

# **Bolsterstone Community Group Management Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 7pm in The Castle Inn**

## **Attendance/Apologies**

Liz Brooks, Keith Clark, Barry Eustace, Cllr Julie Grocutt, Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Alan Rodgers (Chair), Cheryl Rodgers, Sue Rodgers, Ian Sutton (Apologies - Chris Prescott)

## **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of last committee meeting on 23 Oct 2018 and the single item committee meeting on 4 Dec 2018 were both accepted as true records.

## **Matters arising from the minutes**

- Conifer cuttings had been collected for the wreath making evening last December.
- AS had strimmed and planted around Sunny Bank Road boundary stone.
- The Christmas Fayre, Wreath Making Evening and Table Decorations Evening had all been successful and there will be alternative, more appropriate costing for the latter event next year **(ACTION CR)**
- Winter planting and sweeping around the village had occurred and AR had erected the new village field gate with a "supported by BCG" plaque. It was agreed that this looked very good and the VHT had thanked BCG for it. IS was thanked for sweeping leaves and suggested that the village could do with a compost bin and refurbishment of the stocks - to be assessed and discussed at the next meeting **(ACTION ALL)**
- The cheques for the donations agreed at the 4 Dec meeting had been distributed
- KC has already met with JL from the VHT and will action the improvements required and agreed for the Village Hall notice board as soon as the weather improves **(ACTION KC)**
- We will continue to explore other projects and ask for ideas at the AGM **(ACTION AR)**
- It was agreed that BCG should purchase a new bistro table and 2 chairs to be placed on the allotment because the current chairs are dangerous **(ACTION AP)**
- The committee agreed with those members who had already suggested that the village field would be a convenient place for young children to play if there was a swing/slide for them to use. It was agreed that a small scale swing and slide would be appropriate items for the BCG to purchase on behalf of the village and CR will propose this to the next VHT meeting and report back to BCG, so that they can be purchased **(ACTION CR)**

## **Money Matters**

- KC shared the Treasurer's report and accounts that he will present at the 19/3/19 AGM
- KC will design a simple form, which committee members could fill in when claiming expenses, so that they are consistent and easy to use for filing **(ACTION KC)**.
- It was noted that BCG's BBQ is no longer fit for purpose but that St Mary's Church summer fayre committee still want to use it, so it was agreed that BCG would ask SF to pass on our concerns and of our intention to dispose of the BBQ. If the summer fayre committee still said that they wanted the BBQ, then they could take it **(ACTION SF)**

## **Planning and Highways**

- Approval, with strict conditions, has been granted for alterations to The Porter's Lodge. It was agreed that residents should be vigilant in ensuring that these conditions are adhered to.
- The Hollin Busk application, which was due to go to the Planning Board today, has been postponed until "end of April or early May in order to ascertain how many new homes have already been provided by SCC". Cllr JG reported on her positive meeting with the new Deputy Head of the Planning Dept. about the Hollin Busk application.
- It was agreed that queries about several other issues should be raised with The Forestry Commission and with the SCC Planning Dept directly.

## **Preparations for 2019 AGM**

- The Bolsterstone Educational Trust, St Mary's Church and The Village Hall Trust have all agreed to present a short update on their activities to the AGM and AP will remind them **(ACTION AP)** Bolsterstone Quilters have also agreed to put on a display of their work and take questions about it **(ACTION LB/SR)**
- BCG is in the happy position that more members are volunteering to join the committee. Since the current BCG constitution states that the committee should consist of between 3 and 12 committee members, the Chair will ask the AGM whether they approve a proposed change in the constitution to allow up to 15 committee members **(ACTION AR)**

## **Reports from Groups**

- (a) STC - Cllr JG gave a comprehensive report, including thanking AR for sitting on the task group, which will decide on how to distribute the £28k, from the Participatory Budget, in awards to local groups, who will present their cases on 8 May. Her visit to the Deputy Head of Planning re Hollin Busk, mentioned above. Also policing from Deepcar police station; the transport forum; St Matthias' group; the "Health Aware" project, proposed developments for Oxley Park with SLC 's 30 year lease and the elections on 2 May. Questions/comments were raised re street lighting at Hollin Busk, the speedy repair of a raised manhole cover; speedy police response to concerns re parking outside schools, local drug dealing and Yew Trees Lane temporary fencing
- (b) Walkers are Welcome - were congratulated on winning the Duke of York Award.
- (c) Village Hall Trust - CR updated the BCG about changes in roles/membership of the VHT; their application for a Participatory Budget Award for a refurbished kitchen and flooring; and the 30 April Pampering Evening - tickets available at BCG's AGM **(ACTION CR)**
- (d) BMVC - MB will attend the AGM and become a member of BCG committee. An important current focus for their events is participation in the Bangor Festival.
- (e) Bolsterstone Quilters - Have a full group with 40 members (and a waiting list) They hold monthly meetings. The whole group have put together a quilt for the regional quilt show in June and will bring examples to display at BCG's AGM. BCG will lend the quilters BCG's projector after the AGM **(ACTION AR)**
- (f) In Bloom - The winter bulbs have been more successful than most of the other winter plants. CR will inform those who manage troughs and baskets that they will be reimbursed for whatever they choose to use in their troughs and distribute the new expenses forms to them once KC has printed them. **(ACTION KC/CR)**

## **Correspondence**

- BCG insurance includes public liability so has reduced the cost of the RHS insurance.
- The French conversation class meets for the first time next Tuesday 19th March, 10 to 11am in the village Hall
- The AGM will be told that a film company is interested in renting a village house for 3 to 4 months **(ACTION TP)**
- TP/AP will attend Hoylandswaine village theatre production to ascertain its appropriateness for hiring in Bolsterstone and report back at the AGM **(ACTION AP/TP)**

## **AOB**

Oxspring Village is to be congratulated on being "highly commended" in Britain in Bloom

## **Diary Dates**

AGM - Tuesday 19th March AGM 7pm Village Hall

## **Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 25th June 2019, Castle Inn, 7pm**

Meeting closed 9pm and the Castle Inn were thanked for the use of their room.