

Bolsterstone Community Group Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 16 June 2015

at the Castle Inn 7pm

1. Attendance

Cllr Julie Grocutt, Alan Hobson, Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Chris Prescott, Alan Rodgers, Cheryl Rodgers. Cllr Julie Grocutt was welcomed to the meeting and to BCG.

2. Apologies

Bryan Howard. (John Williams and Phillip Verhamme on holiday)

3. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

Previous minutes were agreed as a true record of the BCG meeting held on 7 January 2015. CP has consulted with the Minister of Christ Church about the WW1 HLF project/bid. A local school wishes to be involved and will send a support letter. CP has support letters from Stockbridge History Society and BAHG. CP will send the terms of reference to TP **(ACTION CP)**. JH had been very pleased with BCG's gift presented to her at her leaving party in the Castle Inn. MW/BW had been presented with a leaving gift and card too.

4. Money Matters

AP presented the spending update from the March AGM (when the last figures were published) up to 16 June. This was noted as transparent. A decision on the Bridge Shop bid should be forthcoming shortly. JG suggested that she should send a form to TP in case BCG wishes to make any future bids from STC. **(ACTION JG)**

5. Planning and Highways

Recent local planning applications were discussed. AH expressed a conflict of interest. JG will find out whether STC receives local applications via The Peak Park Planning Authority for comment. **(ACTION JG)**. After representations from BCG and several neighbours, The Caravan Club has refused the application to site caravans on the field on Stone Moor Road at the entrance to the village. Whilst we are not a planning committee and our focus is the village of Bolsterstone itself, conserving the environment is one of the original aims of the BCG so protecting the integrity of Bolsterstone village and the surrounding Green Belt in the Ewden Valley are important. Several concerned members have contacted AP/TP about the proposed (now refused) caravan site after first hearing about it in BCG's Summer 2015 newsletter.

6. Reports from Groups

- a) Christmas Fayre - The Village Hall, Art Society and Church are booked. Money has been banked for stall bookings. Schools and presenter have been contacted - some schools are definitely booked, others need follow up in September **(ACTION AP)** Father Christmas is booked. DK has agreed to co-ordinate the cake stall and acquiring cakes **(ACTION DK)** and CR the arrangements for refreshments and acquiring mince pies **(ACTION CR)**. AR will help with printing, posters, music and banners and put up signs **(ACTION AR)**. We will all try to obtain raffle prizes and distribute some flyers **(ACTION ALL)** AP will ask shops and stall holders to donate a prize **(ACTION AP)**. TP will amend the banner and deal with publicity **(ACTION TP)**. MW will provide Santa's chair and grotto curtains **(ACTION MW)**
- b) Stocksbridge Town Council - JG reported that, after the May 2015 elections there are 8 councillors - 2 for each ward. Cllr Keith Davis and Cllr Julie Grocutt represent

Bolsterstone. Cllr JG has become a BCG member and has been elected to represent STC on the BCG management committee, and Cllr Keith Davis will attend the next BCG meeting with JG to introduce himself. JG reminded the meeting that AMEY are present twice a week at STEP for the public to discuss highways issues.

- c) St Mary's Church - Some concern was expressed about the vacant vicarage, however, Rev Hilda Isaacson has reported to TP that the vicarage may soon be occupied by a semi-retired cleric. TP had attended the churchyard clean-up day and BCG's tools, especially the strimmer, had been found useful. The next BCG workday and clear up the churchyard will be the Saturday (27 June) before the Summer Fayre.
- d) BAHG - The Old Curiosity Shop had been an enjoyable evening for the 80 participants.
- e) Walkers are Welcome - There are 36 local, published walks. WaW's photograph of Broomhead, will be used on the front of an OS map. WaW is involved in the East Peak outdoor festival and has given a presentation to Sheffield Walking Forum.
- f) VHT - PV is on holiday. CR reported that the Village Hall work is almost complete. BCG's newsletter had mentioned the VHT's Pampering Evening being held tonight.
- g) In Bloom - The village has been planted up and looks good. There has been an underspend on plants from Green's and CR will retrieve the money to recompense those buying plants elsewhere and, if there is surplus, renew Village Hall pots.
(ACTION CR). It was suggested that next year we could encourage members "planting out" in the village to choose their own plants from any shop, garden centre or market, as they prefer. The allotment wall and gate posts have been repaired and the allotment is a hive of activity - full of a variety of produce and new frames and cloches etc.
- h) Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir (BMVC) - Addendum. AH provided information about the following events: (i) Sat 27 June 7pm, Victoria Hall, joint concert with Worrall MVC, with military WAGs choir, for "Help the Heroes" (ii) Fri 3 July 8pm, Stocksbridge Golf Club, for Alzheimer's Society (iii) Wed 11 Nov Bolsterstone Church/War Memorial, Act of Remembrance (iv) Sat 19 Dec 7.30pm Stocksbridge Golf Club, for Golf Club funds.

7. Correspondence

- a) Caravan Club - BCG had submitted objections to the proposed caravan site (Certified Location).
- b) Deepcar Dental Clinic - will close and patients will be directed to other dentists.
- c) Website - TP continues to communicate with Ben Hennig, who does a very good job (from wherever he is in the world at the time) of updating the website to add the latest minutes, newsletters and events etc. **(ACTION TP)**
- d) Broomhead Estate - AP has sent a cheque for the annual rent of the allotment and another for a repair of the allotment wall to a local stone-waller, after Broomhead Estate said that BCG is responsible for the upkeep of allotment walls.

8. Forthcoming Events

- a) Work day to tidy village before the Summer Fayre - Saturday morning 27 June, from 10am. CR to contact JW, DK, ED and IS. **(ACTION CR)**. 7 Benches need re-painting and CP volunteered to paint a bench **(ACTION CP/ALL)**
- b) Christmas Fayre - Saturday 21 November 2015 (Set up the Friday before)
- c) Wreath Making Evening - Tuesday 8 December. AR will provide support and plenty of wire **(ACTION TP/AP/CR/AR and OTHERS)**

9) Any Other Business

None

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tues. 13 October 2015, Castle Inn. Thanks to the Castle for providing the meeting venue.

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