

Bolsterstone Community Group Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 27 June 2017 - 7pm - Castle Inn

Attendance/Apologies

Attendees - Susie Abrahams, Barry Eustace, Dianne Fortescue, Cllr Julie Grocutt, Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Cheryl Rodgers, Alan Rodgers, Ian Sutton, Chris Prescott, Leonie Travis, Phillip Verhamme. The new committee members were welcomed and introduced. Apologies - Alan Hobson, Adrian Scott.

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the BCG Committee meeting, which took place on 7 March 2017, were approved as a true record of that meeting.

Thanks were recorded to Graham Cook for mounting the new plaque on the bench which he had refurbished. All agreed that the Tour de Yorkshire weekend had been very successful, especially with various different groups working together. Thanks were recorded to all those who helped with the T de Y decorations - ensuring that the weekend exceeded all expectations. STC was thanked for their grant towards Le Tour and for their donations of lots of bunting.

Thanks were also expressed to Cllr JG for her T de Y input to BCG's well attended AGM. DF had explored the cost and process for erecting a Bolsterstone Free School commemorative plaque and agreed the wording for it with JH/AH. SA agreed to make further enquiries with local craftspeople/metallurgists and DF to explore the issue with the Educational Trust **(ACTION SA/DF)**

CW has told AP that further chairs from the church could be used for events in the Village Hall, without the need for BCG to buy more.

Money Matters

AP presented the spending update for the period from 7 March 2017 and a letter of thanks has been sent to STC's Mayor for his generous donation, which was one of several made to voluntary groups in and around Stocksbridge.

Planning and Highways

Representations have been made, via STC, about various planning and highways issues brought forward by members and discussed at this meeting. These included the maintenance schedule for More Hall Lane/Sunny Bank Road/Bank Lane, the 93 new houses proposed at "Royd Farm Village" and the demolition/rebuilding work being carried out at the former Maples Garden Centre on Carr Road/Hollin Busk. **(ACTION JG)**

Reports from Groups

St Mary's Church - The committee recorded their sadness about the passing of John and Margaret Williams and noted with gratitude, the work they had done for the Church and the village as a whole, as well as for BCG. Condolences have been sent to the family. TP will write to Rev Isaacson about Church representation on BCG's committee. **(ACTION TP)**

In Bloom - Additional blue, white and yellow plants were planted to be in flower before the T de Y and the meeting agreed that the village looked better than ever, both in its decorations for the T de Y and now that the summer bedding plants were in bloom. (The telephone box has been repainted, just as DK suggested it). Thanks were recorded to everyone who has planted up troughs, hayracks and baskets - their hard work is much appreciated. KC and JW wish to continue to work their father's allotment plot and CR will

hold a plot holders meeting with all concerned to re-establish plot boundaries. **(ACTION CR)** AR will arrange for the VH troughs' watering system to be repaired **(ACTION AR)**

Christmas Fayre 2017 - All stalls are booked and paid for and there will be several new exciting stalls as well as the regular attenders. Local schools have been contacted and booked and Leonie would remind her children's teacher about this. **(ACTION LT)**

Stocksbridge Town Council - Cllr Keith Davis has become Mayor and Cllr Julie Grocutt, Deputy Mayor. A Carnival is planned for September. The Health Forum is looking in to medical provision and Stockbridge could be part of a pilot project for 'Well North'.

Transport is still an issue with changes to the Barnsley service. The Don Valley railway scheme is on the agenda for the future.

BAHG - More people attend the group meetings now that they meet at various venues in Stocksbridge rather than Bolsterstone, due to accessibility problems since the removal of the bus service to Bolsterstone. There have been 2 speakers and visits to Castleton, and to explore a blast furnace found under a garage and a guided walk around Bolsterstone.

WaW - Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome has had 2,800 hits to its website and The Sheffield Telegraph continues to feature various walks in and around Stocksbridge, Bolsterstone and Bradfield. There has been an increase in cyclists passing through the village since the Tour de Yorkshire.

VHT - Income has decreased by around 15% because bookings have reduced. Information about a defibrillator was passed on (see AOB)

BMVC - The choir will sing at Stockbridge Golf Club Charity day on 27 July 2017

Correspondence

Correspondence from SCC, STC and individual members raising specific planning and highways issues has already been incorporated into matters mentioned above.

AOB

PV raised the issue of a defibrillator for the village. He felt it was necessary now that so many more cyclists embark on steep climbs around the area to pass through the village, The Village Hall Trust had discussed the same at their recent meeting and agree it could be situated in a cabinet on the Village Hall wall. The BCG committee agreed in principle to the merits of having a defibrillator in the village and would further explore the process involved in obtaining a defibrillator for Bolsterstone. TP would contact the Ambulance Service to discuss the feasibility and cost of the scheme. **(ACTION TP)**

St Mary's Summer Fayre preparations are well organised and underway. DF agreed to help with the bookstall **(ACTION DF)** and IS would help tidy up around the village before the fayre. **(ACTION IS)** AR has agreed with KC and CW that members of the Summer Fayre committee will remove the bunting soon after the Summer fayre **(ACTION KC/CW)**

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 October 2017, Castle Inn upstairs (TBC) 7.00pm.

Other Important Dates for Diaries

18 November 2017 - Christmas Fayre

12 December 2017 - Wreath Making Evening

Week commencing 18 Dec 2017 (TBC) Table Decorations Evening

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.