

Bolsterstone Community Group Management Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday 13 March 2018 - 7pm - Castle Inn

Attendance/Apologies

Attendees - Keith Clark, Barry Eustace, Sue Fantozzi, Dianne Fortescue, Cllr Julie Grocutt, Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Cheryl Rodgers, Alan Rodgers, Adrian Scott, Ian Sutton.

Apologies - Alan Hobson, Chris Prescott

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the BCG Committee meeting, which took place on 10 October 2017, were approved as a true record of that meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes

The inadequate drains and number of trees continue to cause problems on New Mill Bank, however, the street sweeper has responded to calls. Thanks were expressed to:

- SCC for sweeping and gritting the area.
- DF/AS for hosting the very successful Old Free School plaque unveiling event. A positive Look Local article reported the same.
- Those who helped re-roof the allotment shed and arranged the winter village planting.
- Everyone who helped with/attended the successful BCG Christmas Fayre.

The VHT responded to queries, that the village field is too muddy for parking.

Considerable discussion about speeding and parking of vehicles in the village. Cllr JG gave information about the proposed diversion due to building new sewage works and will report to STC and enquire costs of flashing speed warnings and ramps (**ACTION JG/TP**)

Money Matters

AP presented the spending update for the period from March 2017 to March 2018 prepared for the AGM. Keith Clark was proposed, seconded and agreed to become the new treasurer and AP will hand over accounts to him after the AGM (**ACTION AP/KC**) Public liability insurance was deemed to need increasing. SF will enquire re the Church's insurance (**ACTION SF**) TP will explore insurers recommended by KC (**ACTION TP**)

Planning and Highways

Cllr JG updated the meeting about road closures/traffic diversions due to the work around the new Sewage Works and about the Hollin Busk/Maples/Carr Road proposed donkey sanctuary and the Royd Farm Village housing development. This promoted discussion about the latter proposed housing development, with 534 objections, the sewage works diversion's impact on Bolsterstone and fly tipping on Sunny Bank Road and tyre dumping.

Election to the BCG Committee for 2018

Keith Clark, a retired accountant, was thanked for agreeing to become the new BCG treasurer after the AGM. Sue Fantozzi was thanked for becoming the link rep for St Mary's Church who will liaise with the BCG committee. This makes the BCG committee up to its full numbers as written in the Constitution.

Village Defibrillator

TP updated committee members about the AED's electrical fitting, training arrangements and the 12 volunteers who have agreed to check that the AED remains in working order.

Reports from Groups

In Bloom - Allotment plots have been re-allocated successfully and the shed has been re-roofed. Village troughs/boundary stones have been planted up for winter/spring.

BMVC - Their interesting Spring newsletter was shared. This included information about the Choir's retiring musical director and the new musical director. Also, recent events and an programme of future events including the forthcoming Valley Music Festival.

STC - Cllr JG referred to STC's Spring Update, which included information about Nat West Bank's closure, The Dementia Cafe at the Venue, the Valley Music Festival, Public Transport, Stocksbridge WaW shortlisting with the Ramblers' Association and SCC elections, in addition to Manchester Road closures and Hollin Busk development discussed earlier in the meeting.

WaW - CP sent apologies but asked the committee to consider voting for Stocksbridge WaW on the Ramblers' Association website. **(ACTION ALL)**

St Mary's Church - SF asked BCG to support the Church's application for a £17,000 Heritage Lottery Fund Grant to repair the woodwork, which supports the church bells.

(ACTION TP) The vicarage will be rented out shortly.

VHT - 2 water pipe bursts in the Village Hall have now been repaired

Christmas Fayre - Thanks were expressed to everyone who helped in any way with the very successful 2017 Christmas Fayre. Stall holders reported excellent returns and stall bookings for 17th November 2018 BCG Christmas Fayre are well underway.

Wreath making/flower arranging evenings - It was acknowledged that whilst the Wreath Making evening is difficult to prepare for, due to the amount of greenery that has to be collected, it is a pleasant evening and a good fund raiser for the village, so we will plan to go ahead with it for 2018. **(ACTION TP/ALL)** Also, whilst the table decorations' evening was less well attended, we will try it again in 2018 and advertise it better with a more convenient date **(ACTION CR/ALL)**.

Correspondence

Correspondence from the Broomhead Estate (re the allotment rent) the RHS insurer and The Yorkshire Ambulance Service was shared. Also a member's request to inform other members about the "Memory Tree" planted in the corner of the Village field. Initially it was to commemorate the lives of John and Margaret Williams. Subsequently the tree and area around it will be available for contemplation about any departed loved ones. **(ACTION TP)**

AOB

None

Important dates for diaries

Tuesday 20 March 2018 - AGM 7pm, followed by Ambulance Service defibrillator training and refreshments.

Saturday 17 November 2018 - Christmas Fayre 10 am to 3pm

Tuesday 11 December 2018 - Wreath Making Evening 7pm

Tuesday 18 December 2018 - Table Decorations Evening 7pm

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19 June 2018, Castle Inn upstairs room, 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm. (Thanks to the Castle Inn for providing the venue)

