

Bolsterstone Community Group Committee Meeting minutes
Tuesday 8 October 2019
Castle Inn

Attendance - Margaret Allsop (until 8pm) Liz Brooks, Keith Clark, Barry Eustace, Dianne Fortescue, Police Sgt Frein (until 8pm) Anthea Peers, Tony Peers, Alan Rodgers (Chair) Cheryl Rodgers, David Rogers, Ian Sutton, Phillip Verhamme (until 8.15pm)

Apologies - Sue Fantozzi/Steve Varley, Cllr Jule Grocutt, Cllr Alan Law, Chris Prescott, Sue Rodgers, Adrian Scott. Ruth Morgan

Questions to Sgt Frein from S Yorkshire Police

Sgt Frein and Margaret Allsop were welcomed to the meeting. Questions and concerns about “Raves” in the Ewden Valley and the difficulty in getting through to the Police via 101, were addressed by Sgt Frein who accepted there were problems and agreed that there could be a direct link to an officer via the new Bolsterstone Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NWS). He agreed that Carol Raynes, PCSO would contact DR the NWS Co-ordinator. **(ACTION Sgt FREIN)**

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meetings (26 June and 27 August 2019) were agreed as a true record. All actions had been completed. KC agreed to use larger font in next spending update **(ACTION KC)** and DF/AS would appreciate information about where to collect holly etc for the wreath making evening **(ACTION ALL)**

Money matters/spending update

KC presented the spending update.

Planning and Highways

Updates sent from SCC (Cllr JG) were presented. Concerns were raised from a BCG member, about the potholes and dangers at the bottom of More Hall Lane. It was agreed that, whilst these were legitimate concerns, they were not appropriate for a BCG Special General Meeting. We would raise his concerns again with STC and SCC.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NWS)

DR was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for taking on the role of NWS co-ordinator. He emphasised that the role is to help people “feel safe” especially vulnerable people and everyone was urged to “look out for” other people. The co-ordinator is not a “vigilante”. DR will contact local people about the initiative and explore the use of signs **(ACTION DR)**.

Defibrillator update

TP had replaced pads because there had been a water ingress into the defibrillator cabinet and he would liaise with Steve Varley to update the list of volunteers who check the machine now that 2 of them have left the district. **(ACTION TP)**

Reports from Groups

- (a) Christmas Fayre update - There was a request for volunteers, cake bakers and raffle donations (**ACTION ALL**) AR agreed to decorate the hall, amend the banner and laminate posters for the end of October (**ACTION AR**) TP/AP will put them up around the district. (**ACTION TP/AP**). KC will collect money during the day and provide a table (**ACTION KC**) BE offered to sell raffle tickets (**ACTION BE**) TP will check Santa's grotto (**ACTION TP**) AP will write a rota of helpers and contact schools/volunteers/stall holders taking part, to confirm numbers. Also deliver flyers, prepare floats, wrap children's gifts, prepare raffle ticket books, obtain products for cafe & raffle prizes etc (**ACTION AP**) Setting up will take place from 10am on Friday 15th Nov (**ACTION ALL**)
- (b) In Bloom - CR will try to find someone living opposite the Jubilee tree to look after the flower beds underneath it (**ACTION CR**) AR provided information, which he and CP had put together about village benches. AR will source composite bench slats (**ACTION AR**) and he and KC will do the job (**ACTION KC/AR**)
- (c) VHT - AR/KC met with the VHT treasurer and secretary had handed over a £1,000 cheque from BCG towards the cost of improving the VH floor. VHT's letter of thanks was read out. AR suggested BCG could also donate a projector and screen to the VHT. He could erect the projector from the ceiling and that this could promote wider use of the hall. The VHT felt that this was not acceptable due to the suspended ceiling. AR felt this could be overcome and will meet with the PV to discuss (**ACTION AR/PV**)
- (d) STC - Cllr Grocutt's report thanked AS for his input in to the "Keep Active" promotion. CP had cleaned the interpretation board by the public toilets. Amey should dispose of dumped tyres. It was reported that the fencing on Yew Trees Lane had not yet been repaired. (**ACTION JG**) The Castle Inn is now registered as a "Community Asset"
- (e) BAHG - AGM is on 16th Oct. They will put notices in VH notice board (**ACTION RM**)
- (f) BMVC - TP will ask VHT to put a list of their events in VH notice board (**ACTION TP**)
- (g) St Mary's Church - The PCC approved the siting of the compost bin, donated from BCG, behind the wall near the stocks. This bin needs a "for compost only" sign. BCG will buy another bin as well - for village use (**ACTION TP**). Volunteers to help clear the churchyard would be welcome. Thanks to IS for continuing to clear village leaves.
- (h) Wreath making/flower arranging - The wreath making event will cost £12 and the table decorations £15. A professional flower arranger will demonstrate at the latter. Each attendee will be able to make one decoration. CR will design the poster (**ACTION CR**)
- (i) Bolsterstone Quilters - information about their very interesting and varied events/work was circulated after the meeting,

Correspondence

TP passed information re Northern Assembly grants to VHT/CR. TP had passed several requests to book the village hall (received via BCG's website) to the VHT secretary.

Forthcoming events

- (a) Christmas Fayre - Sat 16th Nov 9.30am to 3pm
- (b) Christmas Wreath making evening - Tues 10th Dec 6.30pm for 7pm
- (c) Christmas Table decorations' evening - Tues 17th Dec 7pm
- (d) AGM 31st March 2020 7pm

DONM - Tues 17th March 2020

Meeting closed at 9.10pm. Castle Inn were thanked for their hospitality.

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