be an architectural survey at Watson Farm. Stocksbridge High School agricultural project is coming to an end. There is a field survey around Bolsterstone. There will be a Craft Fair on 28 September and a talk about Bess of Hardwick on 16 July.

## 8. Correspondence

Letters had been received from SCC (re the Ward Pot Grant), the Britannia, from Trust House Inns in response to TP's letter about the Castle Inn and from 1 & 1 about the website. Ben H had emailed in detail about the website, which he continues to "service". A letter has been sent to Carter Jonas re the farm/allotment wall and a cheque has been paid for the annual allotment rent.

## 9. Forthcoming Events

Work dates - Saturdays 26 July, 30 August, 27 September.

Xmas fair group meeting - Wednesday 1 October.

Xmas fair - Saturday 22 November.

Wreath making evening - Tuesday 9 December.

## 10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9 September 2014, 7pm, in the Church Extension.

Thanks were expressed to Sally Ashton for arranging the use of the Church extension for this meeting.

