

# **Bolsterstone Community Group Management Committee Meeting Minutes from 1st September 2015 held at 7pm at the Castle Inn**

## **1. Attendance**

Cllr Keith Davis, Cllr Julie Grocutt, Alan Hobson, Bryan Howard, Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Chris Prescott, Alan Rodgers, Phillip Verhamme, John Williams (early part of meeting). Introductions were made and Cllr Davis was welcomed to the meeting.

## **2. Apologies**

Cheryl Rodgers, Tracy Saynor

## **3. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising**

Previous minutes were agreed as a true record of the BCG management meeting held on 16th June 2015. JG was thanked for sending STC grant application form for the stolen bench. This had not been applied for at the moment since Amey had already replaced the stolen bench - thanks to STC for following this through. Plants placed by residents near the new bench are appreciated. JG confirmed that Peak Park Planning applications relating to this area do come before STC and STC had commented on the Old Vicarage (Head's Lane) application. TP continues to update the website via Ben H. The work day prior to the Summer Fayre, held in conjunction with St Mary's Church and BMVC, was well attended and the church yard clean up is well underway. All benches were re-painted. Thanks were expressed to those involved, and to The Castle Inn which provided sustenance for volunteers.

## **4. Money Matters**

AP presented the spending update from 16 June to 1 September. The Bridge Shop and Sheffield City Council were thanked for their grants which were given for specified work/projects in the village.

## **5. Planning and Highways**

The Peak Park Planning Authority has notified BCG that the planning application for a new eco-house at the Old Vicarage on Head's Lane has been refused. No date has been given for re-surfacing Stone Moor Road but Amey give information on Tuesdays at STEP.

## **6. Reports form Groups**

### **(a) St Mary's Church**

JW presented his report, circulated prior to the meeting. Preparations for the Archbishop's visit from 10th to 13th Sept are well in hand, starting with "Pints of View" in the Castle Inn on Sept 10th and culminating with an outdoor "Community Celebration" at Fox Valley on Sunday Sept 13th. Complaints about the state of the churchyard have been expressed to the Archdeacon and in social media. These have been addressed by tidy up days and latterly the grazing of sheep in penned areas. The increasingly dilapidated state of The Vicarage on Stone Moor Road was discussed.

### **(b) Christmas Fayre**

A comprehensive jobs list was agreed including - AR to obtain Santa's presents asap and hand over to AP and laminate posters and put up banners. **(ACTION AR)** BCG thanks Kathryn and Graham Cooke for all their help and support with advertising/locations/boards/laminator etc. PV agreed to erect Christmas decorations in the hall **(ACTION PV)** and BCG agreed to purchase additional decorations they require. List of raffle prizes was shared and all stalls, bar one, are booked and money banked. JG agreed to bake cakes/mince pies **(ACTION JG)** and others will bake cakes/seek raffle prizes **(ACTION ALL)**.

### **(c) BMVC**

AH presented his report, circulated prior to the meeting. BMVC's busy programme up to Christmas is filed with these minutes. Also BMVC has been invited to participate in a European event in Amsterdam and an International Jazz player has asked them to sing on his latest CD. Christmas Concert tickets will be available nearer the date from BMVC Sec.

### **(d) In Bloom/Allotment**

In CR's absence CP explained the current allotment situation. It was agreed that a request from plot holders to erect a new greenhouse at their expense would be explored. It was agreed that AR will meet with JJ, urgently, to resolve the unsatisfactory situation that has arisen. AR will inform JJ that he should remove his vine from the greenhouse after he has harvested all the grapes, otherwise it can be returned to him. **(ACTION AR)**. It was agreed that allotment planting is short term and that produce belongs to the people on whose plot it grows - it is not for local people to come on to the allotment and take produce for themselves. The possibility of putting locks on the gate, to provide security for those who have planted a valuable source of food, was discussed. AR will inform JJ that we have an offer from Bold Adventures for their students to harvest BCG's trees from JJ's land later this year. **(ACTION AR)** It was noted that excellent work was being done on the allotment and plot holders were thanked for putting in so much time to keep BCG's allotment in such good order.

### **(e) BAHG**

BH presented his report. There has been work undertaken at Wortley Top Forge. A working craft fair, with 10 stands, has been arranged for 13 Sept. An interesting talk about forestry has been arranged. Although BAHG is now solvent, the Chair and Secretary will soon stand down, and if no-one replaces them BAHG may have to fold. Everyone agreed that this would be regrettable. BAHG will have a display at the Christmas Fayre **(ACTION BH)**

### **(f) WaW and Heritage Lottery Fund Grant**

CP explained that Stocksbridge WaW goes well. TP/CP said that work continues to meet further conditions specified by HLF for the "Ewden Valley in WW1" project. **(ACTION CP)**

### **(g) VHT**

PV reported that all the hard work in the village hall is complete, with good results. Bookings are up and utility bills are expected to reduce due to improved insulation.

### **(h) STC**

JG reported on the Neighbourhood Plan, to which BCG contributed 6 years ago, and the meeting on Wed 16 Sept; the implications for Stockbridge as a "dementia friendly" town and the SYPTE consultation. It was agreed that it would be useful for the Super Tram Link to go both ways through Stockbridge because people use it to go shopping as well as for a link bus.

## **7. Correspondence**

All covered in earlier agenda items

## **8. Events**

Christmas Fayre - Sat 21 November. Wreath Making Evening - Tues 8 December.

## **8. AOB**

Local people have been asked for their views on fracking

## **9. Next Meeting**

Tues 27 October 2015 in the Castle Inn.

Thanks were expressed to the Castle Inn for hosting tonight's meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

