

Bolsterstone Community Group Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 7 January 2015

Castle Inn, 7pm

1. Attendance

Bryan Howard, Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Chris Prescott, Alan Rodgers, Cheryl Rodgers, Phillip Verhamme

2. Apologies

Cllr Paul Jagger, John Williams

3. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

4. Matters arising

All minuted action points had been addressed. CR would discuss plant vouchers/ requirements nearer the planting season. **(ACTION CR)**

5. Money matters

(a) AP presented spending update

(b) Grants, donations and awards will continue to be sought

(c) Stocksbridge Co-op Bank branch is now closed, so AP has ordered additional paying in book and cheque book. A letter to Britannia will be sent to replace the ex - treasurer's name with that of the current treasurer. As with the Co-op account, AP and TP will not be allowed to counter-sign the same Britannia cheque. **(ACTION TP)**

6. Planning and Highways

Everyone agreed to be vigilant re potential building in the Green Belt/Ewden Valley. **(ACTION ALL)**. Latest reports indicate that local roads will be upgraded in 2015.

7. Reports from Groups

(a) Christmas Fayre - Village Hall needs booking for BCG's 2015 Christmas Fayre asap because available dates are fast being taken. Also, it would be useful to liaise with Wharncliffe Side School to avoid clashing with their Christmas Fayre date as happened in 2014.

(b) Stocksbridge Town Council - SCC's gritting programme has been re-scheduled and a BCG committee member reported some grass was already being cut.

(c) St Mary's Church - The new vicar has been licensed and the Carol service was well attended.

(d) BAHG - Newsletter lists next year's events and The Old Curiosity Shop and Craft Fair will run again. BAHG has joined the Council for British Archaeology and had a stall at BCG's Christmas Fayre. Finances are becoming tight and some meetings are running at a loss. BCG will try to support BAHG where possible.

(e) Walkers are Welcome - WaW has had regular coverage in the Star and their website is very well used.

(f) Village Hall Trust - Bookings have increased but refurbishment, insulation and re-decoration will start on Monday, so the Village Hall will be out of action for some time.

(g) In Bloom/village maintenance - Enough paint, which may be required for benches and maintenance of the interpretation board near the toilets, is left in the shed.

8. Correspondence

- (a) Deborah Dransfield - TP has responded and received a reply.
Cllr PJ will facilitate a meeting on Wed 14 January 2015. **(ACTION AP,TP,AR,PV)**.
- (b) Website - has been updated so that BCG committee meeting agenda and minutes appear on line for all to read. New members report finding the website a useful source of information, especially those moving into the area from further afield.
- (c) Don Valley Flood Defences - Middlewood and Hillsborough weirs have been removed
- (d) Castle Inn - Letter received from landlord with update.
- (e) Deepcar Dental Clinic - TP has written to NHS Trust in Sheffield and to Angela Smith MP and received interesting and positive responses.

9. Forthcoming Events

The exact date for future meetings/events will be re-published, pending the outcome of next Wednesday's meeting and the availability of the Village Hall after re-furbishment.

10. AOB

- (a) CP/MP will explore the possibility of bidding for a World War 1 Heritage Lottery Fund grant through BCG and linking with BAHG **(ACTION CP/BH)**
- (b) It was agreed that we should buy a commemorative gift for JH on behalf of BCG **(ACTION TP)** and present it to her at some local gathering before the end of January. **(ACTION AR)**. The Village Hall will be unavailable, but it may be possible to use the Castle Inn.

11. Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged (see item 9 above)