

Bolsterstone Community Group

Management Committee Meeting Minutes (9 September 2014)

1. Attendance

Dorothy Kirbyshaw, Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Alan Rodgers, Cheryl Rodgers.

2. Apologies

Cllr Paul Jagger, Chris Prescott, Phillip Verhamme, John Williams. *(All on holiday, so it was agreed not to hold meetings in September in future years).*

3. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

4. Matters arising

TP reported that gazebos will be available for village use. Xmas Fayre - DK reported on Santa's presents. There are enough baby presents and 10 for boys and 10 for girls. The rest will be purchased by Xmas fayre group members/Debs. It was suggested that generic presents eg crayons and colouring books may be preferable to specific boys/girls gifts. TP had purchased additional grass seed for the village field and will plant the seed as soon as rain is forecast to bed it in. AR had asked AP to write to JJ on his behalf and on behalf of the BCG management committee on the lines agreed last meeting. AP had actioned this. TP had borrowed strimmer to use on the village field and Sunny Bank Road boundary stone. AR asked TP to check if there was any fuel left in the allotment shed. **(Action TP)**. PV had acquired an estimate for £550 for pointing the village hall flags and TP's bid to SCC for £550 for this pointing had been only partially granted (ie £350). TP has therefore put a Bridge Shop bid for £500 to cover the extra £200 for pointing and £300 towards next year's bedding plants.

5. Money matters

(a) Spending Update - AP presented the financial update

(b) Forward Budgeting - AP will prepare receipts for stall holders and a sheet for Xmas fayre helpers to fill in so that they can provide receipts and be reimbursed for any expenses incurred. **(Action AP)**. DK suggested that people who had purchased Santa's presents would not need reimbursing until after the fayre. Wreath making expenses with receipts will be similarly paid out of wreath making takings. The pointing will be paid out of the grants awarded for that purpose. BCG has already paid the allotment rent and shed insurance and the tools in the shed are provided for BCG members, including plot holders, to use.

6. Planning and Highways Matters

(a) Ivanhoe on Sunny Bank Road has had tree preservation orders imposed on all trees on the site after 2 trees between the site and the road had been cut down.

(b) AMEY is upgrading drainage on Bank Lane before more substantial road improvements are carried out.

(c) 2 Bank Farm has planning applications pending consideration to create a 2 bedroomed bungalow for a dependent relative, an extension to an existing barn and the creation of 2 new barns.

7. Reports from groups

- (a) In Bloom - TP agreed to try to obtain funds from grants for next year's bedding plants. **(Action TP)** CR agreed to order all the bedding plants for the village next year. **(Action CR)**. It was agreed that we should order from Greens again. The BCG treasurer would provide vouchers for ED, JH, DK and PV if they preferred to order, and arrange delivery of their own plants from Greens - at a date more convenient to themselves. **(Action AP)**. Otherwise CR will collate orders. **(Action CR)**.
- (b) STC - No report because PJ was on holiday
- (c) St Mary's Church - No report because JW was on holiday
- (d) Village Hall Trust - No report because PV and CW were on holiday
- (e) Xmas Fayre - See above in Matters Arising. DK reminded everyone that the next Xmas Fayre Group meeting had been arranged for 10am at Sunny Bank House on 1 October
- (f) BAHG - No report because PH's car broke down on the way to the meeting
- (g) Walkers are Welcome - No report because CP was on holiday
- (h) Castle Inn - PV had told committee members that food was now being served twice a week and that conflicting rumours were circulating about the the lease.

8. Correspondence

- (a) The Co-operative Bank's branch in Stocksbridge will close in November so AP will deposit all she can prior to that and make future BCG transactions by post and cheques **(Action AP)**.
- (b) Bridge Shop and Ward Pot Grants - see above in Matters arising.
- (c) Don Valley Railway - TP had responded to a request to write a letter of support for Don Valley Railway on behalf of BCG and had received an email from the Don Valley railway supporters' group thanking BCG for their response.

9. Forthcoming Events

- (a) There will be no pre-arranged work days from October through the winter. Members will continue to carry out necessary jobs if and when appropriate
- (b) Xmas Fayre - Saturday 22 November
- (c) Wreath Making Evening - Tuesday 9 December

10. AOB

SCC propose cuts in gritting services and members are urged to make representations about gritting local roads. Vigilance was urged to protect the Green Belt around Bolsterstone in view of the National framework.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11 November 2014 Castle Inn, upstairs room (TBC)

Thanks to Sally Ashton and St Mary's Church for the use of the building for tonight's meeting.