

**Minutes of Bolsterstone Community Group (BCG)
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 20 March 2018, 7pm, Bolsterstone Village Hall.**

Attendance

List of 48 attendees filed with these minutes

Apologies

6 members sent apologies and their names are filed with these minutes

Minutes of last meeting

Copies will appear on the website and they were available at the AGM. They were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Election of Management Committee

Committee members, including Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and In Bloom Co-ordinator and committee members had all been proposed and seconded. Members at the meeting ratified their election. BCG Management Committee elected for 2018/19 consists of:

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

Co-opted members include:

Sue Fantozzi (St Mary's Church) Cllr Julie Grocutt (Stocksbridge Town Council/STC)
Leonie Travis (volunteer) Phillip Verhamme (Village Hall Trust)

Chair's Report

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

The photographs and commentary showing the main events of the year included:

- Lots of support from many volunteers for all BCG's activities
- Floral displays around the village and ongoing work on the allotment.
- The Tour de Yorkshire - bikes, bunting, balloons, wall art, refreshments, cyclists, excited crowds, motorcades, TV crews, helicopters and more bikes!
- New committee members, including a new Treasurer (a retired accountant) and St Mary's Church link representative.

- The Old Free School's commemorative plaque and associated plaque unveiling social event
- St Mary's Summer Fayre.
- BCG's Christmas Fayre.
- BCG's Wreath Making Evening and new Table Decorations' Evening
- BMVC/Deepcar Brass Band Concerts
- The defibrillator purchase, installation and planned Yorkshire Ambulance Service training
- Thanks were expressed to: the Village Hall Trust for use of the hall for all BCG events. Stocksbridge Town Council, The Castle Inn, where committee meetings are held and to Ben Hennig who continues to manage BCG's website.

Treasurer's Report

The full Treasurer's report and accounts were available for everyone present and the report is published on the website. The Bridge Shop and Sheffield City Council were thanked for grants towards the defibrillator cost and those who had made private donations were also thanked. Thanks were 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, the Tour de Yorkshire and the Old Free School commemorative plaque unveiling event. The largest amount the BCG spent this year, was on the purchase of the defibrillator.

Presentation

- The Yorkshire Ambulance Service Defibrillator familiarisation/training session was informative and engaging, provoking useful comments and questions from members.
- Cllr Julie Grocutt gave information and answered questions about planned road closures and traffic diversions, due to Yorkshire Water's building of the new sewage works on Manchester Road.

Any Other Business

- A member wished to alert everyone to the "Memory Tree" which has been planted on the far corner of the village field. Initially this was planted to commemorate the lives of Margaret and John Williams. The family hope that, subsequently, the tree and the surrounding area will become a place where local people can remember their own loved ones who are no longer with us as well.

Forthcoming BCG Events in 2018

- Saturday 17 November 10am to 3pm - Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 11 December 7pm to 8.30pm - Wreath Making Evening.
- Tuesday 18 December 7pm to 8.30pm - Christmas Table Decorations' Evening

Refreshments

Refreshments were served whilst members continued their informal conversations. The defibrillator familiarisation session began after the formal part of the AGM, at 7.30pm and the full meeting closed at 8.45pm.

