

**Minutes of Bolsterstone Community Group (BCG)
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 28 March 2017, 7pm, Bolsterstone Village Hall.**

Attendance

List of 45 attendees filed with these minutes

Apologies

12 members' apologies are filed with these minutes

Minutes of last meeting

Copies had already been put on the website and they were available at the AGM. They were agreed as a true record of last year's AGM. There were no matters arising.

Election of Management Committee

Committee members, including Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and In Bloom Co-ordinator and 4 new committee members had all been proposed and seconded. The meeting ratified their election. BCG Management Committee elected for 2017/18 consists of:

- Susie Abrahams (Bolsterstone Archaeology and Heritage Group)
- Barry Eustace
- Dianne Fortescue and Adrian Scott
- Alan Hobson (Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir)
- Anthea Peers (Treasurer)
- Tony Peers (Secretary)
- Chris Prescott (Walkers are Welcome)
- Alan Rodgers (Chair)
- Cheryl Rodgers (In Bloom Co-ordinator and Village Hall Trust)
- Ian Sutton

Co-opted members include:

Cllr Julie Grocutt (Stocksbridge Town Council/STC) Phillip Verhamme (Village Hall Trust)
John Williams (St Mary's Church)

Chair's Report

Slides and commentary accompanied the full Chair's report, which is available on the website. Paper copies were available for everyone present.

The main highlights of the year included:

- Lots of support from many volunteers for all BCG's activities
- The Heritage Lottery Funded Ewden Valley at War/World War One Project, which is now concluded. A copy of the final "Soldiers' Stories" was available at the meeting and copies are retained with, and available for loan from St Mary's Church and the Chair.
- Several new committee members, who were welcomed.
- St Mary's Summer Fayre.
- BCG's Christmas Fayre.
- BCG's Wreath Making Evening.

- BMVC/Deepcar Brass Band Concerts
- Thanks were expressed to the Village Hall Trust for use of the hall for all BCG events, Thanks were also given to BMVC, STC and The Castle Inn, where committee meetings are held and to Ben Hennig who continues to manage BCG's website from Iceland.
- Floral displays around the village and ongoing work on the allotment.
- Preparations for the Tour de Yorkshire

Treasurer's Report

The full Treasurer's report and accounts were available for everyone present and the report is published on the website. The small underspend from the, now concluded, Heritage Lottery Funded World War One Project has been returned. The Bridge Shop, STC and those who had made private donations were thanked. Thanks were also expressed to everyone who had donated Christmas Fayre Raffle prizes and cakes and to all the volunteers who supported BCG activities, to ensure that its finances are in a healthy state. All the money raised and donated has been spent on village maintenance and social events, including the Christmas Fayre, Wreath Making Evening and the Tour de Yorkshire. Several members offered additional greenery for the next Wreath Making Evening.

Presentations

- Stocksbridge Town Council - detailed information about the Tour de Yorkshire was very informative and provoked useful discussion, questions and comments. BCG appreciates STC's on going support.
- Stocksbridge Leisure Centre - a summary of the community's successful re-opening and development of the swimming pools and other leisure facilities was very informative. BCG is pleased to support 4SLC's work, which is most appreciated.

Any Other Business

- A member sending apologies, wished to alert everyone to the proposal to build 93 new houses on an estate to be "Royd Farm Village" between Carr Road and Hollin Busk.
- Tickets for a concert to be held at Christ Church in aid of the Ugandan School were available to purchase.
- Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir and Deepcar Brass Band "On Yer Bike" Concert will take place on Sat 29 April at 7pm in St Mary's Church

Forthcoming BCG Events in 2017

- Saturday 8 April, 9am to 1pm - Village clean up
- Saturday 22 April, 9am to 1pm - Decorating the village for the Tour de Yorkshire
- Sunday 30 April, - The Tour de Yorkshire (whole village involvement including BCG)
- Saturday 18 November 10am to 3pm - Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 12 December 7pm to 8.30pm - Wreath Making Evening.

Refreshments

Refreshments were served whilst members continued their informal conversations and looked at the "Soldiers' Stories" and at the Tour de Yorkshire maps and materials, which were available for everyone to take away.

Formal meeting closed at 8pm

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