

**Minutes of Bolsterstone Community Group (BCG)
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 19 March 2019, 7pm, Bolsterstone Village Hall.**

Attendance

List of 43 attendees filed with these minutes

Apologies

8 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

BCG's current constitution allows for 3 to 12 committee members and due to the increased numbers of people who have volunteered to sit on BCG Committee, BCG members present at the AGM were asked to support a proposal to amend the constitution to allow for 3 up to 15 committee members. This was unanimously agreed. The following 2019/20 committee including Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and In Bloom Co-ordinator and committee members had all been proposed and seconded. Members at the meeting voted to ratify their election. BCG Management Committee elected for 2019/20 consists of:

- Alan Rodgers (Chair)
- Tony Peers (Secretary)
- Keith Clark (Treasurer)
- Mike Bradshaw (Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir)
- Liz Brooks/Sue Rodgers (Bolsterstone Quilters)
- Barry Eustace
- Dianne Fortescue
- 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:

Susie Abrahams/Ruth Morgan (Bolsterstone Archaeology and Heritage Group) Sue Fantozzi (St Mary's Church) Cllr Julie Grocutt (Stocksbridge Town Council) 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
- Thanks to all those who check that the village defibrillator is in good working order.
- The new village field gate, which was purchased and erected by BCG

- Floral displays around the village and ongoing work on the allotment.
- New committee members, included a new representative from Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir and 2 new representatives from Bolsterstone Quilters.
- St Mary's Summer Fayre.
- The removal of graffiti
- Work with SCC on traffic diverted through the village during Middlewood Road closure.
- BCG's Christmas Fayre and the wreath making and table decorations' evenings
- 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. Thanks were expressed to everyone who had helped with the 3 Christmas events and who had donated Christmas Fayre Raffle prizes and cakes. Income from the Christmas Fayre increased in 2018, surpassing takings in all previous years. The host of volunteers who supported BCG activities, ensured that its finances are in a healthy state - so much so that we have been able to increase the money donated to charities, fund the new gate for the village field and buy a new printer.

Suggestions for future events

The secretary shared correspondences received from a theatre and a film company

Comments and questions from members present

Concerns were raised about the lack of village parking, speeding traffic through the village, noisy raves in Ewden Valley and local drug dealing. Cllr Julie Grocutt informed the meeting about the newly staffed Deepcar Police Station and responded to concerns from her perspective both as an ex police officer and as a town councillor on STC

Forthcoming BCG Events in 2019

- Saturday 16 November 9.30am to 3.30pm - Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 17 December 7pm to 8.30pm - Christmas Table Decorations' Event

Presentation

- A member from St Mary's Church gave an update on Church developments/activities including the vicar and part time ministers who preach in the group of local Churches. The refurbishments to the roof and bells and the church yard clean up days.
- A member from The Village Hall Trust gave an update on their activities, including changes to the group of trustees, planned repairs/refurbishments and their application for a grant from the Participatory Budget. He appealed for members to encourage people to hire the Village Hall in order that it continued to function effectively. It was suggested that the website should be used for advertising the hall hire.
- The display of exquisite quilts made by Bolsterstone Quilters generated much interest.

All 3 groups were thanked for their inputs to the BCG AGM and the VHT were thanked for the use of the village hall for the meeting, which closed at 8.30pm.

Refreshments were served whilst members continued their informal conversations.

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