

## **Bolsterstone Community Group Management Committee meeting Minutes from 27th October 2015 held at 7pm at the Castle Inn.**

### **1. Attendance**

Susie Abrams, Cllr Julie Grocutt, Bryan Howard, Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Chris Prescott, Alan Rodgers, Cheryl Rodgers, Phillip Verhamme, John Williams. Introductions were made and SA was welcomed to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Alan Hobson, Tracy Saynor

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

Previous minutes were agreed as a true record of the BCG Management Committee Meeting held on 1st Sept 2015. All matters arising to be covered in the main agenda.

### **4. Money Matters**

AP presented the spending update for the period 1st September to 27th October 2015. A strimmer, funded by the Ward Pot grant, needs to be purchased for BCG (**ACTION TP**) The recent Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Grant will be kept in an account which is separate from BCG's current account for clarity/transparency and all BCG and HLF invoices, receipts and accounts will be retained separately. (**ACTION AP**)

### **5. Planning and Highways**

Allas Lane and Yew Trees Lane including the bridge will be closed for 18 months for pedestrians and vehicles. It was suggested that the work may be completed more quickly than that. AMEY will invite residents to another roadshow for their 2016 programme.

### **6. Reports from Groups**

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

Hanging baskets will be taken down this weekend (**ACTION AR/CR**). Other troughs will be emptied later after flowers have finished. (**ACTION PV/AP/DK/ED**). CP has repainted the allotment shed. AR's meeting with JJ did not have a positive outcome so the Management Committee unanimously directed the Chair to write a formal letter to JJ asking him to remove his vine from BCG's allotment greenhouse within 28 days, and informing him that if it remains after that time it will be carefully returned to his house (**ACTION AR**).

Broomhead Estate manager has agreed to a second greenhouse being erected on BCG's allotment and all plot holders have copies of the Allotment Tenancy Agreement.

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

All actions from minutes of the last meeting had been carried out. We are grateful to the 30 volunteers who have offered to help on the Friday and/or Saturday of Christmas Fayre weekend, to all the local businesses and members who have donated raffle prizes and to the many others who have agreed to bake cakes etc. 5 local schools (with children/young people aged 4 to 16) will sing songs/play music in the Church throughout the morning and the Art Society will put up a display. PV will decorate, and buy additional decorations for, the Village Hall (**ACTION PV**) AR will set up music in the hall/help with washing up/posters (**ACTION AR**). CR will run (with helpers) the refreshments stall (**ACTION CR**), CP and BH will exhibit WW1 project and BAHG activities in the Church (**ACTION CP/BH**) TP will erect Santa's grotto, run (with helpers) the raffle and publicise the fayre (**ACTION TP**) AP will work with school children/parents/teachers in Church and the VH, distribute posters and obtain raffle prizes and sort Santa's gifts (**ACTION AP**) DK will run the homemade cake

stall and sell books (**ACTION DK**). Everyone who is available will help set up on Friday and clear away on Saturday (**ACTION ALL**)

**(c) BMVC**

In AH's absence BMVC's forthcoming events list will be circulated by email (**ACTION TP**)

**(d) St Mary's Church**

The Archbishop's visit was excellent - "a real treat". Sheep in the graveyard is one answer to keeping it tidy and more people are tidying the area as well. A new Church noticeboard is required. Sponsors are willing to donate for a new notice board but permission from the Diocese is required and this takes time.

**(e) BAHG**

Ruth Morgan, an experienced Archaeologist and Hunter's Society member, has joined BAHG's committee and Beryl Sharpe/Susie Abrams have replaced BH as joint chairs. SA will become BAHG's representative on BCG's committee. BH was thanked for his commitment to the group over the last few years. BAHG's 2016 programme is available and BAHG is aware of the need to update their website.

**(f) HLF WW1 Project**

TP will complete the acknowledgement form (**ACTION TP**) CP circulated the project's press release. PV advised that the project needs to comply with HLF's agreed dates. CP will send the project flyer and banner to JG for the 11 Nov Remembrance service (**ACTION CP**). Stockbridge High School History Dept are working on the WW1 Project with their Y9 students. JW reminded that there are many Commonwealth War Graves in St Mary's Churchyard as well as those named on the war memorial.

**(g) WaW**

Some local paths have been blocked off

**(h) VHT**

Bold Adventures students are using the Village Hall this half term and would be available for village based community projects if required.

**(i) Stocksbridge Town Council**

SCC have no "Local Plan" as yet so STC's Neighbourhood Plan contribution to SCC's Local Plan will be timely and a local meeting is planned for next week. STC will have a new website before Christmas. A larger bus fleet should improve local bus links. EPIP has new criteria for projects because their funding has been cut by half. We are invited to the STC Meeting when a SCC engineer will attend to discuss Unsliven Bridge. There will be consultations re building houses on local open spaces and we were advised to suggest any local "waste" spaces in order to prevent building on Green Belt land.

## **7. Correspondence**

Hall bookings, which come through BCG's website, have been passed on to CW but her phone has been out of action. The City of Sheffield Teachers' Choir leaflets advertising the Clover Scholarship will be passed to AH for distribution through BMVC (**ACTION TP/AH**). Other correspondence was covered earlier in the agenda.

## **8. Forthcoming Events**

Christmas Fayre - Sat 21st Nov 2015

Christmas Wreath-making Evening - Tuesday 8th Dec. (Although this has not been advertised yet, there have already been 25 telephone bookings made.)

Jobs - AR will compile list (**ACTION AR**)

## **9. Date of Next meeting**

TBC (either in early Jan or Tues 8 March 2016)

Meeting closed at 8.45pm. Thanks to The Castle Inn for their hospitality

